

STARMONT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MONTHLY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Monday, November 13, 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, November 13, at the High School Conference Room. President Recker called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Members present: Kevin Powell, Julie Uhlenkamp, Vicki Althoff, Jacob Moellers, Tony Recker. Absent: none. Administration present: Superintendent, Robert Busch; Elementary Principal, Heath Hesse; Business Manager/Board Secretary, Katie Taylor.

2. Receive Communications and Visitors (including Board Members)

Starmont FFA members recently attended National Convention in Indianapolis, IN. While there, they visited Precision Planting Headquarters in Illinois, a Lainey Wilson and Dillon Carmichael concert, Tuttle Orchards, Churchill Downs, and ended with Lexie Krogmann receiving her American FFA Degree. Members enjoyed listening to keynote speaker, Juan Bendana, speak about overcoming fears. They also participated in the college and career fair where they got to mingle with vendors and fellow FFA members.

Families from the daycare came to relay to the board the importance of having a daycare in our school district and asked for the board support.

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Agenda
- b. Approve Minutes – October 9, 2023
- c. Approve Monthly Financial Reports
- d. Approve Monthly Bills – Althoff audited bills for the month
- e. Approve Personnel Recommendations & Resignations
 - i. Hires
 1. Allie Brouwer as Early Elementary Special Education (pending certification)
 2. Roger Reed (contract adjustment)
 3. Jill Jensen as Wrestling Cheer Coach
 4. Vicki Rettinger as Secondary Para
 5. Geni Oakes as Elementary Para
 - ii. Resignations
 1. Jill Weber as Nutrition Staff. Thank you for your time, Jill!
- f. Approve Volunteer Coaches
 - i. Tracy Curtis
 - ii. Keri German - wrestling
- g. Approve Open Enrollments
- h. Approve Fundraisers

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

4. Elementary Principal's Report

Principal Hesse stated that there was a 94.5% attendance at parent teacher conferences. The chocolate fundraiser used to fund elementary activities and fieldtrips was successful.

5. Secondary Principal's Report

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

6. Activity Director's Report

Activity Director Curtis appreciates all the volunteers that assisted with hosting postseason volleyball and football. We also hosted Tri-Rivers Senior Volleyball All-Star game on November 5th. JH girls wrestling has been moved to after Christmas as there are no girls wrestling from other schools at this time.

7. Review, Consider, and Approve Board Policies (1st Reading)

Board reviewed board policies.

8. Review, Consider, and Approve Board Policies (2nd Reading)

Motion by Powell to approve board policies as presented. Seconded by Uhlenkamp. Motion carried 5-0.

9. Review, Consider, and Approve Out of State Field Trip

Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve out of state field trip for the Zoology class to Henry Vilas Zoo in Madison, WI. Seconded by Powell. Motion carried 5-0.

10. Review, Consider, and Approve Election of Keystone Area Education Agency (AEA) Board Member

Motion by Powell to cast vote for Sue Updegraff as Keystone Area Education Agency board member. Seconded by Uhlenkamp. Motion carried 5-0.

11. Review, Consider, and Approve School Messenger Agreement

Motion by Moellers to approve agreement with School Messenger for \$1,250/year plus a one-time setup fee of \$750 and community subscriber add-on for \$200/year. Seconded by Althoff. Motion carried 5-0.

12. Review, Consider, and Approve Purchase of FarmFlex Grow Tower

Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve purchase of a FarmFlex Grow Tower for the VoAg Program for \$5,145 using Perkins funding. Seconded by Powell. Motion carried 5-0.

13. Review, Consider, and Approve Lift for Bus Garage

Motion by Moellers to approve purchase of BendPak 4-Post Lift for \$16,905. Seconded by Uhlenkamp. Motion carried 5-0.

14. Review, Consider, and Approve Early Separation Incentive

No action taken.

15. Review, Consider, and Approve December Meeting Date and Time

No action taken.

16. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Busch attended a student networking event at Upper Iowa University as an education representative. He and Taylor have been working on our 5-year projection model. The sheriff's department brought drug dogs through the school – no issues were detected. Busch would like to challenge more of the community to be an advocate for public education and contact your local legislation.

17. Adjourn

Motion by Powell to adjourn. Seconded by Althoff. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM. The next board meeting will take place on December 11, 2023 at 6:30 PM. Powell will audit bills.

Tony Recker
Board President

Katie Taylor
Business Manager/Board Secretary