

STARMONT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR MONTHLY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2023  
STARMONT HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM  
6:30 PM

**“Empowering all students with knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary for responsible, productive, and fulfilling lives.”**

**1. Call to Order (Quorum)**

The Starmont Community School District Board held its regular board meeting on Monday, August 14, at the High School Conference Room. President Recker called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Members present: Kevin Powell, Jacob Moellers, Tony Recker, Julie Uhlenkamp. Absent: Vicki Althoff. Administration present: Superintendent, Robert Busch; Elementary Principal, Heath Hesse; Secondary Principal, Kris Martin; Business Manager/Board Secretary, Katie Taylor.

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

**3. Consent Agenda**

- a. Approve Agenda
- b. Approve Minutes – July 10, 2023
- c. Approve Monthly Financial Reports
- d. Approve Monthly Bills – Uhlenkamp audited monthly bills for the month
- e. Approve Personnel Recommendations & Resignations
  - i. Hires
    1. Melissa Sauerbry as Head Custodian
    2. Roger Reed as Middle School Science Teacher and Middle School Football Coach
  - ii. Resignations
    1. Jill Jensen as Wrestling Cheer Coach. Thank you for your time, Jill!
    2. Kay Behrens as Nutrition Staff. Thank you for your time, Kay!
    3. Shelly Tafolla as Custodian. Thank you for your time, Shelly!
  - iii. Approve Volunteer Coaches
    1. Randi Timmerman – Cross Country
    2. Jay Tommasin – Football
    3. Ron Thole – Football
    4. Roger Gifford – Cross Country
    5. Emily Schuhmacher – JH Volleyball

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

**4. Elementary Principal’s Report**

Principal Hesse is looking forward to the new year. Staff will be at a training Tuesday and Wednesday for the new math curriculum. We currently have 23 new students starting this year.

**5. Secondary Principal’s Report**

Principal Martin has been met with the BLT Committee, attended SAI Conference in Clive, and attended an AD meeting with Tracy Curtis in Boone. We had a good turnout for registration night on

August 7<sup>th</sup>. We are still looking for a school counselor. Nine high school students attended 16 days of summer school this year with 11 classes being completed and five middle school students attended 8 days of summer school.

**6. Activity Director's Report**

Nothing to report.

**7. Review, Consider, and Approve Board Policies (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

Board reviewed board policies.

**8. Review, Consider, and Approve Board Policies (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

Motion by Powell to approve the second reading of board policies as presented with the exception of 804.05 and 804.05E1. Seconded by Uhlenkamp. Motion carried 4-0.

**9. Review, Consider, and Approve Student Handbooks**

Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve Elementary and Secondary Student Handbooks pending updating of page numbers. Seconded by Moellers. Motion carried 4-0.

**10. Review, Consider, and Approve Agreement with Northeast Iowa Community College**

Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve concurrent enrollment agreement with NICC. Seconded by Powell. Motion carried 4-0.

**11. Review, Consider, and Approve Agreement for Athletic Trainer**

Motion by Moellers to approve agreement with Rhys Evans as athletic trainer for FY24 paying \$350/quarter with an extra \$300 if a 5<sup>th</sup> football home game is attended. Seconded by Uhlenkamp. Motion carried 4-0.

**12. Review, Consider, and Approve Request for Early Graduation**

Motion by Powell to approve request for early graduation pending successful completion of graduation requirements. Seconded by Moellers. Motion carried 4-0.

**13. Review, Consider, and Approve Agreement with Imperial Roofing**

Motion by Moellers to approve agreement with Imperial Roofing. Seconded by Uhlenkamp. Motion carried 4-0.

**14. Appoint Business Manager/School Board Secretary**

Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve Katie Taylor as business manager/school board secretary. Seconded by Moellers. Motion carried 4-0. Recker administered the oath of office to Taylor.

**15. Appoint Title IX Coordinator**

Motion by Moellers to approve Carmen Swales as Title IX Coordinator. Seconded by Powell. Motion carried 4-0.

**16. Appoint Community Members of the Reconsideration Committee**

Motion by Moellers to approve Patty Lincoln, Angie Happel, and Taryn Weaber as members of the Reconsideration Committee with alternatives being Audrey Hansen and Meg Gelner. Seconded by Uhlenkamp. Motion carried 4-0.

**17. Review, Consider, and Approve Lau Plan**

Motion by Powell to approve Lau Plan as presented. Seconded by Moellers. Motion carried 4-0.

**18. Review, Consider, and Approve Starmont Community School District Student Chromebook Handbook for the 2023-2024 School Year**

Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve Student Chromebook Handbook as presented. Seconded by Powell. Motion carried 4-0.

**19. Review, Consider, and Approve Fireworks at Football Game**

No action taken.

**20. Review, Consider, and Approve Annual FFA Convention Trip**

Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve out of state Annual FFA Convention Trip. Seconded by Moellers. Motion carried 4-0.

**21. Review, Consider, and Approve Opening Additional Junior High Volleyball Coach**

No action taken due to position already being on master contract.

**22. Review, Consider, and Approve Repair of Parking Lot**

Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve bid with Chris Funk Construction to repair parking lot damage not to exceed \$10,000. Seconded by Powell. Motion carried 4-0.

**23. Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Busch has been working on updating the employee handbook. Attended SAI Conference in Clive. There are now new requirements on radon testing. Would like to get Nick trained to perform radon testing throughout the building.

**24. Adjourn**

Motion by Uhlenkamp to adjourn. Seconded by Moellers. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM. The next board meeting will take place on September 11, 2023 at 6:30 PM. Recker will audit bills.

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Tony Recker  
Board President

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Katie Taylor  
Business Manager/Board Secretary