

STARMONT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MONTHLY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2022
STARMONT HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM

1. Call to Order

The Starmont Community School District Board held its regular board meeting on Monday, October 10, 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)

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Agenda
- b. Approve Minutes – September 12, 2022
- c. Approve Monthly Financial Reports
- d. Approve Monthly Bills – Julie Uhlenkamp audited bills this month
- e. Approve Personnel Recommendations

Hiring:

1. Jason Gearhart as MS Girls Basketball Coach - \$2,704
2. Abbie Schuhmacher as MS Student Council - \$507
3. Delaney Bergan as Elementary Associate beginning second semester - \$12.00/hour
4. Splitting HS Wrestling Coach Stipend between Jake Munger, Mike Augustine, and Vinnie Otdoerfer to provide coaching for HS Girls Wrestling - \$1,802.66 each

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

4. Presentation – Don Pasker and Justin Knickerbocker with SMI

Don Pasker and Justin Knickerbocker with Seedorff Masonry were present to talk with the board regarding building concerns. After inspection of the district's main building, they have come to the conclusion that a majority of the building is in good shape and concern should be focused on the elementary and spectator gymnasiums. With these areas of the building being taller and getting the colder mornings and hotter afternoon sun, a great amount of condensation is produced and is causing brick to deteriorate. It would be a good idea to get a dehumidifier installed. It was suggested to the board that they could make holes in the brick and insert spray foam to help with the lack of insulation and prevent moisture from making its way up the wall. Installing power vents would also help with any potential moisture that did make it past the spray foam. It appears that the top 4-5 feet of brick around the perimeter of the gymnasiums should be replaced.

5. Elementary Principal's Report

Principal Hesse presented FAST testing data. New elementary math curriculum will hopefully help students excel. Grandparents Day and Homecoming week was a great success.

6. Secondary Principal's Report

Principal Koppenhaver presented FAST testing data. Study tables are available to students on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays (unless early out days) to all students after school until 4:45 for additional academic assistance.

7. Activity Director's Report

Starmont will be hosting Regional volleyball on Monday, October 17 between Starmont and Central Elkader.

- 8. Review and Consider Approving the Lengthening of Bus Route Times due to lack of bus drivers and potentially combining bus routes. This will go to the paper next week to inform the community of a public hearing. 281-43.1(285) Intra-area education agency routes. 43.1(2) The riding time, under normal conditions, from the designated stop to the attendance center, or on the return trip, shall not exceed 75 minutes for high school pupils or 60 minutes for elementary pupils. A school district may extend the riding time limits up to 15 minutes subsequent to a public hearing. (These limits may be waived upon request of the parents.)**

All board members are in agreeance that they don't want to see this happen, but due to staffing issues we could potentially have no other options. Motion by Moellers to approve the lengthening of bus route times due to lack of bus drivers, shall not exceed 90 minutes for high school pupils or 75 minutes elementary pupils. Seconded by Althoff. Motion carried 5-0.

- 9. Review and Consider Approving the Van Lease Agreement between Starmont and West Central Community School Districts**

Motion by Recker to approve the van lease agreement between Starmont and West Central for the cross country season. Seconded by Althoff. Motion carried 4-1.

- 10. Review and Consider Approving SBRC Request for Modified Allowable Growth and Supplemental Aid for Special Education, Limited English Proficiency (LEP).**

Motion by Uhlenkamp to request the SBRC request for modified allowable growth and supplemental aid from 2021-2022 for the 2022-2023 special education supplement program in the amount of \$30,322.90. Seconded by Recker. Motion carried 5-0.

- 11. Review and Consider the First Reading of IASB recommended Policy Changes.**

Board reviewed IASB recommended Policy Changes.

- 12. Review and Consider Approving Superintendent Collection of Data from Junior and Seniors in support of his Dissertation**

Superintendent Benda is obtaining his EdD in education and would like to provide juniors and seniors with a voluntary questionnaire for his dissertation. He plans to send a letter out informing those parents beforehand. Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve Superintendent Benda collecting data from a voluntary questionnaire from juniors and seniors in support of his dissertation. Seconded by Recker. Motion carried 5-0.

- 13. Superintendent's Report**

PTO will be running Donuts with Dudes on November 11. They currently have a fundraiser through Press Prints selling Starmont apparel and will have an upcoming Hurts Donut fundraiser.

Certified Enrollment is due October 15th – Janet Becker has been working to get this finalized.

- 14. Set November 2022 Board Meeting Date**

The next regular board meeting will take place on November 14, 2022 at 6:30 PM. Moellers will audit bills.

- 15. Adjourn**

Motion by Recker to adjourn, seconded by Moellers, meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM. Motion carried 5-0.