

STARMONT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Monday, August 11, 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, August 11th, in the High School Conference Room. President Uhlenkamp called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Members present: Doug Puffett, Julie Uhlenkamp, Tony Recker. Absent: Jacob Moellers, Vicki Althoff. Administration present: Superintendent, Robert Busch; Elementary Principal, Heath Hesse; Secondary Principal, Jennifer Lange; Business Manager/Board Secretary, Katie Taylor; Co-Athletic Director, Mike Augustine.

2. Public Forum

3. Staff and Board Communications

4. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Agenda
- b. Approve Minutes – July 14, 2025
- c. Approve Monthly Financial Reports
- d. Approve Monthly Bills – Uhlenkamp audited bills for month Moellers arrived at 6:32 pm.
- e. Approve Personnel Recommendations & Resignations
 - i. Hires
 1. McKenna Schaufenbuel – Middle School Play Director
 2. Kelly Lyon – HS Musical Director
 3. Kelly Lyon – New Teacher Mentor
 4. Molly Augustine – New Teacher Mentor
 5. Heather Schoulte – Mentor Coordinator
 6. Kathleen Sweet – Building Leadership Team
 7. Rachael Hach – Building Leadership Team
 8. Sam Thiese – Building Leadership Team
 9. Tracy Curtis – Building Leadership Team
 10. Robbie McIntyre – Building Leadership Team
 11. Sara Walter – Building Leadership Team
 12. Janet Wessel – Building Leadership Team
 13. Amanda Knox – Building Leadership Team
 14. Matt Lee – Building Leadership Team
 15. Molly Augustine – Building Leadership Team
 16. Heather Schoulte – Building Leadership Team
 17. Beth Jaeger – Building Leadership Team
 18. Kristen Ostrander – Building Leadership Team
 19. Josh Steffen – Building Leadership Team
 - ii. Resignations

1. Vinny Otdoerfer as JH Baseball Coach. Thank you for your time, Vinny!
 2. Kelly Lyon as Middle School Play Director. Thank you for your time, Kelly!
 3. Rashelle Opitz as Elementary Para. Thank you for your time, Rashelle!
- f. Approve Volunteer Coaches
 - i. Crystal Permann – Volleyball
 - ii. Mitch Rosburg – Cross Country
 - iii. Jenny Lang
 - iv. Robert Busch
 - g. Approve Open Enrollments
 - i. Millie Opitz (7th) from East Buchanan CSD
 - ii. Aiden Edmunds (K) from Oelwein CSD
 - h. Approve Fundraisers
 - i. Approve Special Education Contracts
 - j. Approve Annual Contracts/Agreements

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

5. Elementary Principal’s Report

Principal Hesse stated that he has been working on staff schedules and sorting through supplies for the new year.

6. Secondary Principal’s Report

Principal Lange stated that she will be applying for “Skip the Trip” to allow students to take their permit test at school and reduce absences. She has been working on scheduling and adjusting rosters for new students coming in.

7. Activity Director’s Report

Co-activity Director Augustine stated we are still looking for head boys’ basketball and assistant girls’ basketball coaches. We had a good showing in all conference softball and baseball. Fall season sports begin today. The Booster Club’s annual golf outing is August 17th. The annual football player sale and scrimmage will be Saturday, August 23rd along with a pie auction to raise money for football cheer uniforms.

8. Second Reading of Board Policies: 104, 104-E(1), 104-E(2), 104-E(3), 211, 402.02, 402.03, 405.02, 411.02, 501.03, 501.09, 501.09-R(1), 503.10, 505.05, 507.01, 603.01, 603.05

Motion by Puffett to approve board policies as presented. Seconded by Moellers. Motion carried 4-0.

9. 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

Motion by Puffett to approve board policies as presented. Seconded by Recker. Motion carried 4-0.

10. Public Hearing – Instructional Support Levy

The board opened the meeting for public comment.

11. Public Hearing – Proposed Issuance of Approximately \$6,500,000 School Infrastructure Sales, Services, and Use Tax Revenue Bonds

The board opened the meeting for public comment.

12. Resolution to Consider Continued Participation in the Instruction Support Program

Motion by Puffett to continue participating in the Instructional Support Program as provided in Sections 257.18 through 257.21, Code of Iowa, for a period of five years, commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027. Seconded by Recker. Roll call vote: Ayes – Moellers, Uhlenkamp, Recker, Puffett. Nays – none.

13. Resolution Supporting the Proposed Issuance of Approximately \$6,500,000 School Infrastructure Sales, Services, and Use Tax Revenue Bonds

Motion by Recker to approve proposal to issue approximately \$6,500,000 school infrastructure sales, services, and use tax revenue bonds, which may be issued in one or more series over multiple fiscal years pursuant to Iowa Code Sections 423F.2 and 423F.4 for the purpose of providing funds to make HVAC, mechanical, electrical, and plumbing improvements to its existing education facility, including costs of issuance and a debt service reserve fund if required by the purchaser. Seconded by Moeller. Roll call vote: Ayes – Puffett, Recker, Moellers, Uhlenkamp. Nays – none.

14. Appoint Reconsideration Committee Members

Motion by Puffett to approve Patty Lincoln, Strawberry Point Library; Angie Happel, Lamont Library; Cristee Miner, Arlington Library; and Alternates Kathy Pickart and Meg Gelner.

15. Approve Sharing Agreement with West Central for Boys' and Girls' Cross Country

Motion by Puffett to approve sharing agreement as presented. Seconded by Moellers. Motion carried 4-0.

16. Approve Admission Prices for Activities

Motion by Moellers to approve \$7 varsity event admission and \$5 non-varsity event admission. Seconded by Recker. Motion carried 4-0.

17. Consider Assisting Booster Club with Concession Stand Improvements

No action taken.

18. Consider Library/Media Center Improvements

No action taken.

19. Approve Requests for Bids on Obsolete Equipment

Motion by Recker to approve bid for weight storage tree as presented. Seconded by Moellers. Motion carried 4-0.

20. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Busch recently attended School Administrator of Iowa Conference. The petition for the HVAC project is being circulated. School board elections will be coming up in November.

21. Adjourn

Motion by Puffett to adjourn. Seconded by Recker. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM.

Julie Uhlenkamp
Board President

Katie Taylor
Business Manager/Board Secretary