

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

Regular Meeting – September 21, 2020

The Stark Community Unit School District #100 Board of Education met in regular session on Monday September 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; Jenna Bibb, Elementary Principal; Jeff Utsinger, JrH/High School Principal; Anne Snyder, Dean of Students; 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.

Mrs. Orwig asked for a moment of silence for the two parents of students that were lost over the weekend.

The FY21 Budget Hearing was held. Mr. Elliott presented highlights on the budget. There were no public comments or questions.

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

- Approval of the August 17, 2020 minutes
- Approval of the July/August Activity Funds, the August Imprest Fund and Treasurer's reports;
- Approval of the August LEA checks as follows: City of Wyoming \$160.79, Stark County CUSD 100 \$300.00, Stark County CUSD #100 \$113,300.32, BC/BS of Illinois \$46,259.89, Guardian \$356.49, Guardian \$2,787.83, Guardian \$436.32, Guardian \$564.22, James Unland & Company, Inc. \$528.00, State Bank of Toulon \$400,500.00, Stark County CUSD 100 \$112,144.92, VISA \$365.86, VISA \$199.00, VISA \$750.58, Imprest Fund \$4,846.64.

Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mr. West, seconded by Mr. Nagode, to approve the September bills of \$165,132.42. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

There were no visitor comments.

"Pride and Excellence" Recognition was given Tim Colgan for his volunteer work mowing the Stark County Elementary grounds; Judy Taylor in recognition of serving on the Stark County Education Foundation since its inception, (she is moving from the area); Doug Parrott and the State Bank of Toulon for their donation of \$5,000 to support the snack program during the Covid pandemic; and the following volunteer coaches: Dusty Browning (Jr. High baseball), Tim Giesenhagen (Jr. High baseball) and Jake Lowery (High School Cross Country).

Tim Custis, Gorenz and Associates, presented (virtually) the FY20 annual audit.

Administrative Reports:

Mrs. Bibb reported phonics, vocabulary and word etymology have been added to the School Improvement Goals in addition to math. The School Improvement Day on September 23rd will be utilized to focus on writing. The Parent Club and the Stark County Education Foundation are collaborating again this year on the annual auction to be held February 27, 2021.

Mr. Utsinger reported a virtual Rebel Rally was created last week and several contributed to the effort to make it a success. The newly created Building Leadership Team has been discussing COVID protocols, parent-teacher conferences and grading practices. Due to COVID, the SAT was not given in the spring and the rescheduled testing will be given to all seniors on Wednesday, September 23rd. Students and staff have been actively participating in the Friday “Fun Days”, where they dress according to that day’s theme.

Mr. Elliott reported the donation from State Bank of Toulon would be utilized for the snack program in place. First semester professional development will focus on writing, remote learning strategies and designing digital assessments. He recognized Mr. Utsinger and Mrs. Snyder for their organization of Spirit Days and Rebel Rallies at the Jr. High and High School. OSF has contacted the District regarding the possibility of using the parking lot at the High School for a possible COVID testing site and also a flu shot clinic on a separate day. He recently met with newly created Superintendent’s Student Advisory Council and reported on the overview of the group.

Prior to the committee reports, Mrs. Orwig stated there are four Board seats to be voted on at the April Consolidated Election. Individuals interested in running for the school board may pick up election materials at the Stark County Clerk’s office. Petitions may be circulated at this time and the filing dates for petitions are December 14, 2020 thru December 21, 2020.

Committee Reports:

Mr. West reported the committee had met to review the initial project booklets for the Construction Manager. Six proposals were received. After ranking the proposals based on background experience and how they would approach the project, the committee narrowed the field down to three to be interviewed, Core, Russell and MCP. The committee recommended the entire Board meet to interview the possible construction managers and agreed to meet on October 6, 2020 at 5:30 to interview the candidates.

Mr. Rewerts reported the Education Foundation has met and elected the following officers: President, Jerry Klooster; Vice-President, Rob Finney; Secretary, Jill Klooster; and Treasurer, Jenna Bibb.

Motion was made by Mr. Steward, seconded by Mr. West, to adopt the FY21 budget as presented and direct the Superintendent to file the copies as required by stature. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Only one fuel bid was received. Motion was made by Mr. West, seconded by Mrs.

Rumbold, to accept the bid from Ag View to provide following fuel for the period beginning December 1, 2020 through November 30, 2021:

- unleaded gasoline at a firm price of \$2.197 per gallon,
- #2 Diesel at a firm price of \$2.341 per gallon, and
- 3 cents per gallon for Sure Flo-Cold Flow Improver for diesel fuel when temperatures get below 20 degrees.

Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

The second reading of the PRESS Policy updates from August PRESS Issue 105 were presented. Motion was made by Mr. Nagode, seconded by Ms. Holmes, to adopt policies 2.265 and 7:10. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mr. West, seconded by Mrs. Rumbold, to approve entering into a contract agreement with Future Green, Inc. for the solar panel project at a cost of \$1.00 annually for the initial lease term of twenty-five (25) years, with an option to extend for four(4) five (5) year renewal terms, exercisable at the sole discretion of Optionee.

Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mr. Rewerts, seconded by Ms. Holman, to approve dual athletic participation at the Jr. High level and to add said language to the Jr. High Handbook for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mr. Steward, seconded by Mr. Rewerts, to approve the FY20 Audit report, budget transfers and/or adjusting entries as presented. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mr. West, seconded by Ms. Holman, to approve Core Inc., Russell, and MCP Midwest for interviews for the construction manager position for the High School/Jr. High renovation project. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Mr. Elliott reported that OSF and Henry-Stark Health Department would like to host a free community COVID19 testing clinic at the High School Parking lot on Saturday, October 10th from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Motion was made by Mr. Nagode, seconded by Mr. Steward, to approve allowing OSF to hold a free community COVID19 testing clinic on Saturday, October 10, 2020 in the high school parking lot. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Mr. Elliott presented information regarding possible dates for High School graduation and Eighth Grade promotion. Possible dates: graduation at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, May 16, 2021; seniors' last attendance day Friday, May 14th; promotion at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 19, 2021. No action was taken.

Motion was made by Mr. Rewerts, seconded by Mr. West, to authorize the Superintendent to let bids for snow removal for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. Steward, to approve the COVID19 metrics to be utilized by the Board of Education and the Superintendent in determining

moving to remote learning due to the pandemic for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Mr. Elliott presented information regarding an MOU between the Board of Education and the Stark County Teachers' Association regarding teacher evaluations for FY21 due to the uncertainty of the school year and in-person learning due to COVID19. A committee of administration, union representatives, and board representatives met to create an agreement on how to complete and provide ratings for teacher evaluation in reference to going full remote learning during the evaluation window in the form of an MOU.

The first reading of the Intergovernmental Agreement with Bradford CUSD #1 was presented.

Mr. Elliott presented the 6th Day Enrollment Report for the 2020-2021 school year. Our enrollment decreased 5.8% from last year and decreased 15.4% since 2015. Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Ms. Holman, to approve the 6th Day Enrollment Report as presented. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Items for the next meeting: Award Snow Removal Bids, Possible Approval of Graduation and Promotion Dates, Approval of MOU for Teacher Evaluation.

Motion was made by Mr. West, seconded by Mr. Nagode, to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing appointment, employment, performance or dismissal of employees at 7:24 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 8:09 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 Ms. Holman, to approve the Executive Session Minutes of August 17, 2020, Not for Release. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. West, to employ Jessica Joos as a Pre-K bus monitor for the 2020-2021 school year, effective immediately. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. Steward, to employ Thomas Perrine as a crossing guard for the 2020-2021 school year, effective immediately. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Ms. Holman, to employ Brittany Venzon as the Rebel Reporter editor for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Ms. Holman, to approve the maternity leave request of MacKenzie Smith beginning in January 2021. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. West, to employ Trey Swanson as Head High School Softball coach for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Ms. Holman, to employ Sarah Stieghorst as Assistant High School Softball coach for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. Steward, to adjourn at 8:12 p.m. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Ann Orwig
President

Elizabeth Rumbold
Secretary

APPROVED: October 19, 2020