

STARMONT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Monday, January 13, 2025
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, January 13th, in the High School Conference Room. President Uhlenkamp called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Members present: Jacob Moellers, Tony Recker, Julie Uhlenkamp, Douglas Puffett. Members absent: Vicki Althoff. Administration present: Superintendent, Robert Busch; Elementary Principal, Heath Hesse; Secondary Principal, Kris Martin; Business Manager/Board Secretary, Katie Taylor.

2. Approve Agenda

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

3. Receive Communications and Visitors

TLC Coordinator, Kathleen Sweet, was present to review student test score data with board members.

4. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Minutes – December 9, 2024 and December 20, 2024
- b. Approve Monthly Financial Reports
- c. Approve Monthly Bills – Uhlenkamp audited bills for the month
- d. Approve Personnel Recommendations & Resignations
 - i. Recommendations
 1. Roger Gifford – Assistant Track Coach
 2. Debbie Marmann – Secondary Para
 - ii. Resignations
- e. Approve Volunteer Coaches
- f. Approve Open Enrollments
- g. Approve Fundraisers
- h. Approve Special Education Contracts

Motion by Puffett to approve consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Recker. Motion carried 4-0.

5. Elementary Principal’s Report

Principal Hesse shared that winter FAST testing will start at the end of the month. Staff will be going over testing performance data during Monday’s PD day.

6. Secondary Principal’s Report

Principal Martin shared that Friday will be the end of the first semester – Friday’s early out and Monday will allow for teachers to finish clerical work and get grades in.

7. Activity Director's Report

Activity Director Curtis was absent but shared that the chair drive is still in progress. Conference honor band will be traveling to Maq Valley on January 13th. We will be hosting Individual State Speech on March 15th (volunteers needed). Robotics have upcoming tournaments on January 18th and February 8th. State DECA will be February 16th & 17th. FFA will be hosting line dancing on January 16th and FFA week with be February 16th-22nd.

8. First Reading of Board Policies 900 Series

Board reviewed board policies as presented.

9. Approve Resolution Ordering Election on the Question of Continuing to Levy and Impose a Voter Approved Physical Plant and Equipment Property Tax and Income Surtax

Motion by Puffett to adopt resolution ordering an election on the question of continuing to levy and impose a voter approve Physical Plant and Equipment Property Tax to be authorized for a period of ten years not exceeding one dollar thirty-four cents (\$1.34) per one thousand dollars (\$1,000) of assessed valuation of the taxable property within the school district commencing with the levy of property taxes for collection in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, and to impose a Physical Plant and Equipment Income Surtax upon the state individual income tax of each individual income taxpayer resident in the school district on December 31 for each calendar year commencing with calendar year 2026, or each year thereafter. Seconded by Moellers. Roll Call: Ayes – Recker, Moellers, Uhlenkamp, Puffett; Nays – none. Motion carried 4-0.

10. Approve Transfer from the General Fund to the Enterprise Fund

Motion by Moellers to approve transfer from general fund to enterprise fund in the amount of \$4,757.79. Seconded by Recker. Motion carried 4-0.

11. Approve the Request for Modified Supplemental Amount

Motion by Puffett to approve request for Modified Supplemental Amount in the amount of \$4,757.79. Seconded by Moellers. Motion carried 4-0.

12. Approve Exhibits and Authorize the Administration to Make Request to the SBRC

Motion by Puffett to approve exhibits as presented and authorize administration to make request to the SBRC. Seconded by Moellers. Motion carried 4-0.

13. Approve Coaches' Handbook

Motion by Recker to approve coaches' handbook as presented. Seconded by Moellers. Motion carried 4-0.

14. Allow Booster Club to Seek Grant

Motion by Puffett to approve Booster Club applying for a grant to help cover costs to install concrete improving accessibility to football/track concessions and restrooms. Seconded by Recker. Motion carried 4-0.

15. Approve At-Risk and Dropout Prevention Program

Motion by Recker to approve At-Risk and Dropout Prevention Program as presented. Seconded by Puffett. Motion carried 4-0.

16. Approve Resolution for the Requested Amount of Modified Supplemental Amount (MSA) for the At-Risk and Dropout Prevention Program

Motion by Puffett to authorize the district's administration to submit a request to the School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) for Modified Supplemental Amount and Supplemental Aid for the 2025-2026 Dropout Prevention Program in the amount of \$211,302 for expenditures necessary to implement the at-risk and dropout prevention program plans as approved by the Starmont CSD school board. Seconded by Recker. Roll Call: Ayes – Moellers, Recker, Puffett, Uhlenkamp; Nays – none.

17. Approve Request for Mowing Bids

Motion by Moellers to approve request for mowing bids. Seconded by Puffett. Motion carried 4-0.

18. Approve Three-Year Auditing Agreement

Motion by Recker to approve auditing agreement for June 30, 2025, 2026, and 2027 from Hacker Nelson. Seconded by Puffett. Motion carried 4-0.

19. Closed Session authorized by Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(a) to review or discuss records which are required or authorized by state or federal law to be kept confidential and Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(e) to discuss whether to conduct a hearing or to conduct hearings to suspend or expel a student

Motion by Moellers to go into closed session. Seconded by Recker. Roll Call: Ayes – Puffett, Uhlenkamp, Moellers, Recker; Nays – none. Board entered into closed session at 7:18 pm.

Uhlenkamp declared board out of closed session at 7:26 pm.

20. Approve Student Disciplinary Agreement

Motion by Moellers to approve student disciplinary agreement as presented. Seconded by Recker. Motion carried 4-0.

21. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Busch shared that he has been working on the budget projection tool and plans to present that to the board at the next meeting. There will be a facilities meeting on January 29th at 6:00 pm. He will be taking a group of students with him to the next legislative forum in Manchester.

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

Board did not go into closed session. Superintendent Busch went over his goals he has set for the year and the board will revisit next month.

23. Adjourn

Motion by Puffett to adjourn. Seconded by Recker. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM.

Julie Uhlenkamp
Board President

Katie Taylor
Business Manager/Board Secretary