

STARMONT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
Monday, October 12, 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, October 12th, in the High School Conference Room. Vice President Uhlenkamp called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Members present: Nathan Meyers, Jacob Moellers, Tony Recker, Julie Uhlenkamp. Absent: Doug Puffett. Administration present: Superintendent, Robert Busch; PK-12 Principal, Jennifer Lange; Co-Athletic Director, Mike Augustine; Business Manager/Board Secretary, Katie Taylor.

2. Approve Agenda

Motion by Recker to approve agenda striking item #8 and item #16. Seconded by Moellers. Motion carried 4-0.

3. Public Forum

4. Staff and Board Communications

5. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve Minutes – September 14, 2026 and September 23, 2026
- b. Approve Monthly Financial Reports
- c. Approve Monthly Bills – Moellers audited bills
- d. Approve Personnel Recommendations & Resignations
 - i. Hires
 - 1. Katie Taylor – Social Media
 - 2. McKenna Schaufenbuel – Speech Coach
 - ii. Resignations
 - 1. Carol Rathe as Paraprofessional. Thank you for your service Carol!
- e. Approve Volunteer Coaches
 - i. Anita Blacker – JH Girls Basketball
- f. Approve Open Enrollments
 - i. Dakota Henkels (9th) out to Virtual Academy
 - ii. Jase Chapman (4th) in from Ed-Co
 - iii. Stella Champan (4th) in from Ed-Co
 - iv. Kaine Davis (PK) in from Ed-Co
- g. Approve Fundraisers
- h. Approve Special Education Contracts
- i. Approve Annual Contracts/Agreements

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

6. Principal's Report

Principal Lange shared that we are still looking for a middle school boys' basketball coach and girls' wrestling coach. She provided the board with growth data through EVAAS from student's ISASP testing. Homecoming week went really well and it was great to see the school spirit. We are coming up on the end of the first semester on October 22nd.

7. Activity Director's Report

Co-Activity Director Augustine shared that our JV football team had the opportunity to experience 8-man football against Ed-Co. It was a good experience for them. Since the last meeting, we had seven students attend a leadership conference, volleyball hosted their Pink Night with a great turnout, Farmer's Savings Bank cooked out for all athletes and coaches, and the baseball field had been tiled. We had our FFA team place 1st at Tri-State Dairy Cattle Evaluation and seven members will be heading to National FFA Convention in Indianapolis next week. Congratulations to our volleyball team winning the Conference West Division. Senior night for football, cross country, and band will be Thursday, October 15th before the game against South Winn.

8. ~~First Reading of Board Policies~~ – item struck

9. Approve Sharing Agreement with West Central for a Teacher with English Language Endorsement

Motion by Moellers to approve sharing agreement with West Central for an English Learner Instructor allowing teacher to spend approximately three hours per week performing services for Starmont. Starmont shall reimburse West Central based on their total salary and benefits costs. Seconded by Recker. Motion carried 4-0.

10. Approve K-12 Lau (English Learners) Plan

Motion by Meyers to approve updated K-12 Lau Plan as presented. Seconded by Moellers. Motion carried 4-0.

11. Approve Updated to Handbooks

Motion by Moellers to approve updates to handbooks as presented. Seconded by Meyers. Motion carried 4-0.

12. Approve SBRC Request for Special Ed Deficit

Motion by Moellers to approve SBRC request for negative special education balance of \$354,083.68 or as adjusted by the Department of Management. Seconded by Recker. Roll call vote: Ayes – Uhlenkamp, Recker, Moellers, Meyers. Nays – none. Motion carried 4-0.

13. Approve Application for Modified Supplemental Amount (MSA) for English Learners Excess Cost

Motion by Moellers to authorized the district's administration to submit a request to the SBRC for a modified supplemental amount of \$3,306.08 due to excess costs of providing the EL program in the prior year. Seconded by Recker. Roll call vote: Ayes – Meyers, Recker, Moellers, Uhlenkamp. Nays – none. Motion carried 4-0.

14. Approve Proposal to Remove Old Chemicals

Motion by Moellers to approve proposal from Metro Waste Authority for \$5,159.75 to dispose of old chemicals. Seconded by Meyers. Motion carried 4-0.

15. Approve Agreement with Modus

Motion by Recker to approve engineering service proposal from Modus at an hourly rate not to exceed \$10,000. No second. Motion died.

16. ~~Approve Bid for Snow Removal~~ – item struck, will be revisited

17. Approve Teach Town Agreement

Motion by Recker to approve Teach Town Agreement in the amount of \$16,181 to provide comprehensive adapted core curriculum for special ed students including: student subscriptions, supplies, and professional development pending West Central's board approval providing shared discount. Seconded by Meyers. Motion carried 4-0.

18. Approve Purchase of Chlorine Tester

Motion by Meyers to approve purchase of Colorimetric Chlorine Analyzer for \$22,246. Seconded by Moellers. Motion carried 4-0.

19. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Busch provided the board with a quote to lift and remove some uneven sections of concrete around the district. Has been working to complete certified enrollment and finalize Fall BEDS data. IASB Annual Convention is coming up in November for all school board members.

20. Adjourn

Motion by Moellers to adjourn. Seconded by Meyers. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Doug Puffett
Board President

Katie Taylor
Business Manager/Board Secretary