

STARMONT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR MONTHLY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
Monday, August 12, 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 its regular board meeting on Monday, August 12th, in the High School Conference Room. President Recker called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Members present: Jacob Moellers, Tony Recker, Julie Uhlenkamp. Absent: Vicki Althoff, Jason Gearhart. Administration present: Superintendent, Robert Busch; Elementary Principal, Heath Hesse; Secondary Principal, Kris Martin; Activity Director, Tracy Curtis; Business Manager/Board Secretary, Katie Taylor.

**2. Public Forum**

**3. Staff and Board Communications**

**4. Consent Agenda**

- a. Approve Agenda
- b. Approve Minutes – July 8, 2024 and July 30, 2024
- c. Approve Monthly Financial Reports
- d. Approve Monthly Bills – Recker audited bills for the month
- e. Approve Personnel Recommendations & Resignations
  - i. Recommendations
    1. Christy Keppler – MS Assistant Volleyball Coach
    2. Kelly Lyon – New Teacher Mentor
    3. Kristen Ostrander – New Teacher Mentor
    4. Heather Schoulte – New Teacher Mentor
    5. Maggie Tucker – New Teacher Mentor
    6. Jake Munger – Head Softball Coach
    7. Tracy Curtis – Assistant Softball Coach
    8. Emily Schuhmacher – JH Softball Coach
    9. Vincent Otdoerfer – Head Baseball Coach & JH Baseball
    10. Dave Raber – JH Baseball
    11. Nathan Meyers – JH Baseball
    12. Matt Lee – Early Physical Education
  - ii. Resignations
    1. Mary Jo Bergan as Secondary Para. Thank you for your time Mary Jo!
    2. Matt Lee as HS Head Track Coach. Thank you for your time Matt!
- f. Approve Volunteer Coaches
  - i. Crystal Permann – JH Volleyball
  - ii. Nathan Meyers – JH Football
  - iii. Ron Thole – HS Football
- g. Approve Open Enrollments
- h. Approve Fundraisers
- i. Approve Special Education Contracts
- j. Approve Annual Contracts/Agreements
  - i. Northeast Iowa Community College – Concurrent Enrollment Contract
- i. Project Financials – Baseball Concession

Motion by Moellers to approve consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Uhlenkamp. Motion carried 3-0.

**5. Elementary Principal's Report**

Principal Hesse shared the updated elementary handbook.

**6. Secondary Principal's Report**

Principal Martin shared that new teacher day will be August 15<sup>th</sup>. PBIS attendance was poor last school year and may be looking at gearing PBIS day toward 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade students this year.

**7. Activity Director's Report**

Activity Director Curtis shared that the new ice machine was installed and will be discussing what will be done with the old one. Has also been working on moving the school and activity schedules into Bound. This will also give the activity calendar on the school website a new look. Today is the first day of practice for football, volleyball, and cross country.

**8. Second Reading of Board Policies**

Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve the following board policies as presented with Superintendent's recommendations: 200.04, 206.03, 401.06, 402.03, 501.03, 501.09, 501.09R1, 501.14, 501.15, 502.06, 505.02, 603.01, 603.12, 607.02, 710.01, 801.03, 803.02, 905.03, and rescinding 501.09E1, 501.10, 501.10R1. Seconded by Moellers. Motion carried 3-0.

**9. Appoint Reconsideration Committee Members**

Motion by Moellers to approve Patty Lincoln, Angie Happel, and Taryn Weaber as members of the Reconsideration Committee with alternatives being Audrey Hansen and Meg Gelner. Seconded by Uhlenkamp. Motion carried 3-0.

**10. Approve Handbooks (Employee, Secondary, and Elementary)**

Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve handbooks as presented. Seconded by Moellers. Motion carried 3-0.

**11. Approve Requests for Bids on Obsolete Equipment**

Motion by Moellers to approve requesting bids for obsolete equipment as presented. Seconded by Uhlenkamp. Motion carried 3-0.

**12. Approve Purchase of Van**

Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve purchase of van up to \$30,000. Seconded by Moellers. Motion carried 3-0.

**13. Consider Turf Tank Subscription**

No action taken at this time.

**14. Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Busch recently attended SAI Conference in Des Moines. Sessions brought up a lot of talk about attendance and trying to get kids in class and increasing engagement. Has been working with leadership coach on goals. Encourages all board members to sign up for School Board Convention this fall. Continues to look for a variety of community members to join the School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC). Auditors will be coming August 16<sup>th</sup>. Superintendent Busch would also like to thank our wonderful custodial staff for all the hard work they put in over the summer.

**15. Adjourn**

Motion by Uhlenkamp to adjourn. Seconded by Moellers. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM.

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Tony Recker  
Board President

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Katie Taylor  
Business Manager/Board Secretary