

STARMONT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Regular Monthly Board Meeting  
Monday, June 8, 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, June 8<sup>th</sup>, in the High School Conference Room. President Puffett called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Members present: Nathan Meyers, Jacob Moellers, Doug Puffett, Julie Uhlenkamp, Tony Recker. Absent: none. Administration present: Superintendent, Robert Busch; Secondary Principal, Jennifer Lange; Co-Athletic Director, Mike Augustine; Business Manager/Board Secretary, Katie Taylor.

**2. Approve Agenda**

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

**3. Public Forum**

**4. Staff and Board Communications**

- a. Commendations
  - i. Girl Scout Troop 1420 – generous donation
  - ii. Leah Franzen – National Math Star (scored top 2 % of all third-grade students in mathematics on Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress in Spring 2026)
  - iii. Student Council – bELleve campaign getting national recognition on NBC Nightly News
  - iv. SilverEdge Cooperative – covering fertilizer costs for FFA Test Plot

**5. Consent Agenda**

- a. Approve Agenda
- b. Approve Minutes – May 11, 2026
- c. Approve Monthly Financial Reports
- d. Approve Monthly Bills – Puffett audited bills
- e. Approve Personnel Recommendations & Resignations
  - i. Hires
    - 1. Hunter Fletcher – Assistant Football Coach
    - 2. Jersey Cherry – Special Ed Strat I
    - 3. Amber Burlage – Special Ed Strat II (pending passed background check)
    - 4. Suzy Hamlett - Mentor
  - ii. Transfers
  - iii. Resignations
    - 1. Mary Bergan - Nutrition
- f. Approve Volunteer Coaches
- g. Approve Open Enrollments
  - i. Tyler Murdock (12<sup>th</sup>) to Central Elkader
  - ii. Ridley Robinson (1<sup>st</sup>) to West Delaware
  - iii. Josie Bergan (9<sup>th</sup>) to Central Elkader

- iv. Abigail Bergan (5<sup>th</sup>) to Central Elkader
- v. Joseph Bergan (2<sup>nd</sup>) Central Elkader
- vi. Chloe Savago (1<sup>st</sup>) to West Delaware
- vii. Sloane Recker (K) from West Delaware
- h. Approve Fundraisers
- i. Approve Special Education Contracts
- j. Approve Annual Agreements
  - i. Kahn Academy (\$500.00)
  - ii. Companion Corp – Alexandria Software (Library) (\$1,648.00)
  - iii. Iowa School Finance information Services – ISFIS Subscription Renewal (\$1,075.55)
  - iv. Rural School Advocates of Iowa – RSAI Membership Dues (\$750.00)
  - v. RTI Scheduler (\$2,568.00)

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

**6. Elementary Principal's Report**

Principal Hesse was absent, but presented the board with updated Preschool Handbook and K-5 Handbook.

**7. Secondary Principal's Report**

Principal Lange shared updated secondary handbook. Changes to handbook include attendance guidelines, timeline to make up work following extended illness, vandalism to school property, incorrect use of technology, and academic ineligibility.

**8. Activity Director's Report**

Co-Activity Director Augustine shared that girls golf qualified for districts with a 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish at sectionals and boys golf qualified for districts with a 1<sup>st</sup> place finish at sectionals. Lauren Krogmann placed 7<sup>th</sup> at state track in the 3000m and 6<sup>th</sup> in the 1500m. Josi Munger, Carley Rosburg, Abigail Brown, and Lauren Krogmann placed 17<sup>th</sup> in the 4x800. Distance medley runners Extin Dettbarn, Jackson Pope, Jack Thole, and Taiden Hanson were in 8<sup>th</sup> place, but were disqualified for leaving the exchange zone. Sprint medley runners Extin Dettbarn, Jackson Pope, Jack Thole, and Taiden Hanson placed 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**9. First Reading of Annual Board Policies**

First reading of annual board policies for the following 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.

**10. Approve Secondary Kendall Hunt Quote**

Motion by Recker to approve Kendall Hunt quote for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade math workbooks in the amount of \$2,361.30. Seconded by Uhlenkamp. Motion carried 5-0.

**11. Approve FY27 Service Agreement with Keystone AEA**

Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve 2026-27 service agreement with Keystone AEA in the amount of \$57,633.00. Seconded by Moellers. Motion carried 5-0.

**12. Approve FY27 Special Education Facilitator Agreement with Keystone AEA**

Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve 2026-27 special education facilitator agreement with Keystone AEA for 76 days of service in the amount of \$58,596.00 plus mileage. Seconded by Recker. Motion carried 5-0.

**13. Approve FY27 Technology Services Agreement with Keystone AEA**

Motion by Recker to approve 2026-27 technology services agreement with Keystone AEA for .6 FTE in the amount of \$46,758.41. Seconded by Meyers. Motion carried 5-0.

**14. Approve Special Education Service Delivery Plan**

Motion by Moellers to approve the special education service delivery plan as presented. Seconded by Uhlenkamp. Motion carried 5-0.

**15. Approve Recommendation Regarding Class Section Consolidation for the Upcoming School Year**

Motion by Recker to approve recommendation to have one section of kindergarten and two sections of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade for the 2026-27 school year with additional supports for kindergarten classroom. Seconded by Moellers. Motion carried 4-1 (Uhlenkamp).

**16. Approve Logra Learning Spanish Quote**

Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve agreement for fall semester with Logra Learning at \$285/student for online Spanish. Seconded by Meyers. Motion carried 5-0.

**17. Consider Use of School Vehicle(s)**

Motion by Recker to approve Backbone Bluegrass Festival's use of school vehicles. No second. Motion failed.

**18. Approve FCCLA Trip to Washington DC for Nationals**

Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve qualifying FCCLA members to travel to Washington DC for National Leadership Conference in July. Seconded by Meyers. Motion carried 5-0.

**19. Consider Proposal for Additional Stipend**

Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve additional stipend as presented. Seconded by Recker. Motion carried 5-0.

**20. Consider 2027 Legislative Priorities**

Board viewed 2027 Legislative Priorities.

**21. Approve Contracts for Directors, School Business Official, and Superintendent**

Motion by Recker to approve 2% superintendent salary increase and 3% salary increase for directors and School Business Official. Seconded by Uhlenkamp. Motion carried 5-0.

**22. Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Busch has gotten requests for items in daycare rooms. The DNR met with Busch, Bond, and our Snyder and Associates rep last week. Bond is working with Hauser's to take corrective action in regards to free chlorine and total chlorine levels. He continues to meet regularly for Bridges Consortium. With approved legislation allowing 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to participate in high school activities, we are awaiting guidance from the Department of Education.

23. **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)

Motion by Uhlenkamp to go into closed session at 7:38 pm. Seconded by Recker. Roll call vote: Aye – Recker, Moellers, Uhlenkamp, Meyers, Puffett. Nay – none. Motion carried 5-0.

Puffett declared the board out of closed session at 8:13 pm.

**24. Adjourn**

Motion by Recker to adjourn. Seconded by Meyers. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM.

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Doug Puffett  
Board President

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Katie Taylor  
Business Manager/Board Secretary