

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

2. Approve Agenda

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

3. Public Forum

4. Staff and Board Communications

Josh Barker presented on All Respondents Connected (ARC).

5. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Minutes – August 10, 2026
- b. Approve Monthly Financial Reports
- c. Approve Monthly Bills – Recker audited bills
- d. Approve Personnel Recommendations & Resignations
 - i. Hires
 1. April Schaffer – Paraprofessional
 2. Diane Meyer – Teacher Librarian
 - ii. Resignations
 1. Kim Torson as Paraprofessional. Thank you for your service Kim!
- e. Approve Volunteer Coaches
 - i. Karina Bartels – JH & HS Basketball
 - ii. Nick McTaggart – HS Girls Basketball
- f. Approve Open Enrollments
 - i. Gwen Wynthein (K) to NFV
- g. Approve Fundraisers
- h. Approve Special Education Contracts
- i. Approve Annual Contracts/Agreements

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

6. Principal's Report

Principal Lange shared that we are still in need of middle school boys basketball and girls wrestling coaches. FAST testing starts next week school-wide and plans are in the works for Real Life Academy for seniors in October.

7. Activity Director's Report

Co-Activity Director Augustine shared that fall sports are off to a good start. We are hosting a cross country invitational Tuesday, September 15th as well as a home volleyball game. Homecoming week will be October 5-9th.

8. Second Reading of Board Policies

Motion by Moellers to approve second reading of 704.03 and 501.15. Seconded by Recker. Motion carried 4-0.

9. Approve Adjustments to EMC Insurance Renewal

Motion by Recker to approve adding General Liability Elite Extension for \$300 (coverage removes additional insureds saving \$800, with a net savings of \$500); adding Elite Auto Extension & Blanket Additional Insured for \$650; increasing auto replacement cost limits to keep \$1K deductible on older buses for \$87; increasing work comp limits \$135; and increasing linebacker deductible from \$1K to \$5K saving \$1,728. Seconded by Meyers. Motion carried 4-0.

10. Approve Revised Wellmark Grant

Motion by Meyers to approve revised Wellmark Grant as presented. Seconded by Recker. Motion carried 4-0.

11. Approve Request for Snow Removal Bids

Motion by Recker to approve request for snow removal bids. Seconded by Meyers. Motion carried 4-0.

12. Approve Out-of-District Bus Routes

Motion by Recker to approve out-of-district bus route as presented. Seconded by Meyers. Motion carried 4-0.

13. Approve Request for Early Graduation

Motion by Meyers to approve request for early graduation as presented upon successful completion of graduation requirements. Seconded by Recker. Motion carried 4-0.

14. Approve Keystone Lease Agreement for Bridges

Motion by Moellers to approve Keystone AEA lease agreement for the Bridge Consortium as presented. Seconded by Recker. Motion carried 4-0.

15. Approve E3 Reunification Module

Motion by Moellers to approve E3 Reunification Module in the amount of \$500. Seconded by Recker. Motion carried 4-0.

16. Approve Drivers Education Agreement with Northeast Iowa Community College

Motion by Recker to approve Drivers Education Agreement with Northeast Iowa Community College as presented. Seconded by Moellers. Motion carried 4-0.

17. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Busch provided the board with updates on the Bridge Consortium and the challenges getting the building up to code. They currently have nine students and will enroll more once they move into a bigger space. We are exploring a different format for Grandparents' Day this year which allows grandparents to visit their grandchild's classroom starting at 1:30 pm with cookies and ice cream to follow in the lunchroom. They may choose to sign their grandchild out or return them to their classroom teacher before they leave.

18. Adjourn

Motion by Recker to adjourn. Seconded by Meyers. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM.

Doug Puffett
Board President

Katie Taylor
Business Manager/Board Secretary