

STARMONT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Monday, February 9, 2026
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, February 9th, in the High School Conference Room. President Puffett called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Members present: Jacob Moellers, Julie Uhlenkamp, Nathan Meyers, Doug Puffett, Tony Recker. Absent: none. Administration present: Superintendent, Robert Busch; Elementary Principal, Heath Hesse; Secondary Principal, Jennifer Lange; Business Manager/Board Secretary, Katie Taylor.

2. Approve Agenda

Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve agenda striking item #14. Seconded by Recker. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Receive Communications and Visitors (Including Board Members)

4. Consent Agenda:

- a. Approve Minutes – January 12, 2026 & February 4, 2026
- b. Approve Monthly Financial Reports
- c. Approve Monthly Bills – Meyers & Uhlenkamp audited bills
- d. Approve Personnel Recommendations & Resignations
 - i. Resignations
 1. Ashley Peterson as Secondary Para – Thank you for your service, Ashley!
- e. Approve Volunteer Coaches
 - i. Mitch Rosburg – Track & Field
- f. Approve Open Enrollments
 - i. Ian Ordonez (K) to West Delaware
 - ii. Osmar Ordonez (4) to West Delaware
 - iii. Kynsley Kayser (K) to East Buchanan (2026-27 School Year)
- g. Approve Fundraisers
- h. Approve Special Education Contracts
- i. Approve Prom Contracts
 - i. Arlington Community Even Center (venue)
 - ii. Rollin’ Rock (DJ)

Motion by Moellers to approve consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Meyers. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Elementary Principal’s Report

Principal Hesse stated that students and staff have been hit hard with sickness. Mr. Vagts has started the Kids Heart Challenge. Teachers have started data dig days to review FAST testing data.

6. Secondary Principal's Report

Principal Lange previewed changes made to the curriculum guide and student handbook. She has worked on our IDEA-DA Designation Plan. We recently held an Internet Safety assembly for high school students and a Financial Planning Program for all secondary students. Winter FAST testing is complete as well as data digs. Students will begin working on schedules this week for next school year.

7. Activity Director's Report

Co-Activity Director Augustine was absent, but informed the board that we will host FFA Subdistricts on February 23rd. Congratulations to Keaton Moeller, Jax Tommasin, and Hudson Popham on winning conference wrestling titles. Wrestling qualifying tournament will be February 14th with state the following week. Thanks to all who helped with TRC girls wrestling tournament and congratulations to Cheyann on winning a conference title and making it to state. DECA will be competing at state on February 15th – 16th. Congratulations to our state speech students!

8. First Reading of Board Policies

Board reviewed board policies as presented.

9. Approve Second Reading of Board Policies

Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve second reading of board policies 400 Series, 605.08, and 605.08-R1. Seconded by Recker. Motion carried 5-0.

10. Approve 2026-2027 Curriculum Guide

Motion by Moellers to approve 2026-2027 Curriculum Guide as presented. Seconded by Meyers. Motion carried 5-0.

11. Approve Updates to 2025-2026 Student Handbook

Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve 2025-2026 Student Handbook updates to clarify threats of violence. Seconded by Moellers. Motion carried 5-0.

12. Approve Bid for School Bus

No action taken.

13. Approve Bid for Concession Stand Improvement

Motion by Recker to approve bid from EFM Construction LLC in the amount of \$17,552.26 to remove and dispose of current concrete on sides of football concessions and replace and add concrete to front. The booster club received the Upper Mississippi Gaming Corporation Grant to cover a portion of the expenses. Seconded by Moellers. Motion carried 5-0.

~~**14. Approve Purchase of Replacement Floor Scrubber**~~

15. Approve Quote from CDW for Chromebooks

Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve chromebook quote from CDW in the amount of \$17,010. Seconded by Meyers. Motion carried 5-0.

16. Approve Booster Club Application for Fields for Kids Grant

Motion by Recker to approve booster club's application for Fields for Kids Grant. Seconded by Uhlenkamp. Motion carried 5-0.

17. Approve Budget Guarantee Resolution

Motion by Recker to adopt the following resolution: Resolved, that the Board of Directors of Starmont Community School District, will levy property taxes for fiscal year 2026-2027 for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed under section 257.14, Code of Iowa. Seconded by Meyers, followed by roll call vote. Ayes: Recker, Moellers, Meyers, Uhlenkamp, Puffett. Nays: none. Motion carried 5-0.

18. Set Time and Date for 2026-2027 Budget Hearings

Motion by Uhlenkamp to set first public hearing on March 23rd and second public hearing on April 13th. Seconded by Recker. Motion carried 5-0.

19. Preview 2025-2026 Budget

Superintendent Busch provided board with budget information.

20. Consider 2026-2027 Calendar Options

Superintendent Busch provided an updated status of 2026-2027 calendar and asked for guidance on making up snow days.

21. Approve Summer Help

Motion by Moellers to approve summer help paying students \$12/hour and staff at their current rates. Seconded by Meyers. Motion carried 5-0.

22. Approve Refinishing of Gym Floors for Summer 2026

Motion by Meyers to approve bid from Hilliard in the amount of \$7,800 to refinish all three gym floors. Seconded by Moellers. Motion carried 5-0.

23. Approve Bid for Mowing

Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve bid from Keppler Landscaping in the amount of \$26,000. Seconded by Recker. Motion carried 5-0.

24. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Busch shared that Bond has changed the water heater anode rod and has seemed to address water issues in elementary kitchen. Beginning in 2027, a new federal education tax credit will allow individuals to designate up to \$1,700 per year for donations to scholarship-granting organizations that can support education-related expenses. Farm Bureau legislative forums are scheduled for February 28th and March 21st in Arlington at 9 am and March 6th in Manchester at 10 am. Radon testing has started this week to meet the Iowa Chapter 280.32 School Radon Safety deadline of July 1, 2027. He is also drafting a NEEDS Assessment to gather data from stakeholders.

25. Adjourn

Motion by Recker to adjourn. Seconded by Moellers. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Doug Puffett
Board President

Katie Taylor
Business Manager/Board Secretary