

STARMONT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Monday, July 14, 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, July 14th, in the High School Conference Room. President Uhlenkamp called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Members present: Doug Puffett, Vicki Althoff, Julie Uhlenkamp, Tony Recker. Absent: Jacob Moellers. Administration present: Superintendent, Robert Busch; Secondary Principal, Jennifer Lange; Business Manager/Board Secretary, Katie Taylor; Co-Athletic Director, Mike Augustine.

2. Approve Agenda

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

3. Public Forum

4. Staff and Board Communications

Pam Vaske with Backbone Insurance presented the board with the 2025-26 policy renewal.

5. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Agenda
- b. Approve Minutes – June 9, 2025, June 24, 2025, and July 3, 2025
- c. Approve Monthly Financial Reports
- d. Approve Monthly Bills – Althoff audited bills for month
- e. Approve Personnel Recommendations & Resignations
 - i. Hires
 - ii. Resignations
 1. Rachael Stecklein as Instructional Coach. Thank you for your time, Rachael!
- f. Approve Volunteer Coaches
 - i. Roger Gifford – Cross Country
 - ii. Randi Burns – Cross Country
 - iii. Ron Thole - Football
- g. Approve Open Enrollments
 - i. Allen Thyer from North Fayette CSD
 - ii. Laiken Stecklein (K) from Oelwein CSD
- h. Approve Fundraisers
- i. Approve Special Education Contracts
- j. Approve Annual Contracts/Agreements
 - i. Iowa State Student Teaching Agreement
 - ii. Dufault Publishing (Yearbooks)
 - iii. Training Agreement

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

6. Elementary Principal's Report

Principal Hesse was absent, but presented the board with updated handbooks.

7. Secondary Principal's Report

Principal Lange presented the board with updated student handbook, coaches handbook, alternative school policy, and summer school expectations.

8. Activity Director's Report

Co-activity Director Augustine stated that softball and baseball wrapped up their regular seasons. They would like to thank our volunteers for their help with hosting district softball and baseball. Starmont FFA has 20 members exhibiting at various fairs over the next month, good luck to them! Coaches meeting is set for August 3rd and the fall sports seasons will begin August 11th. A big thanks to Citizens State Bank for their help with the "Liquid Assets" program and supporting our student athletes.

9. Appoint Board Secretary/Treasurer

Motion by Puffett to appoint Katie Taylor as board secretary/treasurer. Seconded by Althoff. Motion carried 4-0. Taylor took oath of office.

10. First Reading of Board Policies

Board reviewed board policies as presented.

11. Review of Annual Board Policies: 103, 103.R1, 505.8, 505.8R1, 506.1, 506.1E1, 506.1E2, 506.1E3, 506.1E4, 506.1E5, 506.1E6, 506.1E7, 506.1E8, 506.R1, 506.2, 506.2E1, 506.2R1, and 506.4

Board reviewed board policies as presented.

12. Approve Resolution to Consider Continued Participation in the Instructional Support Program and Set Public Hearing

Motion by Recker to approve resolution to consider continued participation in the Instructional Support Program and to hold the public hearing on August 11, 2025 at 6:30 PM. Seconded by Puffett. Roll call vote: Ayes – Uhlenkamp, Althoff, Puffett, Recker. Nays – none.

13. Approve Resolution Fixing Date for a Hearing on the Proposed Issuance of Approximately \$6,500,000 School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds

Motion by Althoff to approve resolution fixing the date for a hearing on the proposed issuance of approximately \$6,500,000 school infrastructure sales, services, and use tax revenue bonds holding the public hearing on August 11, 2025 at 6:30 PM. Seconded by Puffett. Roll call vote: Ayes – Puffett, Althoff, Recker, Uhlenkamp. Nays – none.

14. Discuss Language for the General Obligation Bond Petition

Board discussed options.

15. Approve Quote from EMC Insurance

Motion by Puffett to approve EMC Insurance renewal for 2025-26 as presented. Seconded by Althoff. Motion carried 4-0.

16. Approve Update to Agreement with Berry Tender

Motion by Puffett to approve agreement update as presented. Seconded by Althoff. Motion carried 4-0.

17. Approve 2025-2026 Fee Schedule

Motion by Puffett to approve 2025-2026 fee schedule as presented. Seconded by Recker. Motion carried 4-0.

18. Approve Sub Pay

Motion by Puffett to approve sub pay increase to \$155 per day. Seconded by Althoff. Motion carried 4-0.

19. Approve Handbooks

Motion by Recker to approve handbooks as presented. Seconded by Althoff. Motion carried 4-0.

20. Approve Safety Plan

Motion by Recker to approve safety plan as presented. Seconded by Althoff. Motion carried 4-0.

21. Consider Bid for Music Room Flooring

Motion by Recker to approve Furniture Showcase bid in the amount of \$7,856.32 to replace carpet in elementary choir room. Seconded by Althoff. Motion carried 4-0.

22. Approve Fuel Bid

Motion by Puffett to approve fuel bid from Mulgrew Oil locking in diesel at \$2.476/gallon and gasohol at \$0.209/gallon over DOT rack. Seconded by Recker. Motion carried 4-0.

23. Approve Grant Wood AEA PowerSchool Software and Support Agreement

Motion by Recker to approve PowerSchool agreement in the amount of \$9,309.72. Seconded by Puffett. Motion carried 4-0.

24. Approve Agreement with Northeast Iowa Community College

Motion by Recker to approve agreement with Northeast Iowa Community College for the purpose of providing college courses to students. Seconded by Puffett. Motion carried 4-0.

25. Consider 2026 Legislative Priorities

Motion by Puffett to approve the district's top four priorities as follows: Teacher Recruitment & Licensure, Supplemental State Aid, Tax Base, and Unfunded Mandates. Seconded by Althoff. Motion carried 4-0.

26. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Busch stated that new maintenance director has started and is getting familiar with the building and our current needs.

27. Adjourn

Motion by Puffett to adjourn. Seconded by Althoff. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Julie Uhlenkamp
Board President

Katie Taylor
Business Manager/Board Secretary

