

STARMONT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
PUBLIC HEARINGS and REGULAR MONTHLY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Monday, April 8, 2024
Starmont High School Conference Room
6:30 PM

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

Public Hearing for 2024-25 Calendar

1. Call to Order (Quorum)

The Starmont Community School District Board held a public hearing for the 2024-25 calendar on Monday, April 8, in the High School Conference Room. President Recker called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

2. Roll Call

Members present: Jacob Moellers, Jason Gearhart, Vicki Althoff, Tony Recker. Absent: Julie Uhlenkamp.

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Gearhart to approve agenda as presented. Seconded by Althoff. Motion carried 4-0.

4. Opening Statement – Board President

5. Presentation of Calendar

6. Receive Written Comments

No written comments presented.

7. Receive Oral Comments

No oral comments presented.

8. Adjourn

Motion by Moellers to adjourn. Seconded by Gearhart. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:33 PM.

Public Hearing for FY25 Budget

1. Call to Order (Quorum)

The Starmont Community School District Board held a public hearing for the FY25 Budget on Monday, April 8, in the High School Conference Room. President Recker called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

2. Roll Call

Members present: Jason Gearhart, Vicki Althoff, Tony Recker, Jacob Moellers. Absent: Julie Uhlenkamp.

3. Approval of Agenda

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

4. Opening Statement – Board President

5. Budget Presentation

6. Receive Written Comments

No written comments presented

7. Receive Oral Comments

Oral comments were heard.

8. Adjourn

Motion by Althoff to adjourn. Seconded by Gearhart. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:54 PM.

Regular Meeting

1. Call to Order

The Starmont Community School District Board held its regular board meeting on Monday, April 8, in the High School Conference Room. President Recker called the meeting to order at 6:54 PM. Members present: Tony Recker, Jacob Moellers, Vicki Althoff, Jason Gearhart. Absent: Julie Uhlenkamp. Administration present: Superintendent, Robert Busch; Elementary Principal, Heath Hesse; Secondary Principal, Kris Martin; Business Manager/Board Secretary, Katie Taylor.

2. Public Forum

3. Staff and Board Communications

Rachael Stecklein was present to update board members following a few months of using the RTI Scheduler system for secondary interventions. Teachers and students alike have provided very positive feedback.

4. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Agenda
- b. Approve Minutes – March 11, 2024
- c. Approve Monthly Financial Reports
- d. Approve Monthly Bills –Althoff audited bills for the month
- e. Approve Personnel Recommendations & Resignations
 - i. Hires
 - ii. Resignations
 1. Troy Northrop as 6-12 Business Teacher and DECA Advisor. Thank you for your time, Troy!
 2. Jessica Landsgard as Junior Kindergarten Teacher. Thank you for your time, Jessica!
 3. Alexandria Kress as Secondary Language Arts Teacher. Thank you for your time, Alexandria!
- f. Approve Volunteer Coaches
 - i. Kristi Moeller – Softball
 - ii. Jay Tommasin - Baseball
- g. Approve Open Enrollments
- h. Approve Fundraisers
- i. Approve Special Education Contracts

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

5. Elementary Principal's Report

Principal Hesse stated that the elementary as a whole raised about \$6,500 for the Kids Heart Challenge. Many staff members volunteered to get pied by students who completed Finn's Mission. An elementary teacher had access to solar eclipse glasses that allowed students to view the solar eclipse today. ISASP testing will take place this week. Another data dig will take place following spring FAST testing.

6. Secondary Principal's Report

Principal Martin is still working on finding another summer school teacher. Her team will be meeting with AEA to continue work on an Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) action plan. SkillsUSA and

Family Career Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) programs have begun and will be up and running for next year. Recent middle school PBIS reward was a movie at the Oelwein Movie Theater. ISASP testing will start Tuesday, April 9th.

7. Activity Director's Report

Activity Director Curtis was absent, but provided board members with participation stats.

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

No first readings presented.

9. Consider Daycare

The school board was presented financial reports for the fiscal year and received comments from the public on their need for keeping the Starmont Daycare open.

10. Review, Consider, and Approve 2024-25 School Calendar

Motion by Gearhart to approve 2024-25 school calendar with the use of hours as presented. Seconded by Moellers. Motion carried 4-0.

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

Motion by Moellers to approve 2024-25 health insurance options. Seconded by Althoff. Motion carried 4-0.

12. Review, Consider, and Approve 2023-24 Graduating Class

Motion by Gearhart to approve 2023-24 graduating class pending successful completion of graduation requirements. Seconded by Althoff. Motion carried 4-0.

13. Review, Consider, and Approve Computer Purchases

Motion by Althoff to approve teacher laptops in the amount of \$56,350.00 and student chromebooks in the amount of \$32,725.00. Seconded by Gearhart. Motion carried 4-0.

14. Review, Consider, and Approve Secondary Summer School

Motion by Moellers to approve secondary summer school for students in grades 6-11, starting June 3rd and ending June 20th – Monday through Thursday (8:00 – 11:30 am). Students failing a core subject will be require to attend every day. Certified staff will be paid \$35/hour and classified staff will be paid \$15/hour. Seconded by Gearhart. Motion carried 4-0.

15. Review, Consider, and Approve Use of Facilities by Drum & Bugle Corp

Motion by Althoff to approve use of facilities by Drum & Bugle Corp July 10th-13th at a rate of \$250/day totaling \$750. Seconded by Gearhart. Motion carried 4-0.

16. Review, Consider, and Approve Purchase of Furniture

Motion by Moellers to approve purchase of furniture from Althoff in the amount of \$30,275. Seconded by Althoff. Motion carried 4-0.

17. Closed Session:

Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i): To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session.

The school board did not go into closed session.

18. Review, Consider, and Approve ECA Contracts

Motion by Althoff to approve 2024-2025 contracts as presented. Seconded by Moellers. Motion carried 4-0.

19. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Busch informed the board that Paraprofessional Appreciation day was April 3rd, Administrative Assistant’s Day is April 24th, Teacher Appreciation Week is May 6th-10th, School Lunch Hero Day is May 3rd, and National School Nurses Day is May 8th. Thanks for all you do! KCRG Weather Lab will be here Wednesday, April 17th from 4-6:30 PM and is open to the public. Next year we plan to add an Early Bird PE class before the school day starts for 1 PE credit. Planning for a School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC) meeting in May.

20. Adjourn

Motion by Gearhart to adjourn. Seconded by Althoff. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:43 PM.

Tony Recker
Board President

Katie Taylor
Business Manager/Board Secretary