

STARK COUNTY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #100
Stark, Knox, Marshall, Henry & Peoria Counties, Illinois

Regular Meeting – October 19, 2020

The Stark Community Unit School District #100 Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, October 19, 2020 at the Stark County Elementary School. Members present were Emily Holman (virtually), Matthew Nagode, Ann Orwig, Brian Rewerts, Elizabeth Rumbold, David Steward, and Bruce West. Also present were Brett Elliott, Superintendent; Jenna Bibb, Elementary Principal; Jeff Utsinger, JrH/High School Principal; faculty, staff and citizens of the district and a member of the press.

The meeting was called to order by President, Mrs. Orwig, at 6:15 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance and the Mission and Vision statements were recited.

Motion was made by Mr. West, seconded by Mrs. Rumbold, to approve the consent calendar. Items approved under the consent calendar were:

- Approval of the September 21, 2020 minutes
- Approval of the September Activity Funds, Self-Insurance, Imprest Fund and Treasurer's reports;
- Approval of the September LEA checks as follows: City of Wyoming \$260.52, Stark County CUSD 100 \$115,067.79, Guardian \$352.14, Guardian \$2,845.34, Guardian \$524.62, Guardian \$517.87, Illinois Valley Cellular \$399.00, Stark County CUSD 100 \$150,827.47, Jennifer Nutzhorn \$160.00, VISA \$512.79, VISA \$148.75, VISA \$723.38, U.S. Postal Service \$500.00, School Specialty \$479.91, Imprest Fund \$6,557.21.

Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mr. Steward, seconded by Mr. Nagode, to approve the October bills of \$208,740.77. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

There were no visitor comments.

"Pride and Excellence" Recognition was given to: volunteer coaches Jessica Wood, Jr. High softball and Rob Finney, High School golf; Gary Frail, cross country volunteer; 8th grader, Jimmy Langdon for finishing in the top 10 2020 IESA Golf Sectionals; Josh Kraklow for being voted "Student of the Quarter" by the high school staff; and Quality Cable for their donation to the school to be used for supplies and stack needed due to COVID 19.

Administrative Reports:

Mrs. Bibb reported some e-learners have returned to in-person learning after the first quarter. Positive growth is being made toward the School Improvement Goals 1 and 2. Pre-K had a virtual activity day on September 23rd and was well received by those participating. Virtual Parent-Teacher conferences are taking place this week and next week is Red Ribbon Week with activities scheduled throughout the week. The Parent Club's project this year is "Outdoor Learning Spaces".

Mr. Utsinger reported about 10.5% of the Jr.High/High school students are e-learners. Next week is HOPE week with daily activities along with a drive-through carnival on Thursday, October 29th. Mrs. McGrath hosted a virtual FAFSA night along with arranging virtual college visits for students. He noted that through COVID procedures in place, contract tracing is going well.

Mr. Elliott recognized Mrs. Bibb, Mr. Utsinger, and Mrs. Snyder as this week is National Principal's Appreciation Week. Stark Council for Continuous Improvement (SCCI), a group of local community members, will meet November 3rd at the Wyoming Paramount to discuss ways to promote/improve the County. Focus on instructional leadership by the administrative team has included increased classroom visits for formal and informal feedback. He has been meeting with staff members individually to build relationships as part of his Superintendent goals. We started the school year with about 17% of students opting for e-learning and after the 1st quarter we are currently at 10% opting for e-learning. Efforts in contract tracing continue to grow. As a result of the feedback from the Task Force, it was recommended there be no e-learning on Friday afternoons in order to allow teachers additional time for planning and grading. He thanked the nurses for all their assistance with COVID and contract tracing. He provided an update on the budget expenditures through September.

Committee Reports:

Building - Mr. West reported the committee has met and interviewed three firms, (Core, Russell and MidWest) regarding the Construction Manager for the renovation project. The committee narrowed the selection to Core and Russell.

After discussion regarding the selection of a construction manager, motion was made by Mr. Steward, seconded by Mr. Rewerts, to hire Core as the construction manager for the Toulon Campus Renovation Project. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Mr. Elliott presented the one snow removal bid received. Motion was made by Mrs. Orwig, seconded by Mr. Rewerts, to award the snow removal bid to Nelson, Steward and Henderson at a rate of \$90.00 per hour per truck with a two (2) hour minimum. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote, with Mr. Steward abstaining.

Discussion was held regarding dates for graduation and 8th grade promotion and the last day of attendance for seniors. Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. West, to set Sunday, May 16th at 3:00 p.m. as High School Graduation; Wednesday, May 19th at 7:00 p.m as 8th Grade Promotion; and Seniors' last day of school as Thursday, May 13, 2021. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mr. West, seconded by Mr. Steward, to approve the MOU between the Board of Education and Stark County Teachers' Association for FY21 teacher evaluations. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Mr. Elliott reported he has begun working on the tax levy.

Mr. Elliott asked the Board if they would prefer to hold a Truth-in-Taxation hearing as

has been the past practice in recent years. They agreed they would like to hold a truth-in-taxation hearing even if the increase is under a 5% increase from the prior year.

Mr. Elliott reported the School Report Card for FY20 will be missing data as the state testing was not completed. Due to the interruption of school by COVID19, all schools in Illinois will receive the same rating as last year.

Mr. Elliott provided a copy of the one page Student/Parent Quarantine Guidelines to streamline communication and procedures when handling any quarantine situations due to COVID19.

The Intergovernmental agreement for Wyoming TIF District 2 will pay the school district 15% of income. Motion was made Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. Steward, to approve the Intergovernmental agreement with Wyoming TIF 2 District. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

The first reading of the Intergovernmental Agreement with Bradford for Jr. High Athletics was presented.

Mr. Elliott provided an overview regarding “closed office hours” on Fridays for e-learning for the remainder of the school year. This will provide additional planning and grading time for teachers and was a recommendation of the Task Force.

Discussion was held regarding broadcasting winter athletics due to the possibility of no fans allowed and the logistics involved to do so.

Mr. Rewerts stated he had a community member approach him regarding the possibility of replacing/repairing the fence at the football field. Further discussion will take place at a future meeting.

Items for the next meeting: Approval of IGA with Bradford for High School Attendance, Approval of IGA with Bradford for Jr. High Sports Participation, Update of the Levy Process, Review Closed Session Minutes from past 6 Months, Possible School Report Card Update, Discussion of replacing fence at the football field.

Motion was made by Mr. West, seconded by Mr. Nagode, to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing employee compensation, performance and hiring at 7:04 p.m. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. West, to reconvene from Executive Session at 7:27 p.m. and to hold the Executive Session Minutes, Not for Release. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. Steward, to approve the Executive Session Minutes of September 21, 2020, Not for Release. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Mrs. Rumbold announced the resignation of Mary Rusk, effective September 22, 2020.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. Nagode, to employ Darcy McCommons as Jr. Class sponsor for FY21. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. Nagode, to employ Gayle Grundstrom as Jr. Class sponsor for FY21. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. Steward, to employ Sarah Stieghorst as Sophomore Class sponsor for FY21. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. West, to adjourn at 7:28 p.m. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Ann Orwig
President

Elizabeth Rumbold
Secretary

Approved: November 16, 2020