

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

Regular Meeting – November 20, 2017

The Stark County Community Unit School District #100 Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, November 20, 2017 at the Stark County Elementary School. Members present were Robert Groter, Ann Orwig, Brian Rewerts, Beth Rumbold, David Steward, and Bruce West. Also present were Jerry Klooster, Superintendent; William Lamb, Jr. High/High School Principal; Jenna Bibb, Elementary Principal; Nick Sutton, board guest; and members of the press. Matthew Nagode was absent at the start of the meeting, but arrived during the meeting.

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by President, Mr. Groter, at 6:00 p.m.

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

- Approval of the October 16, 2017 minutes;
- Approval of the October 17, 2017 minutes;
- Approval of the October 24, 2017 minutes;
- Approval of the November 3, 2017 minutes;
- Approval of the October Jr. High Activity Fund and High School Activity Funds, Imprest Fund and Treasurer's Report;
- Approval of the October LEA checks as follows: City of Wyoming \$575.32, Stark County CUSD 100 \$135,296.50, BC/BS of Illinois \$54,918.66, Guardian \$387.15, Guardian \$2,811.85, Guardian \$453.53, Guardian 419.78, Stark County Sheriff's Office \$375.00, State Disbursement Unit \$274.45, Stark County CUSD 100 \$153,286.87, Cintury Link Business Services \$157.48, VISA \$365.95, VISA \$151.00, VISA \$888.30, German-Bliss Equipment \$45.50, Sharon Kuntz \$100.00, Vicki Moutoux \$495.00, Dean Rosebecke \$130.00, Imprest Fund \$7,471.33.

Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Mr. Nagode arrived at 6:05 p.m.

Motion was made by Mrs. Orwig, seconded by Mr. Steward, to approve the November bills of \$138,750.19. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

There were no visitor comments.

Administrative Reports:

Mrs. Bibb reported grades Pre-K through 5 participated in presentations from Freedom House and fulfilled the annual Erin's Law requirement. Tier III parent meetings are scheduled for November 21st. Looking ahead, the annual Christmas program will be held on Wednesday, December 13th at Stark County High School gym.

Mr. Lamb reported the Jr. High and High School Christmas programs are scheduled for Tuesday, December 12th in the High School gym. The Jr. High Student Council is organizing a canned food drive prior to Thanksgiving and they are taking care of

emptying the paper recycle tubs. The High School Student Council are developing grade level teams to help new students adapt to the school. He commended Mr. Krabill and students on the veteran's program held November 9th. He shared samples of structural and electrical kits from the Project Lead the Way grant. Select students from the Jr. High were able to participate in the Quad Cities Vocational/Technical Career Day on November 8th and Caterpillar's "Women in Engineering" on November 9th. The job shadowing experience for Juniors is currently underway. Junior and Senior parents are invited to participate in a FAFSA night on December 12th. The cafeteria had a food inspection earlier in the day and received a score of 100.

Mr. Klooster reported the School State Report card has been posted on the district website and parents have been notified. He reported on some of the areas where the district exceeded the State averages and where we were below the State averages. He provided a progress report on the Board goals. He provided a report on the annual Health, Life, Safety Inspection Report. He also provided an Expenditure Comparison Report.

Committee Reports:

Education -- Mrs. Orwig reported the committee met on November 9th and discussed textbook/resource adoption, the state report cards, requested dual credit handbook changes, requested changes to our current credit recovery program, Jr. High scheduling conflicts, staff needs and course changes for FY19 based on student enrollment, and SAT prep plans.

Finance – Mr. West reported the committee had met prior to the meeting and reviewed the purposes of the accounts in the activity funds and the proposed tax levy. Mr. Klooster provided the following information regarding the proposed 2017 levy:

“According to the Stark County assessor, we may see a 2 to 2 ½ percent increase in taxable EAV district-wide. Using 3% as an optimistic EAV growth projection, I am recommending a total levy of \$5,508,499. The total, not including bonds and interest, would be \$5,073,954.

Although we may not see a 3% increase in total EAV, we are projected to increase our total levy (including bonds and interest) from last year by about \$153,000, and would maintain a total tax rate of about \$5.12.

The Finance Committee is recommending that even though not required by law, that you hold a Truth-In-Taxation hearing on December 18 prior to your decision on a 2017 levy adoption.”

Policy -- Mr. Steward reported the committee had met last Wednesday to review the proposed policy changes received through PRESS. Mr. Klooster stated most of the changes were the result of new or reauthorized legislation.

Special Education – Mrs. Rumbold and Mr. Klooster reported there were no November meetings.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. Steward to employ Nick Sutton as

district superintendent under a 3-year contract, effective July 1, 2018. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Mrs. Orwig read the following Superintendent Search Status Report for the public and press:

“The Stark County CUSD #100 Board of Education voted tonight to employ Nick Sutton of Galesburg as the District Superintendent effective July 1, 2018.

Mr. Sutton is currently the principal of Lombard Middle School in Galesburg where he has served since 2014. Nick completed his undergraduate degree at Western Illinois University in 2006. He has classroom teaching experience in 7th grade language arts, 8th grade earth science, and 6th grade physical science at Ingersoll Middle School in Canton and Churchill Junior High in Galesburg.

After completing his Master’s degree in Educational Leadership from WIU in 2009, Nick became the principal of Pleasant Valley Middle School in Peoria where he served from 2011-2014. In 2014, he returned to Galesburg in his current position at Lombard.

Mr. Sutton has proven himself to be an innovative educator and dynamic leader. While at Lombard, he has created community partnerships with programs through the YMCA, Knox College, and Bridgeway. Lombard reached “Gold Status” through the PBIS network in the state of Illinois under Nick’s direction. In 2015, he was named West Central Illinois Principal of the Year through the Illinois Principal’s Association. Nick is also the co-creator of WITCON, a statewide professional development symposium.

Mr. Sutton is currently finishing his doctoral work in education at WIU. He will defend his dissertation in the Fall 2018.

The Board of Education is excited to welcome Nick Sutton to Stark #100.”

Mr. Groter invited Mr. Sutton forward for the signing of his contract.

Motion was made by Mr. West, seconded by Mrs. Rumbold, to approve the preliminary levy and to schedule a Truth-in-Taxation hearing and final adoption of the 2017 levy at the December 18 Board meeting. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Orwig, seconded by Mr. Steward, to approve the school report cards as presented. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mr. Steward, seconded by Mr. Nagode, to approve the first reading of the policy changes as presented. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Mr. Lamb reported the LTC is recommending an increase in football officials’ pay in order to remain competitive in the area market. Motion was made by Mr. Steward, seconded by Mr. Rewerts, to increase fall 2018 football official’s pay \$5.00 per game at

the JV level (\$50 to \$55) and \$5.00 per game at the Varsity level (\$70 to \$75), with the same \$5.00 increase for the Fall 2019 season. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mr. West, seconded by Mrs. Rumbold, to approve the 1st reading of the Activity Account Purposes. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

The agenda item “Approval of Textbook/Resource Adoption Materials for FY18” was tabled until the December meeting.

Motion was made by Mrs. Orwig, seconded by Mrs. Rumbold, to approve the following student handbook changes, effective January 1, 2018: a) students will not be able to drop a dual credit course after the 4 ½ week mark without penalty, b) the current limit of four (4) dual credit courses would be eliminated, and c) dual credit courses will not be approved until High School courses are scheduled. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Orwig, seconded by Mr. Nagode, to make the following changes to the Credit Recovery Program: re-confirm our existing credit recovery goals, approve a move from our current online vendor from Odysseyware to APEX, and require that in some cases students only make up non-mastered material rather than an entire semester. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Items for the next meeting: Truth in Taxation hearing, adoption of 2017 levy, approval of policy changes, discussion of building security over Christmas Break, discussion of a possible mid-year Board Retreat, Other.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. Steward, to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing appointment; employment, compensation; performance or dismissal of employees; student discipline and review of previous Executive Session minutes at 6:43 p.m. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Mr. Rewerts left at 6:44 p.m.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. West, to reconvene from Executive Session at 7:16 p.m. and to hold the minutes, Not for Release. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. Steward, to continue to hold the Executive Session minutes of April 24, 2017, May 15, 2017, June 19, 2017, July 17, 2017, August 21, 2017, September 25, 2017, October 2, 2017, October 10, 2017, and October 11, 2017, Not for Release. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. Orwig, to approve the Executive Session Minutes of October 16, 2017, October 17, 2017, October 24, 2017, and November 3, 2017, Not for Release. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. Nagode, to accept the resignation of LaDon Workman as lunchroom supervisor, effective December 31, 2017. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mrs. Orwig, to employ Melissa Smith as lunchroom supervisor, effective January 1, 2018. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. Steward, to accept the resignation of Cherie Leezer as a 5 hour per day cook's helper, effective immediately. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. West, to employ Joy Robertson as a 3 hour per day cook's helper, and increase the hours for cook's helpers Janette Wager from 3 to 4 ½ hours per day and Bonnie Delabar from 5 to 5 ½ hours per day, effective immediately. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mrs. Orwig, to accept the resignation of Elizabeth Gibson as crossing guard, effective immediately. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. Steward, to employ Jim Breese as Assistant High School boys' basketball coach, effective immediately. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. West, to adjourn at 7:18 p.m. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Robert Groter_
President

Elizabeth Rumbold
Secretary