

STARMONT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Monday, July 13, 2026
Starmont Media Center
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 13th, in the Media Center. President Puffett called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Members present: Julie Uhlenkamp, Nathan Meyers, Doug Puffett, Jacob Moellers, Tony Recker. Absent: none. Administration present: Superintendent, Robert Busch; 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 Recker. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Public Forum

4. Staff and Board Communications

5. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Minutes – June 8, 2026
- b. Approve Monthly Financial Reports
- c. Approve Monthly Bills – Uhlenkamp audited bills
- d. Approve Personnel Recommendations & Resignations
 - i. Hires
 1. Kris Stocks – Mentor
 2. Brittany Meyers – Mentor
 3. Rick McGraw – Bus Driver
 4. Savana Mesplay – Paraprofessional (0.6 FTE)
 5. Dolly Rosenbum - Cook
 - ii. Resignations
- e. Approve Volunteer Coaches
 - i. Roger Gifford – Cross Country
 - ii. Randi Burns – Cross Country
 - iii. Mitch Rosburg – Cross Country
 - iv. Ron Thole - Football
- f. Approve Open Enrollments
- g. Approve Fundraisers
- h. Approve Special Education Contracts
- i. Approve Annual Agreements
 - i. Training Agreement

Motion by Recker to approve consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Uhlenkamp. Motion carried 4-0 (Meyers abstained).

6. Principal's Report

Principal Lange shared that online registration will open August 3rd with in-person registration being held on August 4th from 2-6 pm. The administrative team has been working on the 8th grade participation policy – the philosophy going forward is that we aren't moving 8th graders up unless they are varsity ready and will help the trajectory of the season – they will not move up to sit on the bench. An addition will be added to annual physical forms asking if the student can participate at the high school level.

7. Activity Director's Report

Co-Activity Director Augustine shared that we hosted first two rounds of baseball postseason and second round of softball postseason games. Thanks to Independence CSD for letting us use their field round one as ours was under water. Congratulations to our softball team for making it to regional semifinals and our baseball team for making it to regional finals and their District Runner-up finish. Congratulation to our All-Conference softball and baseball players: Cortlyn Grawe (honorable mention), Guilia Kruger (first team outfielder), Josi Munger (first team utility), Maggie Thole (second team infield), Wyatt Opitz (second team pitcher), Cayden Baumgartner (second team infield), Hudson Popham (second team utility), Teagan Raber (honorable mention), Elliott Francois (first team pitcher), and Jack Thole (first team outfield).

8. Appoint Board Secretary/Treasurer

Motion by Uhlenkamp to appoint Katie Taylor as board secretary/treasurer. Seconded by Meyers. Motion carried 5-0. Taylor took the oath of office.

9. First Reading of Board Policies

First reading of Iowa Association of School Boards May Updates: 203, 206.03, 206.04, 701.02, 701.03, 701.05, 704.02, 704.03, 705.01, 705.01-R(1), 705.01-R(2), 705.04, 705.05, 706.04, 707.01, 708, 712. As well as June Updates: 201, 210.05, 401.01, 409.02, 501.15, 502.03, 503.01, 503.11, 503.11 R1, 503.11 R2, 504.06, 507.02, 507.02 E1, 507.02 E3, 603.01, 603.03, 603.04, 603.06, 603.10, 604.01, 604.03, 604.03 R1, 604.05, 605.04, 605.04 E1, 607.01, 713, 804.05, 804.05 E1, 901.

10. Second Reading of Annual Board Policies

Motion by Meyers to approve second reading of the following 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. Seconded by Meyers. Motion carried 5-0.

11. Approve HF2591 8th Grade Administrative Procedure

Motion by Meyers to approve HF2591 8th Grade Administrative Procedure as presented. Seconded by Moellers. Motion carried 5-0.

12. Approve Quote from EMC Insurance

Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve annual insurance quote in the amount of \$339,141.82. Seconded by Recker. Motion carried 5-0.

13. Approve 2026-2027 Fee Schedule

Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve 2026-27 fee schedule. Seconded by Recker. Motion carried 5-0.

14. Approve Sub Pay

Motion by Uhlenkamp to increase sub pay to \$160/day. Seconded by Meyers. Motion carried 5-0.

15. Approve Handbooks

Motion by Meyers to approve Preschool, K-5 Parent/Student, and 6-12 Student Handbooks as presented. Seconded by Moellers. Motion carried 5-0.

16. Approve Safety Plan

Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve safety plan as presented. Seconded by Recker. Motion carried 5-0.

17. Approve Termination of Participation in the Crossroads Consortium Agreement

Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve the termination of the District's participation as a member in the Crossroads Consortium Agreement and directs the Superintendent to take all necessary steps to conclude the District's obligations under the agreement, subject to the terms and conditions of the Consortium Agreement and applicable Iowa law. Seconded by Recker. Motion carried 5-0.

18. Approve the 28e Agreement for Bridge Learning Center

Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve 28e Agreement for Bridge Learning Center as presented. Seconded by Meyers. Motion carried 5-0.

19. Approve Operational Sharing Agreement for Curriculum Director

Motion by Uhlenkamp to approve the operational sharing agreement with Sumner-Fredericksburg CSD for curriculum director at a 62.5/37.5 split. Seconded by Recker. Motion carried 5-0.

20. Approve Annual FFA Trip to National Convention

Motion by Recker to approve National FFA Convention trip to Indianapolis, IN. Seconded by Meyers. Motion carried 5-0.

21. Approve Bid to Tile Baseball Field

Motion by Meyers to approve tiling bid from Recker Excavating in the amount of \$5,900. Seconded by Moellers. Motion carried 5-0.

22. Approve Bid to Replace Walk-In Freezer Refrigeration Equipment

Motion by Moellers to approve bid from Wilson Restaurant Supply for \$13,585 to replace evaporator, condensing unit, and lineset. Seconded by Meyers. Motion carried 5-0.

23. Consider 2027 Legislative Priorities

Motion by Recker to approve the district's top four priorities as follows: Teacher Recruitment & Licensure, Supplemental State Aid, Tax Base, and Unfunded Mandates. Seconded by Meyers. Motion carried 5-0.

24. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Busch stated that Duane has transportation inspections this week. He would like to improve district communication with the community and work hand in hand in community development. Will plan to schedule a building walkthrough in the near future.

25. Adjourn

Motion by Moellers to adjourn. Seconded by Meyers. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 PM.

Doug Puffett
Board President

Katie Taylor
Business Manager/Board Secretary