

STARMONT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR MONTHLY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2022  
STARMONT HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM

**1. Call to Order**

The Starmont Community School District Board held its regular board meeting on Monday, September 12, 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; Elementary Principal, Heath Hesse; Secondary Principal, Shauna Koppenhaver; Business Manager/Board Secretary, Katie Taylor.

**2. Receive Communications and Visitors (Including Board Members)**

President Powell informed the board that he will be attending the upcoming IASB Special Delegate Assembly.

**3. Consent Agenda**

- a. Approve Agenda
- b. Approve Minutes – August 8, 2022
- c. Approve Monthly Financial Reports
- d. Approve Monthly Bills – Vicki Althoff and Kevin Powell audited bills this month
- e. Approve Personnel Recommendations

**Hiring:**

1. Robert Goedken as Volunteer Driver for SPED students or other routes as needed
2. Kyle Sneed as High School Fall Play Director - \$1,352
3. Janet Swanson as High School Fall Play Assistant Director - \$1,014
4. Meah Condron as Elementary Special Education Associate - \$12.10/hour
5. Krista Steffens as Elementary Associate - \$12.10/hour

**Resignations:**

1. Katie Berry as Secondary Associate. Thank you for your time, Katie!
2. Howard (Rocky) Weldon as Custodian. Thank you for your time, Rocky!
3. Annette Rubin as Fall High School Play Director. Thank you for your time, Annette!

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

**4. Staff Presentation – Jerry Bentley & Janet Becker**

Janet Becker and Jerry Bentley were present to answer the board's IT related questions. With the rising number of phishing emails and cyber attacks, the board has raised concern about our district's safety. Keystone AEA plays a major part in the firewall, virus scanning, content filtering, SSL/SSH inspections, etc. within the district. It has been recommended to us by Keystone AEA's IT department to have staff use two step verification and provide them with security awareness training to help recognize phishing attacks.

Jerry Bentley informed the board that the new camera system is up and running and ITS has been back to tie up loose ends. It is imperative that staff and students no longer block doors open to get back in the building.

**5. Elementary Principal's Report**

Hesse stated that the school year is off to a good start. He will be advertising for an Early Childhood Para as support in the elementary is wearing thin and kindergarten has brought in larger numbers this year. He also stressed to the board that although they are in need of help, the students with IEP's are getting their required minutes met.

**6. Secondary Principal's Report**

Koppenhaver shared with the board current secondary attendance and grade statistics. Study tables will begin shortly to assist those with failing grades or who just want a little extra help outside of the classroom. She has been working to get meetings scheduled with various committees throughout the school, implementing PLC within the secondary, and planning professional development days for the school year for both teachers and paraprofessionals.

**7. Activity Director's Report**

The HUDL contract is due and we can lock it in for 3 years at \$8,000/year or one year for \$8,000 and take a gamble for next year. The HUDL contract includes watching games remotely via Starmonttech on YouTube, stats, and viewing film. Bentley pointed out that fans need to be careful what they say when sitting by these cameras at sporting events as they pick up voices around them. Starmont is holding the annual cross country meet Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> and will have 30 teams in attendance. Homecoming will be coming up as well.

Coach Munger was in attendance to voice his concern about our wrestling sharing agreement with West Central. Although they don't have any students currently showing interest in participating in the wrestling program this year, we still have to take on their student count when class selections take place. He fears that this will bump us out of our current class and doesn't want to see this hurt our student athletes.

**8. Review and Consider Board Policies 700 Series (Second Reading)**

Motion by Recker to approve Board Policy 700 Series as presented. Seconded by Uhlenkamp. Motion carried 5-0.

**9. Review and Consider Approving 2022-23 Coaches Handbook**

Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve the 2022-23 Coaches Handbook as presented. Seconded by Althoff. Motion carried 5-0.

**10. Review and Consider Approving the GO Guardian Subscription Renewal of \$10,637.50**

This GO Guardian Subscription is used for internet filtering and allows staff to block inappropriate websites that students are using, lock student's computer screens to one specific website, and pull data. This program is necessary for some ERATE funding the school receives. Motion by Moellers to approve the Go Guardian subscription renewal for FY23 for \$10,637.50. Seconded by Uhlenkamp. Motion carried 5-0.

**11. Review and Consider Approving a Snow Removal Bid for 2022-2023 School Year**

Motion by Moellers to approve the snow removal bid from Jacob Corbin in the amount of \$200/truck/hour and \$600/ton of rock salt. Seconded by Recker. Motion carried 5-0.

**12. Review and Consider Approving Oelwein Online Tuition-In Agreement**

Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve the Oelwein Online Tuition-In Agreement. Seconded by Althoff. Motion carried 5-0.

**13. Review and Consider Approving the Purchase of a New Commercial Grade Zero Turn Mower.**

Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve the purchase of a commercial grade zero turn mower from Fenton Repair. Seconded by Moellers. Motion carried 5-0.

**14. Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Benda brought the board up to speed on projects happening throughout the building. The A/C unit has been installed in the Family Consumer Science room and are awaiting the electrician to run wiring to it. Shot clocks have been installed and also need electricity run to it.

Our sander truck is still at Fenton's Repair needing to be fixed.

The STEM Grant is a cost reimbursement up to \$25,000 and we have 1 year to use it. Plans for this grant include Makerspace update, A/C in the Makerspace room, four days of professional development for the ag teacher and/or selected staff.

The daycare will receive \$27,000 through the Iowa Daycare Stabilization Grant. They are in the process of getting quotes to make updates within the space.

PTO will be having grandparents day at the end of the month and are hoping to push back Donuts with Dads to December to get a better turn out.

**15. Set October 2022 Board Meeting Date**

The next regular board meeting will take place on October 10, 2022 at 6:30 PM. Uhlenkamp will audit bills.

**16. Adjourn**

Motion by Uhlenkamp to adjourn, seconded by Recker, meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.