

STARMONT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MONTHLY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING / WORK SESSION
MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2022
STARMONT HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM

1. Call to Order Work Session

The Starmont Community School District Board held a work session to conduct a facility walkthrough on Monday, June 13, 2022, at the High School Conference Room. Members present: Jacob Moellers, Tony Recker, Kevin Powell. Absent: Julie Uhlenkamp, Vicki Althoff (joined meeting at 6:10 PM). Administration present: Superintendent, Gary Benda; Business Manager/Board Secretary, Katie Taylor; Maintenance Director, Nick Thole; Head Custodian, Michelle Becker; Transportation Director, Duane Borrett.

Michelle and Nick led the Board and Administration through the school and pointed out recent projects in the school and areas of concern. The custodial staff has been hard at work cleaning classrooms and waxing floors since school has let out for the summer. They pointed out how well the epoxy floors in the elementary have held up over the year. Phillips Floors has started the process of refinishing the gym floors throughout the school. Duane Borrett showed board members the two 12 passenger vans that were recently purchased and explained a few improvements the plow truck would need to get back up and running.

2. Call to Order Regular School Board Meeting

The Starmont Community School District Board held its regular board meeting on Monday, June 13, 2022, at the High School Conference Room. President Powell called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Members present: Jacob Moellers, Tony Recker, Kevin Powell, Vicki Althoff. Absent: Julie Uhlenkamp. Administration present: Superintendent, Gary Benda; Elementary Principal, Heath Hesse; Secondary Principal, Shauna Koppenhaver; Business Manager/Board Secretary, Katie Taylor.

3. Receive Communications and Visitors (Including Board Members)

Moellers brought up concern with Abby Schumacher leaving the Title Moellers brought up concern with Abby Schumacher leaving the Title 1 position and her not being replaced. His thoughts are that covid has caused many pitfalls in learning and not wanting to cause a disservice to our students. Hesse's plans for the coming year are to focus on tighter interventions and provide more support in the classroom and to reevaluate as the year progresses.

Powell pointed out to fellow board members that IASB's Annual convention is November 16-17 and recommends all members attend.

4. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Agenda
- b. Approve Minutes – May 9, 2022, May 23, 2022
- c. Approve Monthly Financial Reports
- d. Approve Monthly – Recker and Moellers audited bills this month, Uhlenkamp will audit in July.
- e. Approve Personnel Recommendations

Hiring:

1. Elisa Brady as Head Volleyball Coach - \$5,408/year
2. Amanda Burgin as Secondary Associate - \$12.10/hour

Resignations:

1. Colton Janssen as Girls Softball Coach. Thank you for your time, Colton!
2. Makenzie Farmer as Paraprofessional. Thank you for your time, Makenzie!
3. Daren Huisenga as At-Risk/Activities Director. Thank you for your time, Daren!

Openings

Secondary Counselor
Activities Director
Para-Educators/Associates
Bus Drivers
Elementary Cook
Girls Head Varsity Basketball Coach
Girls Assistant Varsity Basketball Coach

Motion by Recker to approve the consent agenda, Moellers seconded, motion carried 4-0.

5. Elementary Principal's Report

Hesse updated data presented to the board following the end of the school year. Reading scores have improved. Math scores have not shown improvement and plans to implement a new math curriculum next school year to help students find growth in that area. He also plans to target gaps through intervention and summer school, and focus efforts on being efficient by implementing these in the students daily work.

6. Secondary Principal's Report

Koppenhaver also presented end of the year data. We have made great gains in discipline since the first year of covid and following a year of masking. Study tables have been greatly utilized by students and test scores are moving in a positive direction. "F" data has shown improvement. Attendance data is the worst it has ever been.

7. Activity Director's Report

Huisenga was not present, but provided the board with participation numbers for summer activities.

8. Review and Consider Approving agreement with Hacker Nelson & Co. to continue audits for Starmont Community School District for the next three years.

Taylor send out RFP letters to 22 accounting firms and received one bid – Hacker Nelson. Many firms do not have the staffing currently to take on more school districts and we have used Hacker Nelson for years and they have been wonderful to work with. Motion by Recker to approve the audit agreement with Hacker Nelson & Co for the next three fiscal years. Seconded by Althoff. Motion carried 4-0.

9. Review and Consider Approving EMC Insurance 2022-23

Motion by Recker to approve property quote resulting in an \$87,042 annual premium and increasing our umbrella quote to \$3M. Seconded by Moellers. Motion carried 4-0.

Board Member Althoff left at 7:33.

10. Review and Consider Approving sharing bowling with Oelwein for the 2022-2023 school year.

Motion by Moellers to approve shared bowling with Oelwein for the 2022-223 school year. Seconded by Recker. Motion carried 3-0.

11. Review and Consider Approving the early graduation requests of Jace Steger and Stellan Steger.

Motion by Recker to approve the early graduation request upon completion of graduation requirements of December 2022. Seconded by Moellers. Motion carried 3-0.

12. Review and Consider Approving the Starmont ICAP District Plan.

Koppenhaver worked with the CTE Group to update plan. Motion by Moellers to approve Starmont's ICAP District Plan. Seconded by Recker. Motion carried 3-0.

13. Review and Consider Approving Bid for purchase of new Elementary Kitchen stove.

Motion by Recker to approve quote from Weber's Plumbing, Heating, and AC to purchase a stove for the elementary kitchen for \$9,075.00. Seconded by Moellers. Motion carried 3-0.

14. Review and Consider Approving 2022-23 Daycare, Preschool, and Elementary Handbooks.

Motion by Moellers to approve 2022-23 Daycare, Preschool, and Elementary Handbooks. Seconded by Recker. Motion carried 3-0.

15. Review and Consider Approving 2022-23 MS/HS Student Handbook

Motion by Recker to approve 2022-23 MS/HS Student Handbook. Seconded by Moellers. Motion carried 3-0.

16. Review and Consider Approving the 600 Series Board Policies (Second Reading)

Motion by Moellers to approve the 600 Series Board Policies. Seconded by Recker. Motion carried 3-0.

17. Review the addition of Board Policy 507.2E3 (First Reading)

The board reviewed the addition of Board Policy 507.2E3 stating that if a student is unresponsive and is suspected of consuming drugs, they will be administered Naloxone/Narcan as they await emergency medical attention. There are no side effects if the student has not consumed drugs.

18. Superintendent's Report

The wiring project will not begin until next summer break (June 2023) at the earliest. Janet Becker will continue to stay in contact with company doing the project. The company installing the new camera system is set to begin the week of June 13th. Judy Weston informed Benda that we were recipients of a USDA Food Service Equipment Assistance Grant that will allow for the purchase of a new gas kettle. We have had a nice turnout for summer school – providing 35-40 students with lunch each day.

19. Set July 2022 Board Meeting Date (July 11, 2022) and Special Meeting Date (July 25, 2022)

The next regular board meeting will take place on July 11, 2022 at 6:30 PM. A special joint session with West Central's School Board and IASB will take place on July 25, 2022, at Starmont at 6:30 PM. Uhlenkamp will audit bills at the next regular board meeting.

20. Adjourn

Motion by Recker to adjourn, seconded by Moellers, meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Kevin Powell
Board President

Katie Taylor
Business Manager/Board Secretary