

STARMONT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MONTHLY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2022
STARMONT HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM

1. Call to Order

The Starmont Community School District Board held its regular board meeting on Monday, August 8, 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, Julie Uhlenkamp, Vicki Althoff. Administration present: Superintendent, Gary Benda; Business Manager/Board Secretary, Katie Taylor.

2. Receive Communications and Visitors (Including Board Members)

Board members would like school website to visibly show current staff openings.

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Agenda
- b. Approve Minutes – July 11, 2022 and July 25, 2022
- c. Approve Monthly Financial Reports
- d. Approve Monthly Bills – Tony Recker and Jacob Moellers audited bills this month, Vicki Althoff and Kevin Powell will audit in September.
- e. Approve Personnel Recommendations

Appointment:

1. Dennis Augustine as Volunteer Assistant High School Football Coach
2. Ian Moeller as Volunteer Assistant High School Football Coach
3. Ron Thole as Volunteer Assistant High School Football Coach
4. Randi Burns as Volunteer Assistant Cross Country Coach
5. Roger Gifford as Volunteer Assistant Cross Country Coach

Hiring:

1. Kaitlin Teff as Elementary Associate - \$12.00/hour
2. Shelly Tafolla as Custodian - \$12.00/hour
3. Robby McKeeman as District Substitute Teacher, Bus Driver, and Partial Fulfillment of Activities Director Duties - \$21,120/year (sub contract), \$70/day (am/pm route), \$3,900 (partial AD stipend)
4. Bob Pope as Head High School Girls Basketball Coach - \$5,408
5. Dr. Rhys Evans as Athletic Trainer - \$300/Football game not to exceed \$1,500/year
6. Nicole Borrett as Sub SPED Route Driver

Resignations:

1. Bob Pope as Assistant High School Boys Basketball Coach. Thank you for your time, Bob!
2. Mikhaela Farmer as Elementary Associate. Thank you for your time, Mikhaela!
3. Matt Lee as Middle School Girls Basketball Coach. Thank you for your time, Matt!

Motion by Recker to approve consent agenda. Seconded by Moellers. Motion carried 5-0

4. Elementary Principal's Report

Hesse did not have new information to share.

5. Secondary Principal's Report

Koppenhaver did not have new information to share.

6. Activity Director's Report

No new information to share.

- 7. Review and Consider Board Policies 700 Series (First Reading)**
Board reviewed 700 Series, no suggested changes at this time.
- 8. Review and Consider Approving Sealed Bid for Bus #10**
Motion by Recker to approve sealed bid for a 2006 school bus #10 in the amount of \$1,500. Seconded by Uhlenkamp. Motion carried 5-0.
- 9. Review and Consider Approving Raising Substitute Teacher Rates**
Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve increase in substitute teacher pay to \$140/day. Seconded by Moellers. Motion carried 5-0.
- 10. Review and Consider the lengthening of bus route times due to lack of bus drivers and potentially combining bus routes.**
With the new hire of Robby McKeeman, we will have the same number of bus drivers as last year and don't anticipate this happening, but need to have in place as a backup plan. There will be a public hearing next month.
- 11. Review and Consider Approving PTO's Event Request**
Motion by Recker to approve PTO's event request for Open House on August 22 and Grandparents Day on September 30. Seconded by Moellers. Motion carried 5-0.
- 12. Review and Consider Approving NICC Concurrent Enrollment Contract**
Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve the 2022-23 NICC Concurrent Enrollment contract. Seconded by Althoff. Motion carried 5-0.
- 13. Review and Consider Approving the 2022-23 August Legislative Resolutions and Priorities**
Motion by Recker to approve board selected Legislative Resolutions and Priorities through the Iowa Association of School Boards as follows: Early Literacy, Mental Health, Market-Competitive Wages, Teacher Recruitment & Licensure, and Local Accountability and Decision Making. Seconded by Moellers. Motion carried 5-0.
- 14. Review and Consider Approving the 2022-23 Fundraiser List**
Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve the 2022-23 Fundraiser List as presented. Seconded by Recker. Motion carried 5-0.
- 15. Review and Consider Approving Annual FFA Convention Trip**
Motion by Moellers to approve the Annual FFA Convention Trip to Indianapolis, IN on October 26-29, 2022. Seconded by Uhlenkamp. Motion carried 5-0.
- 16. Review and Consider Approving Starmont Community School District Student Chromebook Handbook for the 2022-23 School Year**
Benda noted that there were minimal changes from last year. Motion by Recker to approve the 2022-23 Student Chromebook Handbook. Seconded by Althoff. Motion carried 5-0.
- 17. Review and Consider Approving the appointment of two board members to work in conjunction with two West Central Board members and the superintendent to develop an evaluation tool to be used by both districts to measure their respective district's progress over district goals and evaluate the superintendent**
This joint board committee will work with members from West Central's board on an ongoing basis to create a common ground between the two. Motion by Recker to approve President Powell and Althoff as members of this committee. Seconded by Uhlenkamp. Motion carried 5-0.

18. Review and Consider Approving Bid to Add A/C to FCS Room

Motion by Recker to approve bid from Arlington Heating & Cooling in the amount of \$6,660.00 to install an A/C unit in the family consumer science room. Seconded by Althoff. Motion carried 5-0.

19. Superintendent's Report

Benda brought to the board's attention the daycare's current budget and would like to commend the staff and their supporters for the growth of that budget over the past 4 years. This was in large part due to the many grants that have been written and received. The district has helped a great deal to provide space, utilities, and custodial support over the years. Mr. Hesse and Mr. Benda will continue to work with Mrs. Hach regarding where funding will come from for future expenses.

Project Updates: the ICN fiber optic has been installed. SMI has been working on their normal building maintenance around the district. Modern Piping has replaced pipes in the HS boiler room, which has improved water pressure. ITS has been in the building to start installing additional cameras.

Crescent Electric and Ron Boardman have done a walk through of the building to determine remaining areas in need of LED changeover. We are awaiting their quote.

Keppler Landscaping will be coming out to remove the dead trees on the property and will be working to get them replaced.

Borrett has sent the truck to Fenton Repair to get a quote on fixing the spreader. Thole has been working to get a brush for the endloader. Our goal would be to support plowing snow in the winter.

Janet Becker is staying in contact with Heartland Business Systems and the wiring project will potentially begin June 2023 at the earliest.

20. Set September 2022 Board Meeting Date

The next regular board meeting will take place on September 12, 2022 at 6:30 PM. Powell and Althoff will audit bills.

21. Adjourn

Motion by Recker to adjourn, seconded by Uhlenkamp, meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM.