

STARMONT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MONTHLY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Monday, March 11, 2024
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

The Starmont Community School District Board held its regular board meeting on Monday, March 11, in the High School Conference Room. President Recker called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Members present: Vicki Althoff, Julie Uhlenkamp, Jacob Moellers, Jason Gearhart, Tony Recker. Absent: none. Administration present: Superintendent, Robert Busch; Secondary Principal, Kris Martin; Athletic Director, Tracy Curtis; Business Manager/Board Secretary, Katie Taylor.

2. Receive Communications and Visitors (including Board Members)

The Starmont Booster Club was present to go over their plans for the baseball concession stand. Project bids were presented to the board.

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Agenda
- b. Approve Minutes – February 12, 2024
- c. Approve Monthly Financial Reports
- d. Approve Monthly Bills –Gearhart audited bills for the month
- e. Approve Personnel Recommendations & Resignations
 - i. Hires
 1. Anne West as Girls Golf Coach
 2. Edwin Ruiz as Custodian
 3. Terra Corbin as Summer Help
 4. Geni Oakes as Summer Help
 5. Julia Gamm as Summer Help
 6. Matt Lee as Summer Help
 - ii. Resignations
 1. Jill Jensen as Special Education Teacher and Wrestling Cheer Sponsor. Thank you for your time, Jill!
 2. Terra Corbin as Prom Sponsor. Thank you for your time, Terra!
 3. Taylor Reisner as Custodian. Thank you for your time, Taylor!
- f. Approve Volunteer Coaches
- g. Approve Open Enrollments
- h. Approve Fundraisers
- i. Approve Special Education Contracts

Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Moellers. 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 mentioned that minors have been on an uptick and attendance has been fluctuating up and down. She has been working on 2024-2025 curriculum handbook updates. RTI Scheduler has been running really well and is allowing teachers to handpick students that they want for interventions.

6. Activity Director's Report

Activity Director Curtis stated that winter seasons are wrapping up and is getting postseason coach meetings and player feedback surveys done. The recent Starmont gear fundraiser through Rivals will go towards the general athletic budget. Mrs. Sneed's class is working on adding counterspace to the press box offices.

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

No first readings presented.

8. Review, Consider, and Approve Construction of a Baseball Concession Stand

Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve construction of a new baseball concession stand not to exceed \$100,000 in exchange for the Starmont Booster Club paying HUDL fees for the next four years. Seconded by Moellers. Motion carried 5-0.

9. Review, Consider, and Approve Audit Report

Alicia with Hacker Nelson & Co, CPAs was present via phone to go over the FY23 audit findings. Motion by Moellers to accept audit results. Seconded by Gearhart. Motion carried 5-0.

10. Review, Consider, and Approve Summer School

Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve summer school for children in grades PK-3 starting June 3rd and ending June 20th – Monday through Thursday (8:00-11:30). Certified staff will be paid \$35/hour and classified staff \$15/hour. Seconded by Althoff. Motion carried 5-0.

11. Review, Consider, and Approve DECA Travel Plan to Anaheim

Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve DECA students to travel to Anaheim, CA for International Career Development Conference. Seconded by Althoff. Motion carried 5-0.

12. Review, Consider, and Approve Teacher and Extra-Curricular Contracts for 2024-2025

Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve teacher and fall/winter extra-curricular contracts for 2024-2025, excluding extra-curricular contracts for Jerry Bentley. Seconded by Gearhart. Motion carried 5-0.

13. Review, Consider, and Approve 2024-25 Health Insurance Options

No action taken.

14. Preview 2024-2025 Budget

Superintendent Busch presented information regarding 2024-2025 budget.

15. Consider 2024-2025 Calendar Options

Superintendent Busch presented the tentative calendar – there is a public survey available on our website and will discuss at next SIAC meeting.

16. Set Public Hearing for the 2024-2025 School Calendar

Motion by Uhlenkamp to set public hearing for 2024-2025 school calendar on April 8, 2024. Seconded by Moellers. Motion carried 5-0.

17. Review, Consider, and Approve AEA Purchasing Agreement

Motion by Moellers to approve 2024-2025 AEA Purchasing Agreement. Seconded by Althoff. Motion carried 5-0.

18. Review, Consider, and Approve Agreement with Northeast Iowa Community College for 2023-24 Alternative School

Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve 2023-2024 alternative school agreement with Northeast Iowa Community College. Seconded by Althoff. Motion carried 5-0.

19. Review, Consider, and Approve Agreement with Northeast Iowa Community College for 2024-25 Alternative School

Motion by Gearhart to approve 2024-2025 alternative school agreement with Northeast Iowa Community College. Seconded by Moellers. Motion carried 5-0.

20. Review, Consider, and Approve Agreement with University of Northern Iowa for Teacher Education Clinical Experience Placements

Motion by Althoff to approve 2024-2025 Agreement with University of Northern Iowa for Teacher Education Clinical Experience. Seconded by Uhlenkamp. Motion carried 5-0.

21. Review, Consider, and Approve Agreement with Grant Wood AEA for PowerSchool Administrative Services

Motion by Moellers to approve 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 Agreement with Grant Wood AEA for PowerSchool Administrative Services in the amount of \$2,805 and \$8,500 respectively. Seconded by Althoff. Motion carried 5-0.

22. Review, Consider, and Approve Sharing of Cross Country, Wrestling, and Baseball for the 2024-2025 School Year

Motion by Gearhart to approve sharing agreement with West Central for cross country, wrestling, and baseball for the 2024-2025 school year. Seconded by Moellers. Motion carried 5-0.

23. Review, Consider, and Approve Sharing of Human Resource Director between Starmont and West Central Community School Districts

Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve 2024-2025 sharing of Human Resource Director with West Central at a district share of 70%/30%. Seconded by Althoff. Motion carried 5-0.

24. Review, Consider, and Approve Sharing of Business Management between Starmont and West Central Community School Districts

Motion by Moellers to approve 2024-2025 sharing of Business Management with West Central at a district share of 20%/80%. Seconded by Althoff. Motion carried 5-0.

25. Review, Consider, and Approve Sharing of Transportation Director between Starmont and West Central Community School Districts

Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve 2024-2025 sharing of Transportation Director with West Central at a district share of 70%/30%. Seconded by Althoff. Motion carried 5-0.

26. Review, Consider, and Approve Sharing of Superintendent between Starmont and West Central Community School Districts

Motion by Gearhart to approve 2024-2026 sharing of Superintendent with West Central at a district share of 60%/40%. Seconded by Moellers. Motion carried 5-0.

27. Review, Consider, and Approve Refinishing of Gym Floors for Summer 2024

Motion by Gearhart to approve quote to refinish high school gym floors in the amount of \$12,001. Seconded by Moellers. Motion carried 5-0.

28. Consider Options for Governor's Safety Grant

The board discussed grant options.

29. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Busch informed the board that the next School Improvement Advisory Committee meeting will be Tuesday, March 19th at 6:00 pm. Busch recently attended a legislative forum in Manchester and three of our students joined him – they were a great representation of the district. The next legislative forum is March 16th at 9:00 am at the Arlington Community Center.

30. Adjourn

Motion by Althoff to adjourn. Seconded by Moellers. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 PM.

Tony Recker
Board President

Katie Taylor
Business Manager/Board Secretary