

STARMONT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
PUBLIC HEARINGS AND REGULAR MONTHLY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Monday, May 13, 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 (Quorum)

The Starmont Community School District Board held a public hearing for the 2024-25 Calendar and regular meeting on Monday, May 13, in the High School Conference Room. President Recker called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Members present: Jason Gearhart, Jacob Moellers, Vicki Althoff, Tony Recker, and Julie Uhlenkamp. Absent: none. 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

4. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Agenda
- b. Approve Minutes – April 8, 2024 and April 22, 2024
- c. Approve Monthly Financial Reports
- d. Approve Monthly Bills – Moellers audited bills for the month
- e. Approve Personnel Recommendations & Resignations
 - i. Hires
 1. Danielle Schuman as Secondary Teacher and DECA Sponsor
 2. Amanda Vaske as Summer Help
 3. Suzy Hamlett as High School Student Council
 4. Abbie Schumacher as Middle School Student Council
 5. Theresa Broadwater as Summer Help
 6. Nathan Meyers, Vinny Otdoerfer, and David Raber as JH Baseball
 - ii. Resignations
 1. Emily Schuhmacher as MS Volleyball Coach. Thank you for your time Emily!
 2. McKayla Schuhmacher as Dance Team Coach. Thank you for your time, McKayla!
 3. Kyle Sneed as Assistant Speech Coach. Thank you for your time, Kyle!
- f. Approve Volunteer Coaches
 - i. David Raber – Volunteer Baseball
- g. Approve Open Enrollments
- h. Approve Fundraisers
- i. Approve Special Education Contracts
- j. Approve Annual Contracts/Agreements
 - i. Iowa School Finance Information Services (ISFIS) - \$1,033.60
 - ii. Software Unlimited - \$7,050.00
 - iii. Chrome Hero - \$1,300.00
 - iv. Harris School Solutions (eTriton) - \$2,296.48
 - v. Iowa Association of School Boards (Policies Reference) - \$800.00
 - vi. Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB Membership) - \$2,727.00

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

5. Elementary Principal's Report

Principal Hesse stated that the elementary is finishing up with end of year fieldtrips. Staff recently held a spring data dig day where they reviewed FAST and ISASP test scores. This data will help determine what interventions these students may need at the start of next year.

6. Secondary Principal's Report

Principal Martin stated that they recently finished up ISASP testing, KWWL Weather Night, FFA Convention, Tri Rivers Conference Art Festival, Orientation Night, and some staff members have started PowerSchool training with Grant Wood AEA. Middle school behavior has increased. Have been looking at areas we should work on for next year's professional development.

7. Activity Director's Report

Activity Director Curtis was absent, but provided board members with updates on spring/summer sports.

8. Hearing for 2024-25 Calendar

Opened at 6:48 PM. Closed at 6:51 PM.

9. Approve Memorandum of Understanding for 2024-25 Calendar

Motion by Gearhart to approve Memorandum of Understanding with Starmont Education Association for 2024-25 Calendar as presented. Seconded by Uhlenkamp. Motion carried 5-0.

10. Approve Changes to 2024-25 Calendar

Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve changes to the 2024-25 calendar. Seconded by Uhlenkamp. Motion carried 5-0.

11. First Reading of Board Policies

Board reviewed board policies: 405.02, 411.02, Rescinding 504.5 and 504.5R1, 507.08R1, 704.01, 704.06, 704.06R1, 706.01, 706.02, 706.03, 706.03R1, 707.01, Rescinding 707.02, 707.03, and 707.04.

12. Consider Daycare

Motion by Gearhart to close the Starmont Daycare and find a third party to run daycare. Amended motion by Moellers to end the roll of Starmont running the daycare and form a committee to find a third party to take over the daycare with no guarantees. Moellers and Althoff have volunteered to be on this committee and would like help from current daycare committee. Seconded by Gearhart. Amended motion carried 5-0.

13. Approve Fall Chocolate Order

Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve fall elementary World's Finest Chocolate order in the amount of \$14,308.20. Seconded by Moellers. Motion carried 5-0.

14. Approve AristotleK12 License Agreement

Motion by Moellers to approve FY25 AristotleK12 license agreement in the amount of \$8,729.98. Seconded by Althoff. Motion carried 5-0.

15. Approve FY25 Technology Services Agreement with Keystone AEA

Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve FY25 Technology Services Agreement with Keystone AEA in the amount of \$76,261.10.

16. Approve Kendall Hunt Workbook Quote

Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve Kendall Hunt K-8 Workbook Quote in the amount of \$12,371.40. Seconded by Althoff. Motion carried 5-0.

17. Approve Reduction of Junior Kindergarten and Secondary Counselor Positions

Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve reduction of junior kindergarten and secondary counselor positions. Seconded by Gearhart. Motion carried 3-2 (Nays: Althoff, Moellers).

18. Approve Student Therapist Agreement with RT Counseling

Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve FY25 Student Therapist Agreement with RT Counseling. Seconded by Althoff. Motion carried 5-0.

19. Approve Resolution for Tuition Reimbursement

Motion by Moellers to approve resolution for tuition reimbursement as presented pending approval from Starmont Education Association. Motion carried 5-0.

20. Approve Tuckpointing from SMI

Motion by Gearhart to approve SMI providing yearly building maintenance up to \$75,000. Seconded by Althoff. Motion carried 4-0 (Abstained: Uhlenkamp)

21. Approve Flooring Improvement

No action taken.

22. Approve Support Staff Letters of Assignment

Motion by Moellers to approve support staff letters of assignments as presented. Seconded by Uhlenkamp. Motion carried 5-0.

23. Approve Contracts for Directors and Principals

No action taken.

24. 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.*

Motion by Gearhart to go into closed session at 8:22 PM. Seconded by Moellers. Ayes: Moellers, Recker, Uhlenkamp, Althoff, Gearhart. Nays: none. Motion carried. The board continued into closed session for Superintendent and School Business Official evaluations. Recker declared the board out of closed session at 8:58 PM.

25. Approve Contracts for School Business Official and Superintendent

No action taken.

26. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Busch appreciates the board and the work they have done this year.

27. Adjourn

Motion by Gearhart to adjourn. Seconded by Moellers. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:18 PM.