

STAMONT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MONTHLY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2022
MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM
6:30 P.M.

1. Call to Order

The Starmont Community School District Board held its regular board meeting on Monday, November 14, 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)

Powell reminded everyone of the IASB Convention this week. The FFA Career Fair will be December 5th, Moellers suggested it would be great to have Starmont present to promote educational careers.

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Agenda
- b. Approve Minutes – October 10, 2022
- c. Approve Monthly Financial Reports
- d. Approve Monthly Bills – Moellers audited monthly bills this month
- e. Approve Personnel Recommendations & Resignations

Hiring:

1. Bridget Koester as Daycare Associate - \$12.00/hour
2. Russ Aldrich as HS Assistant Boys Basketball Coach - \$3,380

Resignations:

1. Kristi Chettinger as Daycare Associate – Thank you for your time, Kristi!
2. Denny Gaffney as SPED Route Driver – Thank you for your time, Denny!

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

4. FFA National Convention Presentation by FFA members and Mrs. Rau

FFA members recently attended National Convention in Louisville, KY. While there they visited the Caterpillar Museum, Church Hill Downs, Louisville Slugger, and the World's Toughest Rodeo. A majority of the members enjoyed the first general session where Olympic Gold Medalist Tamika Catchings shared her inspirational story and encouraged students to be BOLD. Members also participated in the college and career fair where they got to mingle with vendors and fellow FFA members.

5. Elementary Principal's Report

Principal Hesse stated that the recent PTO's Donuts with Dudes was a success. The World's Finest Chocolate fundraiser will be ending shortly and students have done a great job so far. The new math curriculum has proven to be a great improvement from what we've used in the past.

6. Secondary Principal's Report

Vape detectors have gone into effect. Number of failing students seems highest in math and social studies. Study tables are available after school for struggling students. Our current content focus has been on reading, but our next level of focus will be math.

7. Activity Director's Report

Koppenhaver shared participation numbers for winter activities and mentioned that she would like to follow through with the Hudl contract to provide video coverage of home events. The shot clocks are also up and running.

- 8. Please Review, Consider and Approve the second reading of IASB recommended policy changes**
Motion by Moellers to approve IASB's recommended policy change of Option 1 – 605.1. Seconded by Recker. Motion carried 5-0.
- 9. Please Review, Consider and Approve an out of state fieldtrip by our high school art seniors; the Vincent Van Gogh immersive experience**
Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve an out of state fieldtrip by our high school art seniors to Madison, WI to visit the Vincent Van Gogh immersive experience. Seconded by Althoff. Motion carried 5-0.
- 10. Please Review, Consider and Approve the out of state fieldtrip to Minnesota by our Yearbook students to learn about who prints and how our yearbooks are printed**
Motion by Recker to approve an out of state fieldtrip to Mankato, Minnesota by our yearbook students. Seconded by Uhlenkamp. Motion carried 5-0.
- 11. Please Review, Consider and Approve an overseas fieldtrip by Spanish students**
Spanish teacher Megan DeBack presented a potential trip to Spain through Explorica by WorldStrides June 24 – July 3, 2024. Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve Spanish students traveling abroad to Spain. Seconded by Althoff. Motion carried 5-0.
- 12. Please Review, Consider and Approve the early graduation of Michael McDonough**
Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve early graduation of Michael McDonough. Seconded by Recker. Motion carried 5-0.
- 13. Please Review, Consider and Approve SBRC Request for Increasing Open Enrollment Out (not in) Fall of 2021 (\$86,724.00), LEP Instruction Beyond 5 Years (\$0), and Increased Enrollment (\$0)**
Motion by Uhlenkamp for Starmont CSD's administration to submit a request to the School Budget Review Committee for a modified supplemental amount of \$86,724.00 for open enrolled out students who were not included in the district's previous year certified enrollment count. Seconded by Moellers. Roll call. Ayes: Moellers, Recker, Powell, Uhlenkamp, Althoff. Nays: None. Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.
- 14. Please Review, Consider and Approve SBRC Application for Lied Center (Bremwood) Administrative Costs for the 2022-2023 School Year in the amount of \$1,701.76**
Motion by Recker for Starmont CSD's administration to submit a request to the School Budget Review Committee in the amount of \$1,701.76 for special education administrative costs associated with Lied Center Consortium. Seconded by Moellers. Roll call. Ayes: Moellers, Recker, Powell, Uhlenkamp, Althoff. Nays: None. Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.
- 15. Please Review, Consider and Approve SMI continuing to work on our masonry this summer after school lets out**
Motion by Recker to approve SMI's continued masonry work this summer, costs not to exceed \$50,000. Seconded by Moellers. Uhlenkamp abstained from vote. Motion carried 4-0.
- 16. Please Review, Consider and Approve the raising of pay of JV/V Basketball Officials from \$110 to \$130/contest**
Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve increase of JV/V basketball officials to \$130/contest. Seconded by Recker. Motion carried 5-0.
- 17. Please Review, Consider and Approve the Decorah Crossroads Consortium Agreement**

Motion by Moellers to approve Decorah Crossroads Consortium Agreement. Seconded by Althoff.
Motion carried 5-0.

18. Superintendent's Report

In the recent SIAC meeting, attendees discussed ways to get community more involved in our district. Next potential meeting will be in January. Department of Homeland Security will be present November 18th for a safety audit. They will be doing a walkthrough of the building and will allow us to qualify for funds of up to \$50,000.

19. Closed Session: To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when a closed session is necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and the individual requests a closed session. Iowa Code 21.5 (1)(i).

Motion by Moellers to go into closed session at 8:09 PM. Seconded by Recker, followed by a roll call vote. Ayes: Moellers, Recker, Powell, Uhlenkamp, Althoff. Nays: none. Motion carried. The Board continued with the evaluation. Powell declared the Board out of closed session at 9:03 PM.

20. Please Review, Consider and Approve the renewal or extension of Superintendent's Contract

Motion by Uhlenkamp to not extend Superintendent Benda's contract for an additional year with his current contract ending June 30, 2023. Seconded by Moellers. Roll Call. Ayes: Moellers, Recker, Powell, Uhlenkamp. Nays: Althoff. Motion carried 4-1.

21. Adjourn

Motion by Uhlenkamp to adjourn, seconded by Recker, motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM. The next board meeting will take place on December 12, 2022 at 6:30 PM. Recker will audit bills.