

STARMONT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Annual and Organizational/Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Monday, December 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 annual board meeting on Monday, December 9th, in the High School Conference Room. President Recker called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Members present: Tony Recker, Julie Uhlenkamp, Vicki Althoff, Jacob Moellers. Administration present: Superintendent, Robert Busch; Elementary Principal, Heath Hesse; Secondary Principal, Kris Martin; Business Manager/Board Secretary, Katie Taylor.

2. Receive Communications and Visitors

3. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Agenda
- b. Approve Minutes – November 11, 2024; November 12, 2024; November 22, 2024; December 3, 2024
- c. Approve Monthly Financial Reports
- d. Approve Monthly Bills – Recker audited bills for the month
- e. Approve Personnel Recommendations & Resignations
 - i. Recommendations
 1. Addison Popham – Assistant Track Coach
 2. Cassie Gruman – Assistant Track Coach
 - ii. Resignations
- f. Approve Volunteer Coaches
- g. Approve Open Enrollments
- h. Approve Fundraisers
- i. Approve Special Education Contracts
- j. Project Financials – Baseball Concession

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

4. Elementary Principal’s Report

Principal Hesse shared that elementary students will be going on a field trip to Castle Theaters for a PBIS celebration. We recently had Donuts with Dudes and the Winter Concert.

5. Secondary Principal’s Report

Principal Martin shared that FAFSA Night was recently held with 28 individuals in attendance. They are continuing to implement Xello. Started holding lunch detentions for students with tardies. There was an increase in behaviors during the month of November. 8th grade students had the best attendance for November.

6. Activity Director's Report

Activity Director Curtis was absent but shared that the Sponsor a Chair Drive is underway. She has been working on finding more Freshman boys basketball games and adjusting the track schedule to find more co-ed meets. She also presented the updated coaches handbook.

7. Second Reading of Board Policies

No policies presented at this time.

8. Examine the Financial Accounting Books for the Preceding Year

Motion by Moellers to approve financial books for 2023-2024. Seconded by Althoff. Motion carried 4-0.

9. Appoint New Board Member and Administer Oath of Office

Motion by Moellers to appoint Doug Puffett as new board member. Seconded by Uhlenkamp. Motion carried 4-0. Oath of Office was administered to newly elected board member, Doug Puffett, by Board Secretary Taylor.

10. Adjourn

Motion by Moellers to adjourn. Seconded by Althoff. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:04 PM.

1. Call to Order Organizational Meeting

Board Secretary Taylor called the organization meeting to order at 7:04 PM. Members present: Jacob Moellers, Tony Recker, Julie Uhlenkamp, Vicki Althoff, Doug Puffett.

2. Election of Board President

Board Secretary called for nominations for Board President. Althoff nominated Uhlenkamp. Seconded by Recker. Uhlenkamp abstained, motion carried 4-0. Oath of office was administered to Uhlenkamp as newly elected President.

3. Approve & Elect Board Vice President

President Uhlenkamp called for nominations for Board Vice President. Uhlenkamp nominated Recker. Seconded by Moellers. Recker abstained, motion carried 4-0. Oath of office was administered to Recker as newly elected Vice President.

4. Appoint IASB Legislative Area Network (LAN) Representative

Puffett nominated Uhlenkamp as IASB Legislative Area Network Representative. Seconded by Recker. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Appoint IASB Delegate Assembly Representative (November 2025)

Recker nominated Althoff as IASB Delegate Assembly Representative. Seconded by Moellers. Motion carried 5-0.

6. Appoint Buchanan, Fayette, Clayton, and Delaware County Conference Board Representatives

Moellers nominated himself as Fayette County Conference Board Representative, Puffett for Clayton County, and Althoff for Delaware County. Seconded by Recker. Motion carried 5-0.

- 7. Appoint Dollars for Scholars Representative**
Puffett nominated Recker as Dollars for Scholars Representative. Seconded by Althoff. Motion carried 5-0.
- 8. Appoint Negotiations Committee Representative**
Recker nominated Puffett and Moellers as Negotiations Committee Representatives. Seconded by Althoff. Motion carried 5-0.
- 9. Appoint School Attorney**
Motion by Puffett to approve Ahlers & Cooney as the district's general legal counsel. Seconded by Recker. Motion carried 5-0.
- 10. Approve Date, Time, and Location of Board Meeting Pursuant to Policy 210.02**
Motion by Recker to approve regular school board meeting to take place on the 2nd Monday of every month at 6:30 PM in the HS Conference Room. Seconded by Moellers. Motion carried 5-0.
- 11. Approve Official Publication**
Motion by Althoff to approve the Press Journal as the district's official publication. Seconded by Puffett. Motion carried 5-0.
- 12. Board Resolution to Define the Operating Rules and Practices that the New Board will Follow**
Motion by Recker to approve board resolution as presented. Seconded by Moellers. Motion carried 5-0.
- 13. Board Resolution to Authorize the Interim Payment of Bills Pursuant to Policy 705.03**
Motion by Moellers to approve board resolution as presented. Seconded by Althoff. Motion carried 5-0.
- 14. Approve Depositories**
Motion by Puffett to approve a \$9,500,000 depository resolution in total for Citizens State Bank of Strawberry Point, Farmers Savings Bank of Strawberry Point, Bank Iowa of Lamont, WC Financial of Independence, and ISJIT of Des Moines. Seconded by Recker. Motion carried 5-0.
- 15. Approve Use of Signature Stamp for Board President**
Motion by Althoff to approve the use of signature stamp for board president. Seconded by Recker. Motion carried 5-0.
- 16. Approve Bound Agreement**
Motion by Puffett to approve Bound Agreement as presented. Seconded by Moellers. Motion carried 5-0.
- 17. Approve SBRC Application for LIED Center Administrative Costs**
Motion by Puffett to approve SBRC Application for Lied Center Administrative Costs for the 2025-2026 school year in the amount of \$1,743.34. Seconded by Althoff. Motion carried 5-0.

18. Approve Purchase of Vehicle for Rural Pickups

Motion by Puffett to purchase a vehicle spending up to \$65,000. Seconded by Recker. Motion carried 5-0.

19. Approve Tuition for Preschool

Motion by Recker to approve 2025-2026 preschool tuition rate in the amount of \$200/month. Seconded by Puffett. Motion carried 4-1 (Nay: Moellers).

20. Consider Additional Items for Governor's Security Grant

No action taken at this time.

21. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Busch shared his takeaways from Iowa School Board Convention. He shared that the Iowa Association of School Boards has webinars for board members to check out. Please continue to be and advocate for education!

22. Adjourn

Motion by Puffett to adjourn. Seconded by Recker. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM.

Tony Recker
Board President

Katie Taylor
Business Manager/Board Secretary