

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

Regular Meeting – September 25, 2017

The Stark County Community Unit School District #100 Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, September 25, 2017 at the Stark County Elementary School. Members present were Robert Groter, Matthew Nagode, 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; and a member of the press. (Stephanie Ramsey, Gorenz and Associates, arrived later in the meeting.)

The meeting was called to order by President, Mr. Groter, at 6:00 p.m.

The 2017-2018 budget hearing was held. Mr. Klooster reported on the changes made to the budget since the preliminary budget presentation at the August meeting and provided the following statement:

"The details of the budget were explained at the August meeting. Since that time, very few adjustments have been made.

As of today, I am projecting that we will end the year with about \$290K more in annual expenses than in annual revenue in our four operating funds. As I explained at the August meeting, the biggest contributors to our planned deficit are 1) Our special education costs will continue to be unusually high with two students attending special schools out of district 2) CPPRT is projected to be down significantly this year, and 3) Bradford HS attendance is estimated to be down 10 or 11 students compared to last year, which means a loss of over \$90,000 in tuition.

In total, we plan to expend about \$9 million in the coming year, and should still end the year with balances of at least \$2.45 million in the education fund; \$1.70 million in the building fund, over \$850,000 in the Transportation fund; and over \$1 million in the working cash fund.

Note: Good news. We have already received over \$90,000 in revenue this year that was vouchered and expected last fiscal year. I have not factored this unanticipated revenue into this year's budget because there always exists that chance that we will not receive everything this year that the state promises. As the year proceeds, I will keep you up to date on expenses versus revenues and how accurate our projections are."

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 August 21, 2017 minutes;
- Approval of the August Jr. High Activity Fund, July/August High School Activity Fund, August Imprest Fund and Treasurer's Report;
- Approval of the August LEA checks as follows: Dean Rosebecke \$520.00, Stark County CUSD 100 \$300.00, Stark County CUSD 100 \$123,760.57, BC/BS of Illinois \$55,137.23, Guardian \$398.68, Guardian \$3,410.15, Guardian \$526.94, Guardian 403.67, Cindy Spears \$90.00, James Unland & Co., Inc. \$106.00, City of Wyoming \$206.95, Dean Rosebecke \$422.50, Die-hard Graphics \$190.00, Stark County CUSD 100 \$100.00, Stark County CUSD 100 \$123,786.29, Wethersfield

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CUSD #230 \$1,216.80, German Bliss Equipment \$10,300.00, papercut Software \$230.00, VISA \$683.13, VISA \$92.41, VISA \$1,173.25, U.S. Postal Service \$1,310.00, University of St. Francis \$825.00, U.S. Postal Service \$500.00, Imprest Fund \$6,612.22.

Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mr. Steward, seconded by Mrs. Orwig, to approve the September bills of \$387,445.48. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

There were no visitor comments.

Administrative Reports:

Mr. Lamb reported the homecoming dance was held in the cafeteria this year and was attended by approximately 160 students. The High School National Honor Society and the Jr. High Student Council organized a fund drive for the American Red Cross disaster relief and raised over \$700. Martin Engineering of Neponset will sponsor the Robotics program again this year. Caterpillar has invited the Jr. High girls to visit their plants to promote Girls in Engineering.

Mrs. Bibb reported the kindergarten enrollment is down due to students enrolled but not attending. RtI, Title I, Homework Hangout and Ladders programs are all up and going. An anti-bullying assembly featuring Matt Welhelm, BMX rider, was held on August 28th.

Mr. Klooster reported the sixth day enrollment was 734 students, down from 770 last year. He explained the drop in enrollment is due to the relocation of the Special Education Pre-K program and the graduating class had eleven more Bradford students than the incoming 9th grade class. He informed the Board he had received a FOIA request from the Retired Teachers Association asking for work e-mail addresses of current teachers and administrators. He informed the Board that in the past the Recognition of Schools application was presented for Board approval, but it no longer requires Board action. He gave an update on the gym floor and bleacher projects reporting that both have been completed except for a few punch list items. He stated a representative from the After-Prom committee asked if they would still be able to use the gym for their activities (consensus of the Board was to continue to allow the activity, but to take extra measures to protect the gym floor.) He provided a listing of professional development activities he had participated in this past year. Since the FY18 budget had not been adopted, he provided a budget expenditure comparison for the past eight years.

Committee Reports:

Special Education – Mrs. Rumbold reported the governing board met on August 24 and reviewed the budget and approved the recommendations from the executive board. Mr. Klooster reported the executive board met on September 21 and approved personnel items.

Finance – Mr. West reported the committee had met prior to the meeting to discuss fuel

bids and updates on the FY18 budget. Two fuel bids were received, one was a fixed price and one was escalating/de-escalating price based on the current price.

Education Foundation - The Foundation met on September 5 and elected officers for the upcoming year, voted to offer six \$100 teacher mini-grants, discussed possible fundraisers, approved new committee membership rolls and agreed to invite the Elementary Parents' Club officers to the December meeting to discuss the possibility of a coordinated fundraising event.

Academics is Priority #1 – Mrs. Orwig reported the committee met on August 30th and discussed the release of applications for the Stark County Alumni Hall of Fame and that Saturday, March 3rd is the tentative date for this years "State of the District" program.

Motion was made by Mr. West, seconded by Mr. Rewerts, to approve the FY18 budget as presented and to instruct the Superintendent to post and forward the copies as required by statute. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mrs. Orwig, to approve the FY18 Board Goals. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mr. Steward, seconded by Mr. Nagode, to award the fuel bid to Purstcher Oil at an escalating/de-escalating price (current rates are \$1.91/gallon for unleaded and \$2.19/gallon for diesel), the contract running December 1, 2017 through November 30, 2018 for unleaded gasoline and beginning February 1, 2018 through November 30, 2018 for diesel fuel. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Orwig, seconded by Mr. Rewerts, to set High School Graduation for Sunday, May 27, 2018 and Eighth Grade Promotion for Friday, May 25, 2018. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Orwig, seconded by Mr. West, to let snow removal bids for the 2017-2018 school year. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mr. Rewerts, seconded by Mr. West, to approve the following directors to the Education Foundation: Shirley Stabler, Mary Groter and Amy Milroy. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Items for the next meeting: report on spring test scores, award snow removal bids.

Motion was made by Mr. Rewerts, seconded by Mr. Steward, to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing employee appointment; employment, compensation; or performance at 6:32 p.m. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. Steward, to reconvene from Executive Session at 7:02 p.m. and to hold the minutes, Not for Release. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Stephanie Ramsey, Gorenz and Associates, presented the FY17 audit report.

Mrs. Orwig provided the following statement regarding the Superintendent Search: *“The Stark County CUSD 100 superintendent application process closed on September 21st. There were 21 applicants for the position. The Executive Search team at the Illinois Association of School Boards is currently reviewing those applications, checking references, and narrowing down the applicant pool. The Stark #100 Board of Education will meet on Monday, October 2nd at 5:00 PM in the Unit Office. Tom Leahy from IASB will meet in executive session with the board for the purpose of presenting information on approximately 6 candidates for the board’s consideration. No action will be taken after the executive session. The Board of Education will continue to provide status reports throughout the superintendent search and hiring process.”*

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. West, to approve the Executive Session Minutes of August 21, 2017, Not for Release. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. Steward, to employ Jake Lowery as 8th grade boys’ basketball coach and Jr. High assistant track coach for 2017-2018. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mrs. Orwig, to employ Karen Scott as a part-time paraprofessional at Stark County Elementary, beginning immediately. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. Steward, to employ Lindsey Flake as a part-time bus aide, beginning immediately. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mrs. Orwig, to accept the resignation of Tyler Paxson as assistant High School boys’ basketball coach, effective immediately. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. West, to approve the FY17 audit report as presented and to approve the budget and/or adjusting journal entries. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. Nagode, to adjourn at 7:22 p.m. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Robert Groter
President

Elizabeth Rumbold
Secretary

APPROVED: October 16, 2017

**STARK COUNTY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #100
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Special Meeting – Monday, October 2, 2017

The Stark County Community Unit School District #100 Board of Education met in special session on Monday, October 2, 2017 at the Stark County Elementary School. Members present were Robert Groter, Matthew Nagode, Ann Orwig, Brian Rewerts, Elizabeth Rumbold, David Steward and Bruce West. Also present were Jerry Klooster, Superintendent, and Tom Leahy, IASB Representative.

The meeting was called to order by President, Mr. Groter, at 5:00 p.m.

There were no visitor comments.

Motion was made by Mr. Rewerts, seconded by Mr. West, to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing appointment, employment, or compensation of employees at 5:01 p.m. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote

Motion was made by Mr. West, 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.

The following Board Superintendent Search Status report was provided:

"The Stark County CUSD #100 Board of Education met tonight in executive session to discuss the upcoming superintendent interviews. Mr. Tom Leahy, Director of IASB Executive Searches, met with the Board to provide information on six candidates. He also provided instruction and advice to the Board regarding interview protocol. The Board of Education will meet again on Tuesday, October 10 and Wednesday, October 11 at 5 PM to conduct the interviews. After the interviews are complete, the Board will organize Focus Groups comprised of school and community stakeholders to meet the finalists and provide feedback to the Board."

Motion was made by Mr. West, seconded by Mr. Steward to adjourn at 7:11 p.m. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

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Secretary

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Special Meeting – Tuesday, October 10, 2017

The Stark County Community Unit School District #100 Board of Education met in special session on Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at the Stark County Elementary School. Members present were Robert Groter, Matthew Nagode, Ann Orwig, Brian Rewerts, Elizabeth Rumbold, David Steward and Bruce West.

The meeting was called to order by President, Mr. Groter, at 5:00 p.m.

There were no visitor comments.

Motion was made by Mr. Rewerts, seconded by Mr. West, to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing appointment, employment, or compensation of employees at 5:01 p.m. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote

Motion was made by Mr. Rewerts, seconded by Mr. West, to reconvene from Executive Session at 9:14 p.m. and to hold the Executive Session minutes, Not for Release. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mr. Steward, seconded by Mr. West to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

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**STARK COUNTY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #100
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Special Meeting – Wednesday, October 11, 2017

The Stark County Community Unit School District #100 Board of Education met in special session on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at the Stark County Elementary School. Members present were Robert Groter, Matthew Nagode, Ann Orwig, Brian Rewerts, Elizabeth Rumbold, David Steward and Bruce West.

The meeting was called to order by President, Mr. Groter, at 5:00 p.m.

There were no visitor comments.

Motion was made by Mr. Rewerts, seconded by Mr. West, to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing appointment, employment, or compensation of employees at 5:00 p.m. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote

Motion was made by Mr. Rewerts, seconded by Mr. West, to reconvene from Executive Session at 9:10 p.m. and to hold the Executive Session minutes, Not for Release. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Mrs. Orwig read the following statement: *“The Stark County CUSD #100 Board of Education met in Executive Session on Tuesday, October 10 and Wednesday, October 11 to interview six superintendent candidates. In addition to the regular October Board of Education meeting on Monday, October 16, the Board will meet in Executive Session again on Tuesday, October 17 at 6:00 p.m. to conduct second interviews with the superintendent finalists. A Focus Group comprised of school and community stakeholders will also interview the finalist on October 17.”*

Motion was made by Mrs. Orwig, seconded by Mr. West, to adjourn at 9:11 p.m. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Robert Groter
President

Elizabeth Rumbold
Secretary

APPROVED: October 16, 2017