

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

Regular Meeting – November 16, 2020

The Stark Community Unit School District #100 Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, November 16, 2020 at the Stark County Elementary School. Members present were Emily Holman, Matthew Nagode, Ann Orwig, Brian Rewerts, Elizabeth Rumbold, David Steward (virtually), and Bruce West. Also present were Brett Elliott, Superintendent; Jenna Bibb, Elementary Principal; Jeff Utsinger, JrH/High School Principal; Anne Snyder, Dean of Students; Kaleena Conrad and Sarah DeBord, teacher representatives; parents, students 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 Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. West, to approve the consent calendar. Items approved under the consent calendar were:

- Approval of the October 19, 2020 minutes
- Approval of the October Activity Funds, Self-Insurance, Imprest Fund and Treasurer's reports;
- Approval of the October LEA checks as follows: City of Wyoming \$454.51, Stark County CUSD 100 \$151,864.95, Guardian \$360.84, Guardian \$2,845.34, Guardian \$550.78, Guardian \$507.37, Office of the State Fire Marshall \$300.00, State Bank of Toulon \$1,300,000.00, Stark County CUSD 100 \$141,856.89, Jennifer Nutzhorn \$360.00, Sharon Kuntz \$117.00, Midwest Truckers Association \$100.00, VISA \$45.12, VISA \$489.77, Imprest Fund \$3,383.17.

Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. West, to approve the November bills of \$121,216.40. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

There were no visitor comments.

"Pride and Excellence" Recognition was given to: Denny Rewerts for coordinating meet and greets for the new superintendent and helping create and coordinate the first Stark Council for Continuous Improvement meeting; Alyssa Dyken for finishing in the top 10 at the IHSA Seneca Cross Country Sectional and becoming a 2020 State Qualifier; and Jenna Bibb, Jeff Utsinger and Anne Snyder for their work and leadership during the COVID pandemic and reopening of school under the COVID guidelines.

Administrative Reports:

Mrs. Bibb reported on the continued work on meeting the end of year goals utilizing Eureka Math assessments and Orton-Gillingham pre-test and post-tests. Snow day packets have been sent home in the event of an unexpected Remote Learning Day. The third grade students recorded and sent out a video of them singing "The Star Spangled Banner" in recognition of Veteran's Day. Mrs. Macke, teachers and staff are creating a Virtual Sing-A-Long to replace the traditional Christmas music program.

Mr. Utsinger recognized Mrs. Snyder and the Student Council for their HOPE week activities. A video of veterans was created in recognition of Veteran's Day. The Building Leadership Team are creating a plan of action to be sure students are "on track" for graduation. RtI should be in full swing second semester.

Mr. Elliott noted School Board Recognition was the day prior to the meeting and thanked the members for their service. He reported on the first Stark Council for Continuous Improvement (SCCI) meeting held November 4, 2020. He gave an update on the impact of the pandemic and Task Force recommendations moving forward,. He continues to meet with staff member as part of his superintendent goals. Stark County CUSD #100 will be closed the week of November 23-27 for Thanksgiving break and students will return Monday, November 30th. He provided information regarding the upcoming basketball season. A one-page document has been shared with families and staff regarding Snow Day Learning Plans. He provided a budget update on expenditures through October.

Mr. Elliott reported on the 2019-2020 school report card and indicated no testing data is included due to COVID 19 and all three schools received a rating of "Commendable". Motion was made by Mr. West, seconded by Mrs. Rumbold, to accept the 2020 Illinois School Report Card Data. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mr. Rewerts, seconded by Ms. Holman, to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement Bradford CUSD #1 for High School Students to attend Stark County High School for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mr. West, seconded by Mrs. Rumbold, to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Bradford CUSD #1 for Jr. High Athletics participation. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mr. Nagode, seconded by Ms. Holman, to grant the Superintendent permission for a Farnsworth architect to submit a Health-Life-Safety inquiry for replacing the outer football stadium fence. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Mr. Elliott presented preliminary tax levy figures based on an estimated 3% increase in EAV. While the levy is under a 5% increase and does not require a Truth-in-Taxation hearing be held, past practice has been to hold a hearing anyway. Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. Rewerts, to approve the preliminary tax levy as presented and to hold a Truth-in-Taxation hearing December 21, 2020 at 6:15 p.m. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. West, to approve the 2021-2022 (FY22) Risk Management Plan. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Ms. Holman, to approve the resolution to grant authority over all district credit cards to Brett Elliott, Superintendent and Mary Streitmatter, Bookkeeper. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Mr. Elliott reported we are currently working out specifics on the Solar Power of Purchase Agreement (PPA) with Future Green allowing them the power of purchase to move forward with our solar project.

The first reading of the Amended Sexual Abuse and Molestation Guidelines was presented. These guidelines further support our PRESS Policies and will provide further liability protection for the district as recommended by Selective Insurance.

Mr. Elliott presented the contract with Farnsworth, the next step in the renovation project for them to begin the planning stages with Core Construction. Hopefully, some preliminary work will begin next summer (asbestos abatement/preliminary construction). Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. West, to approve the architect contract with Farnsworth for the high school renovation project. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Discussion was held regarding the postponement of the basketball season. Mr. Elliott presented information on the Illinois Department of Public Health guidelines and the LTC Superintendents recommend the postponement of the 2020-2021 basketball seasons until approved by the State of Illinois, IDPH and IHSA for the safety of our students and coaches while protecting the liability of the school district. Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. Nagode, to postpone the basketball season per IDPH guidelines and give Mr. Elliott autonomy to work with the Lincoln Trail Conference Superintendents and the Stark County basketball coaches and athletic director to work out the details on practices, frequency, and other details. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Items for the next meeting: Truth-in-Taxation hearing, approval of final tax levy, next steps in the selling of bonds, PRESS updates, possible adaptive pause after winter break, discussion and process of Superintendent evaluation.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. West, to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing employee compensation, performance, resignations, hiring and review of previous Executive Session minutes at 7:02 p.m. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. Rewerts, to reconvene from Executive Session at 7:10 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. Nagode, to approve the Executive Session Minutes of October 20, 2020, Not for Release. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mrs. Orwig, to continue to hold the following minutes, Not for Release: October 21, 2019, November 18, 2019, December 16, 2020, January 27, 2020, February 19, 2020, February 24, 2020, March 15, 2020, March 16, 2020 (6:59 p.m. session), March 16, 2020 (7:36 p.m. session), March 19, 2020, March 22, 2020, March 24, 2020, April 20, 2020, May 18, 2020, June 16, 2020,

July 20, 2020, August 17, 2020, September 21, 2020. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Ms. Holman, to hire Emilie Hahn as High School English teacher for FY21, beginning January 4, 2021. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. West to employ Logan Davison as a Toulon crossing guard, effective immediately. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Mrs. Rumbold announced the resignation of Kim Davis as cook's helper, effective November 20, 2020.

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

Ann Orwig
President

Elizabeth Rumbold
Secretary

APPROVED: December 21, 2020