

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

**Regular Meeting – December 21, 2020**

The Stark Community Unit School District #100 Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, December 21, 2020 at the Stark County Elementary School. Members present were Emily Holman, Matthew Nagode, Ann Orwig, Brian Rewerts, Elizabeth Rumbold, David Steward, and Bruce West. Also present were Brett Elliott, Superintendent; Scott Burge and Jenny Joo, Farnsworth; John Versetti, Bernardi Securities; Caleb Wyss, Core.

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.

The Tax Levy hearing was held. There were no public comments or questions.

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

- Approval of the November 16, 2020 minutes
- Approval of the November Activity Funds, Self-Insurance, Imprest Fund and Treasurer's reports;
- Approval of the November LEA checks as follows: City of Wyoming \$484.71, Stark County CUSD 100 \$133,399.04, Guardian \$356.49, Guardian \$2,845.34, Guardian \$537.70, Guardian \$517.87, State Bank of Toulon \$750000.00, Stark County CUSD 100 \$142,491.67, Jennifer Nutzhorn \$480.00, VISA \$289.71, Illinois Department of Employment Security \$390.00, State Bank of Toulon-Wire \$412,996.35, Imprest Fund \$1,095.05.

Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. Nagode, to approve the December bills of \$153,890.07. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

There were no visitor comments.

Due to COVID limitations, "Pride and Excellence" Recognition was postponed until individuals can be recognized in person.

**Committee Reports:**

**Henry-Stark Special Education** – Mrs. Rumbold reported the board had met the prior Thursday. Agenda items included the FY20 audit report, COVID concerns presented by the association president, reviewed health insurance, ExCEL report.

**Education Foundation** – Mr. Rewerts reported the Foundation had met December 1<sup>st</sup>. Robert Rennick and Robin Nowlan resigned as directors and Ryan Boarman and Sarah Stieghorst were recommended as their replacements. Letters are being mailed to former scholarship sponsors. Five teacher grants were awarded. Discussed a virtual concert fundraiser mid-winter.

**Administrative Reports:**

Mr. Elliott presented the principal reports:

Elementary – Mrs. Bibb will begin reporting on the progress of reaching the goal of 80% of SCES students reaching fluency standards by grade, as measured by Eureka Math Assessments and 80% of students meeting their end of year goals in phonics, vocabulary and word etymology as measured by Orton-Gillingham pretests and posttests. The January 4<sup>th</sup> institute will include professional development on “Writing for Audience and Purpose” and introduction to the new Off-Track Data Collection process. Teachers have completed the winter benchmarking. The quarterly data review was held to review Tier 2 progress monitoring data. Mrs. Macke created and shared a Virtual Christmas Sing-a-Long in place of the traditional program. The Elementary, in addition to the Jr. High and High School, will again partner with Western Illinois University to support the Great River Teach Corps, a program to support rural education.

Jr.High/High School – Students have been participating in the Friday Fun-Days and Holiday Dress-up. December Students of the Month: Brett Browning, Juliana painter, Amy Moorehead, Rachel Bishop, Jason Knowles, Owen Mercer and Caleb Gentle: Student of the Quarter: Caley Martin; Educators of the Quarter: Mr. Monahan and Mr. Anderson.

Mr. Elliott commended the teachers and staff for successfully completing the first semester with in-person learning. The Return to School Task Force met and decided to return to school as scheduled after Christmas break. He has been working extensively with the architect, bonding agent and various third party financial agents to create additional funding options to best support the renovation project. The language in the Power of Purchase Agreement (PPA) and Lease Agreement with Future Green for the Solar Panel Project has been finalized. He has met with over 95 employees for one-on-one conversations to better connect and create a personal relationship. We are partnering with leadership from Midwest Technical Institute for possible donations of materials/resources to the school district to support the woodworking and industrial art classes. Snow Day/Emergency Day learning procedures have been posted on the webpage for future reference. Teacher contract negotiations will begin next month and he will also be meeting with the teacher union regarding the FY22 calendar. He also provided a budget update on expenditures through November.

Motion was made by Mr. West, seconded by Mr. Steward, to adopt the 2020 tax levy as presented and to direct the Superintendent to submit the Certificate of Levy to the County Clerks. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Word was received that ISBE approved 3.5 million of the 10 million Life Safety bonds. This creates a money shortage for the proposed Toulon campus renovation project. As a result, Scott Burge presented “Option 4” for the renovation of the Toulon campus. Proposed timeline: Design - now until June 2021, bidding process - June 2021, begin construction - August 2021, demolition of current high school building May 2022, ready to move in – August 2022. CORE presented tentative costs for the proposed Option 4 based on similar projects they have recently worked on.. John Versetti, Bernardi Securities, reviewed possible funding options to pay for the renovation project.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Ms. Holman, to approve the Power to Purchase (PPA) contract with Future Green for the Solar Power project. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mr. Steward, seconded by Mr. West, to approve the solar panel lease agreement with Future Green. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mr. Steward, seconded by Ms. Holman, to adopt the Sexual Abuse and Molestation guidelines as presented. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. West, to approve \$33,500 as the maximum allowable travel reimbursement amount for FY21. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

The first reading of PRESS board policies, changes, amendments and edits in PRESS Issue 106 was presented.

Discussion was held regarding holding a Mid-Year Board Retreat. Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. Rewerts, to hold a school board retreat on January 25<sup>th</sup> 2021, prior to the regular board meeting. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Items for the next meeting: approval of renovation financing, possible approval of renovation option, possible approval of auditor contract, discussion of 6-12 principal hiring process, potential discussion of superintendent evaluation and contract extension, discussion of school calendar for FY22, discussion of teacher contract negotiations board expectations.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. West, to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing employee compensation, performance, resignations, and hiring at 7:32 p.m. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. Nagode, to reconvene from Executive Session at 7:54 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 Mrs. Orwig, to approve the Executive Session Minutes of November 16, 2020, Not for Release. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Mrs. Rumbold announced the resignation of Jeff Utsinger, Jr High/High School Principal, effective June 30, 2021.

Mrs. Rumbold announced the resignation of Marilyn Ely, nurse, effective immediately.

Mrs. Rumbold announced the resignation of Robert Rennick as Education Foundation Director, effective immediately.

Mrs. Rumbold announced the resignation of Robin Nowlan as Education Foundation Director, effective immediately.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. Rewerts, to approve the appointment of Sarah Steighorst as Education Foundation Director, effective immediately. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Ms. Holman, to approve the appointment of Ryan Boarman as Education Foundation Director, effective immediately. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. West, to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Ann Orwig  
President

Elizabeth Rumbold  
Secretary

Approved: January 28, 2021