

STARMONT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Monday, May 12, 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, May 12th, in the High School Conference Room. President Uhlenkamp called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Members present: Tony Recker, Julie Uhlenkamp, Jacob Moellers, Doug Puffett, Vicki Althoff. Administration present: Superintendent, Robert Busch; Elementary Principal, Heath Hesse; Secondary Principal, Kris Martin; Athletic 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 – April 14, 2025, April 23, 2025, and April 28, 2025
- c. Approve Monthly Financial Reports
- d. Approve Monthly Bills
- e. Approve Personnel Recommendations & Resignations
 - i. Hires
 1. Amanda Emery – Special Education
 2. McKenna Schaufenbuel – Secondary English
 3. Theresa Broadwater – Summer Tech
 4. Mary Bergan – Cook
 5. Vincent Otdoerfer – JH Baseball
 6. Deb Wills/Audrey Hansen – Co Dance Sponsors
 - ii. Transfer
 1. Allie Koch – Kindergarten from Special Education
 - iii. Resignations
 1. Bridget Koester as Elementary Para. Thank you for your time, Bridget!
 2. Jill Berger as Elementary Para. Thank you for your time, Jill!
 3. Deb Recker as Bus Driver. Thank you for your time, Deb!
- f. Approve Volunteer Coaches
- g. Approve Open Enrollments
 - i. Laiken Stecklein- K from Oelwein
 - ii. Taryn Emery- 5th from Oelwein
- h. Approve Fundraisers
- i. Approve Special Education Contracts
- j. Approve Annual Contracts/Agreements
 - i. eTriton (\$2,478.26)

- ii. Software Unlimited (\$7,350.00)
- iii. ChromeHero (\$1,000.00)
- iv. Iowa Association of School Boards- Policies Reference (\$800.00)
- v. Iowa Association of School Boards- Membership Dues (\$2,754.00)
- vi. Aristotle K12 (\$8,729.98)

Motion by Puffett to approve consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Recker. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Elementary Principal's Report

Principal Hesse stated that spring field trips are wrapping up. Fifth grade had a great week for School of the Wild. Spring FAST and ISASP testing has wrapped up and professional development planning for 2025-26 is underway. Track and field day will be Thursday and Friday for elementary students.

6. Secondary Principal's Report

Principal Martin stated that prom went great and appreciates Mr. Hesse for filling in in her absence. End of year IEP meetings are underway with end of year award ceremony and graduation coming up this week. Will begin transitioning with new secondary principal, Jennifer Lange.

7. Activity Director's Report

Activity Director Curtis informed the board that the baseball fence has been replaced. Regional and district golf/track will begin this week. Middle school track wrapped up their season. High school band and choir both received Division II ratings at State contest over the weekend. FFA will also be competing in districts this week.

8. First Reading of Board Policies

Board reviewed board policies as presented.

9. Public Hearing: 2024-2025 School Year Budget Amendment

President Uhlenkamp opened the public hearing for the FY25 budget amendment at 7:01 pm. There were no public comments. Uhlenkamp closed the public hearing at 7:02 pm.

10. Approve 2024-2025 School Year Budget Amendment

Motion by Recker to adopt the FY25 Budget Amendment as presented. Seconded by Moeller. Motion carried 5-0.

11. Approve Elementary Wilson Language Training Quote

Motion by Recker to approve elementary Wilson Language Training quote in the amount of \$6,715.44. Seconded by Althoff. Motion carried 5-0.

12. Approve Elementary Kendall Hunt Quote

Motion by Moeller to approve elementary Kendall Hunt quote in the amount of \$6,525.00. Seconded by Puffett. Motion carried 5-0.

13. Approve Secondary Kendall Hunt Quote

Motion by Althoff to approve secondary Kendall Hunt quote in the amount of \$3,278.04. Seconded by Recker. Motion carried 5-0.

14. Approve 9-12 EnVision Math Curriculum

Motion by Moeller to approve 9-12 EnVision Math Curriculum quote in the amount of \$30,945.20 with the preference to split payment over two years. Seconded by Althoff. Motion carried 5-0.

15. Approve Purchase of Chromebooks

Motion by Althoff to approve purchase of chromebooks from CDW for \$29,160.00. Seconded by Moeller. Motion carried 5-0.

16. Approve Contract with Keystone AEA for Transfer of State Funding

Motion by Moeller to approve contract with Keystone AEA for transfer of state funding as presented. Seconded by Althoff. Motion carried 5-0.

17. Approve FY26 Service Agreement with Keystone AEA

Motion by Althoff to approve FY26 Service Agreement with Keystone AEA for educational, media, and technology services as presented. Seconded by Moeller. Motion carried 5-0.

18. Approve FY26 Technology Services Agreement with Keystone AEA

Motion by Puffett to approve FY26 Technology Services Agreement with Keystone AEA for .8 FTE in the amount of \$65,279.51. Seconded by Moeller. Motion carried 5-0.

19. Approve Student Therapist Agreement with RT Counseling

Motion by Althoff to approve FY26 Student Therapist Agreement with RT Counseling with the option one day a month summer services. Seconded by Moeller. Motion carried 5-0.

20. Approve Tuckpointing from SMI

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

21. Approve World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser Order

Motion by Puffett to approve FY26 World's Finest Chocolate fundraiser order in the amount of \$13,380.00). Seconded by Recker. Motion carried 5-0.

22. Approve Agreement with Starmont Education Association

Motion by Puffett to approve Starmont Education Association agreement as presented. Seconded by Moeller. Motion carried 5-0.

23. Approve Teacher and Extra-Curricular Contracts for 2025-26

Motion by Puffett to approve 2025-26 teacher and extra-curricular contracts as presented. Seconded by Recker. Motion carried 5-0.

24. Consider Flooring Bids

Motion by Althoff to approve flooring bid from Furniture Showcase in the amount of \$18,614.44. Seconded by Recker. Motion carried 5-0.

25. Consider Cabinet Door Replacements

No action taken.

26. Approve Amending the 2024-2025 Graduating Class

Motion by Puffett to approve amended 2025 graduating class as presented, pending successful completion of graduation requirements. Seconded by Moeller. Motion carried 5-0.

27. Accept Canvas of Election Results

Motion by Recker to accept canvas of election results as presented. Seconded by Moeller. Motion carried 4-0. (Abstained: Puffett)

28. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Busch is working to determine each special ed teacher's caseload and assign students accordingly. Has looked into getting the district tied in with rural water and due to our daily usage, we will need to run 6" line for 6.7 miles and would cost roughly \$765,000. Looking into a mental health grant.

29. Adjourn

Motion by Recker to adjourn. Seconded by Puffett. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM.

EXEMPT SESSION

Immediately following the meeting.

Notice of Exempt Meeting: Board will go into an Exempt Meeting as provided by Iowa Code § 20.17(3): Bargaining sessions, strategy sessions of boards or employee organizations, mediation and the deliberative process of arbitrators in the collective bargaining process are exempt from the open meetings law. Iowa Code § 21.9: To discuss strategy in matters relating to employment conditions of employees not covered by collective bargaining law.

Julie Uhlenkamp
Board President

Katie Taylor
Business Manager/Board Secretary