

STARMONT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MONTHLY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2023 at 6:30 PM
STARMONT HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM

1. Call to Order

The Starmont Community School District Board held its regular board meeting on Tuesday, April 11th, in the High School Conference Room. President Recker called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Members present: Tony Recker, Jacob Moellers, Vicki Althoff, Kevin Powell. Members absent: Julie Uhlenkamp. 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)

Visitors Present: Rachael Hach, Brandie Erickson, Randi Timmerman, Karla Duff.

Taylor informed board members of Don't Quit Campaign that DECA students spearheaded along with Nick Corbin's filming and editing skills. We will find out in May if we were selected.

Moellers brought up district zoning and how we could bring more students back to our district.

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Agenda
- b. Approve Minutes – March 13, 2023
- c. Approve Monthly Financial Reports
- d. Approve Monthly Bills – Jacob Moellers audited bills this month
- e. Approve Personnel Recommendations

Hiring:

1. Erin Preussner as High School Social Studies Teacher
2. McKayla Stohr as Co-Dance Sponsor - \$345
3. Emily Schuhmacher as Co-Dance Sponsor - \$345

Resignation:

1. Delaney Bergan as Elementary Associate (effective April 21, 2023) – Thank you for your time, Delaney!

Motion by Moellers to approve consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Powell. Motion carried 4-0.

4. Presentation for Potential Installation of Cell Tower on District Property

Billy Patterson with Arcadia Towers presented to the board.

5. Elementary Principal's Report

Principal Hesse stated that behavior numbers are good, illness rate has improved with warmer weather finally here. ISASP testing went great. PTO's Family Fun Night has been pushed back to May 26th (weather permitting).

6. Secondary Principal's Report

Principal Koppenhaver provided updated numbers on grades and absences in the secondary. ISASP testing went great in the secondary as well.

7. Activity Director's Report

Principal Koppenhaver provided the board with number of athletes in golf, MS track, and HS Track. She is concerned we won't have a girls jr. high basketball team next year due to low numbers.

8. Public Hearing for Adoption of Proposed 2023-2024 School Budget

No comments from the public.

9. Review and Consider Approving Proposed 2023-2024 School Budget

Motion by Powell to adopt the 2023-2024 budget as presented. Seconded by Althoff. Motion carried 4-0.

10. Public Hearing for Starmont CSD 2023-2024 Calendar

No comments from the public.

11. Review and Consider Approving Starmont CSD 2023-2024 Calendar

Motion by Moellers to amend presented district calendar moving conferences to March 12th & 14th, with March 15th being a teacher comp day, and August 14th being New Teacher Orientation. Seconded by Althoff. Motion carried 4-0.

12. Review and Consider Approving Special Education Delivery Plan

Motion by Powell to approve Starmont's Special Education Delivery Plan. Seconded by Althoff. Motion carried 4-0.

13. Review and Consider Approving FFA Officers and Mrs. Rau Traveling to Galena, IL for Leadership Training in June

Motion by Powell to approve of state trip to Galena, IL. Seconded by Moellers. Motion carried 4-0.

14. Review and Consider Approving Chrome Books Purchase for 2023-2024 School Year

Motion by Althoff to approve chrome book purchase totaling \$52,500.00. Seconded by Moellers. Motion carried 4-0.

15. Review and Consider Approving Remaining Salary Increase for Central Office Staff and Administration

Motion by Powell to table item until next regular board meeting. Seconded by Althoff. Motion carried 4-0.

16. Review and Consider Approving 2023-2024 Operational Sharing Agreements

Motion by Moellers to approve 2023-2024 Operational Sharing Agreements with West Central for Transportation Director and Payroll/HR Director at a district share of 70%/30%. Seconded by Althoff. Motion carried 4-0.

17. Review and Consider Approving End of Year Stipends for Staff Picking up Additional Duties to Support Inability of Hire Secondary Counselor, At-Risk Teacher, and Activities Director

Motion by Powell to give the following stipends for FY23 in June: Rachael Hack \$10,000, Brandie Erickson \$10,000, Shauna Koppenhaver \$3,000, Gary Benda \$1,000, NICC \$500. Seconded by Althoff. Motion carried 3-1. Recker voting nay.

18. Review and Consider Approving the 2023-2024 Graduating Class

Motion by Powell to approve list of 2023-2024 graduating class pending all requirements of graduation are met. Seconded by Moellers. Motion carried 4-0.

19. Review and Consider Approving Paying \$35/Hour for Summer Certified Staff and Classified staff \$15/hour for 2023 Summer School Using ESSER Money

Motion by Moellers to approve summer school staff hourly rates as presented. Seconded by Althoff. Motion carried 4-0.

20. Superintendent's Report

The next SIAC meeting will take place on April 17th at 5:00 pm. Superintendent Benda will meet with maintenance group to follow up on upcoming capital projects. The company doing the rewiring project will be coming April 12th to cover plans for June.

21. Adjourn

Motion by Moellers to adjourn. Seconded by Althoff. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM. The next board meeting will take place on May 8, 2023 at 6:30 PM. Althoff will audit bills.

Tony Recker
Board President

Katie Taylor
Business Manager/Board Secretary