

STARMONT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MONTHLY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Monday, September 9, 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, September 9th, in the High School Conference Room. President Recker called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Members present: Vicki Althoff, Jason Gearhart, Jacob Moellers, Julie Uhlenkamp, Tony Recker. Administration present: Superintendent, Robert Busch; Secondary Principal, Kris Martin; Business Manager/Board Secretary, Katie Taylor.

2. Receive Communications and Visitors

Mike Boyer with GTG Construction as well as Greg Ackerson and Mark Rasmussen with APEX Facility Solutions were present to provide the board with HVAC options.

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Agenda
- b. Approve Minutes – August 12, 2024
- c. Approve Monthly Financial Reports
- d. Approve Monthly Bills – Gearhart audited bills for the month
- e. Approve Personnel Recommendations & Resignations
 - i. Recommendations
 1. Savannah Mesplay – Elementary Para
 2. Brittany Opitz – Elementary
 3. Karen Sickels – Elementary Administrative Assistant
 4. Emma McRobie-Bishop – Assistant Musical
 - ii. Resignations
 1. Ashley Taylor as Elementary Secretary. Thank you for your time Ashley!
- f. Approve Volunteer Coaches
 - i. Randi Timmerman – Cross Country and Track
- g. Approve Open Enrollments
 - i. Henry Walter (K) to Clayton Ridge
 - ii. Oliver Walter (2) to Iowa Virtual Academy (Clayton Ridge)
 - iii. Garrett Taylor (K) to East Buchanan
 - iv. Tosha Kraus (12) to Oelwein Online
 - v. Grace Quario (12) to Oelwein Online
- h. Approve Fundraisers
- i. Approve Special Education Contracts
- j. Approve Annual Contracts/Agreements
 - i. Cooperative Agreement with Iowa State University
- i. Project Financials – Baseball Concession

Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Althoff. 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 shared that it was been a busy, but great start to the year. Spent a few days working on schedule changes with secondary students. Homecoming theme for the year is Wild Wild West. Spring musical will be The Adams Family. The sixth grade students held the best attendance for August (99.4%).

6. Activity Director's Report

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

7. First Reading of Board Policies

Board reviewed board policies 502.10, 503.09, 503.09R1, 603.01, 700, 505.05, 103, 103.R1, 505.08, 505.08R1, 506.1, 506.1E1, 506.1E2, 506.1E3, 506.1E4, 506.1E5, 506.1E7, 506.1E8, 506.1R1, 506.2, 506.2E1, 506.2R1, 506.4

8. Approve Fine Arts Day Trip

Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve High School Fine Arts Day Trip to the Gallagher Bluedorn in Cedar Falls and Get Air in Waterloo on Sunday, March 9th. Seconded by Gearhart. Motion carried 5-0.

9. Approve Request for Snow Removal Bids

Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve request for snow removal bids. Seconded by Althoff. Motion carried 5-0.

10. Approve K-12 Lau (English Learners) Plan

Motion by Moellers to approve K-12 Lau Plan. Seconded by Uhlenkamp. Motion carried 5-0.

11. Approve Out-of-District Bus Routes

Motion by Gearhart to approve out-of-district bus route on W45 and 100th Street to eliminate or reduce a safety concern related to a regular bus route. Seconded by Althoff. Motion carried 5-0.

12. Approve Request for Early Graduation

Motion by Moellers to approve early graduation requests as presented pending successful completion of graduation requirements. Seconded by Gearhart. Motion carried 5-0.

13. Approve Bids for Obsolete Equipment

Motion by Moellers to approve bid for plate loaded neck exercise machine for \$30 and preacher curl bench for \$40. Seconded by Uhlenkamp. Motion carried 5-0.

14. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Busch would like to host area legislatures sometime before elections. Finalizing documentation to take advantage of safety grant. Will be getting RFP's out soon. School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC) will be meeting Monday, September 30th.

15. Tour of Building

Canceled for the month.

16. Adjourn

Motion by Gearhart to adjourn. Seconded by Moellers. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Tony Recker
Board President

Katie Taylor
Business Manager/Board Secretary