

STARMONT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR MONTHLY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 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, September 11, at the High School Conference Room. President Recker called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Members present: Vicki Althoff, Jacob Moellers, Julie Uhlenkamp, Kevin Powell, Tony Recker. Absent: none. Administration present: Superintendent, Robert Busch; Secondary Principal, Kris Martin; Business Manager/Board Secretary, Katie Taylor; Athletic Director, Tracy Curtis.

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

We have three at large board chairs open for election. The deadline to turn in paperwork is September 21, 2023 at 5:00 PM to Board Secretary, Katie Taylor, in the high school office.

**3. Consent Agenda**

- a. Approve Agenda
- b. Approve Minutes – August 14th, 2023
- c. Approve Monthly Financial Reports
- d. Approve Monthly Bills – Recker audited bills for the month
- e. Approve Personnel Recommendations & Resignations
  - i. Hires
    1. Becky Meisgeier as Nutrition Staff
    2. Caroline Otdoerfer as Nutrition Staff
    3. Emily Schuhmacher as JH Assistant Volleyball Coach
    4. Lucy Hansel as Elementary Para
    5. Amanda Vaske as Nutrition Staff
  - ii. Resignations
    1. Cory Gonzales as Baseball Coach. Thank you for your time, Cory!
  - iii. Approve Volunteer Coaches
- f. Approve Open Enrollments

Motion by Moellers to approve consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Althoff. Motion carried 5-0.

**4. Elementary Principal’s Report**

Principal Hesse was absent, but submitted a report on assessment, behavioral, and cultural goals, as well as attendance and discipline data.

**5. Secondary Principal’s Report**

Principal Martin stated that we’ve had a great, but busy start to the year. We have started fall FAST testing this week. Has been busy with IEP/504 meetings, SRI Trainings, At-Risk team meetings, and working on Iowa Professional Development Plans. Principal Martin has also been working on a

better system to track students coming and going throughout the day. The Booster Club Golf Outing went well as well as the FFA BBQ – we currently have 51 students in FFA.

**6. Activity Director's Report**

Activity Director Curtis reported that the booster club will be purchasing a sprinkler system to help with the practice football field, softball field, and baseball field. She also noted that we have been having issues with our ice machine and it has been hard finding new parts and getting it fixed. We will be hosting the cross-country invitational on Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. Football numbers have remained about the same this year. Cross country numbers are down this year and JH volleyball numbers are up.

**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 second reading of board policies as presented with the exception of Miniature Horses as Service Animals portion of Policy 105. Seconded by Uhlenkamp. Motion carried 5-0.

**9. Review, Consider, and Approve Purchase of Cameras & Equipment**

Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve purchase of cameras and equipment for art and yearbook classes in the amount of \$5,639.95. Seconded by Moellers. Motion carried 5-0.

**10. Review, Consider, and Approve Request for Snow Removal Bids**

Motion by Moellers to approve request for snow removal bids. Seconded by Althoff. Motion carried 5-0.

**11. Review, Consider, and Approve Bid for Compressor**

Motion by Powell to approve bid from Compressed Air & Equipment for an air compressor in the MS Boiler Room for \$6,497.80. Seconded by Uhlenkamp. Motion carried 5-0.

**12. Review, Consider, and Approve Door Closers and Seals**

Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve estimate from Polk's Lock Service for door closers and seals in the amount of \$5,715.00. Seconded by Althoff. Motion carried 5-0.

**13. Review, Consider, and Approve Membership in Energy Association of Iowa Schools**

No action taken at this time.

**14. Review, Consider, and Approve Out-of-District Bus Routes**

Motion by Moellers to approve Starmont CSD buses to go out of district to eliminate or reduce a safety concern related to a regular bus route and promote a more efficient and/or direct route for the school bus to pick up students in our district. Seconded by Powell. Motion carried 5-0.

**15. Review, Consider, and Approve Request for Allowable Growth & Supplemental Aid for Special Ed Deficit**

No action taken at this time.

**16. Appoint a Board Member Delegate for the IASB Delegate Assembly**

No action taken at this time.

**17. Consider Using Policy 203.90**

Motion by Uhlenkamp to name spectator gym in honor of Cathy Smith for her 50 years of service and dedication to Starmont CSD. Naming rights will be there perpetually until the board chooses another entity or individual. Seconded by Powell. Motion carried 5-0.

**18. Review, Consider, and Approve Revision of Agreement for Athletic Trainer**

No action taken at this time.

**19. Superintendent Report**

Superintendent Busch stated that they will be interviewing for a secondary guidance counselor this week. We are also trying to find an additional evening custodian. Brought up hosting or attending a legislative forum with area legislators. Has been working on documentation to take advantage of security grant totaling \$50,000 per building. He also plans to attend a meeting for the Career Academy Incentive Fund on September 28<sup>th</sup>.

**20. Adjourn**

Motion by Moellers to adjourn. Seconded by Althoff. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM. The next board meeting will take place on October 9, 2023 at 6:30 PM. Moellers will audit bills.

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Tony Recker  
Board President

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Katie Taylor  
Business Manager/Board Secretary