

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

**Regular Meeting – January 28, 2021**

The Stark Community Unit School District #100 Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, January 28, 2021 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, Jr.High/High School Principal; Anne Snyder, Dean of Students; Scott Burge and Jenny Joo, Farnsworth; Caleb Wyss, CORE; staff, 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.

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

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 December 21, 2020 minutes
- Approval of the December Activity Funds, Self-Insurance, Imprest Fund and Treasurer's reports;
- Approval of the December LEA checks as follows: City of Wyoming \$416.08, Stark County CUSD 100 \$131,565.24, Guardian \$356.49, Guardian \$2,845.34, Guardian \$537.70, Guardian \$517.87, Stark County CUSD 100 \$157,783.33, Jennifer Nutzhorn \$220.00, VISA \$158.28, VISA \$99.00, VISA \$733.43, Illinois High School Association \$300.00, Imprest Fund \$6,074.36.

Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mr. Rewerts, seconded by Mr. Steward, to approve the January bills of \$332,133.98. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Steve and Debbie Spencer addressed the Board regarding the use of the word "global" in the district mission statement. They stated they did not want their grandchild to be part of a global society. They suggested the using "world" or "America" instead.

"Pride and Excellence" Recognition was given to: Cheryl Daum, Tiffany McCauley and Debbie Wyant, school nurses; and the Student Council Leadership Team ( Kylie Salisbury, Lexi Davis, Kelsey Berchtold, Riley Menssen, Olivia Hopp, Chloe Irving, Abi Gosnell, Savannah Potter, Haley Potter, Kathryn Kidd, Paige Rewerts, Kylee Frisby, Jack Colgan, Mark Wagner, Isabelle Regan, Rachel Bishop, Katelynn Perrine, Lex Lee) and sponsors, Anne Snyder and Melissa Nagode Jackson.

**Committee Reports:**

**Mid-Year Board Retreat** – Mrs. Orwig reported the retreat was held prior to the Board

meeting and had a refresher on the PHEARCE philosophy including an article read and activities. Farnsworth and CORE presented the latest designs and projected budget for the High School renovation project.

**Building Committee** – Mr. West reported the committee had met on January 13<sup>th</sup> and received information/options on the design and financing from Farnsworth, CORE and Bernardi Securities.

**Negotiations Committee** – Mr. Steward reported the committee had met to prepare for the upcoming bargaining with the Teachers' Union. Mr. Elliott recommended moving the bargaining style to an Interest Based negotiations. The Negotiations team and teacher union leadership team attended a formal training on January 27<sup>th</sup> on Interest Based Bargaining.

#### **Administrative Reports:**

Mrs. Bibb reported that as of January 21<sup>st</sup>, 10.94% of students have reached the end of year math fluency goal as measured by Eureka Math Assessments and 25.7% of students have reached the end of year goal in phonics, vocabulary, and word etymology as measured by Orton-Gillingham pretests and posttests. A virtual collaboration with WIU preservice teachers was held; four teachers observed two classes and then had the opportunity for a Q & A session with administrators and teachers.

Mr. Utsinger reported thirteen staff members are participating in the staff book club and they are currently reading "The Energy Bus" to continue to transform the culture of the Jr. High and High School. The graduation rate and "Freshman on Track" percentage is currently at 91%, up from 78% in September.

Mr. Elliott complimented the three administrators for their leadership. The District Leadership Team started working on student handbook revisions in January. He reported on the communications with Farnsworth, CORE, board and staff regarding input on the upcoming renovation project. He will be representing Stark County CUSD #100 in a six-part TV series on "Leadership" to be aired in the spring on WTVP-Peoria. One hundred seven were vaccinated at the recent COVID immunization clinic held at the school. Mr. Heinold created a document for students needing Windows computer for specific dual credit courses. He has been working with Superintendents and Athletic Directors in the conference on schedules and implementation of IHSA regulations. Twelve applications have been received for the principal position and the closing date is February 10<sup>th</sup>. He also provided a budget update on expenditures through December.

Motion was made by Mrs. Orwig, seconded by Mr. West, to approve Design Option 5A-3 for the Toulon Campus Renovation Project. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Mrs. Orwig read the following Debt Certificate Resolution: *"Resolution authorizing and providing for an Installment Purchase Agreement for the purpose of purchasing real or personal property, or both, in and for the District, and for the issue of not to exceed \$15,000,000 Debt Certificates, Series 2021, of the District evidencing the rights to payment under said Agreement, prescribing the details of the Agreement and*

*Certificates, and providing for the security for and means of payment under said Agreement of said Certificates, authorizing the proposed sale of said Certificates to the purchaser thereof”.*

Motion was made by Mrs. Orwig, seconded by Mr. Steward, to approve the Debt Certificate Resolution. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Mr. Elliott presented the first reading of the 2021-2022 school calendar as follows:

- \* Opening teacher Institute – August 16 & 17, 2021
- \* First Day Student Attendance – August 18, 2021
- \* Students in Session - Columbus Day (October 11<sup>th</sup>)
- \* End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Break – No School on Monday October 18, 2021
- \* Students in Session – Veteran’s Day (November 11<sup>th</sup>)
- \* Students in Session – Monday and Tuesday before Thanksgiving (Nov 21 & 22)
- \* Winter Break – December 18, 2021 – January 2, 2022
- \* End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Break
- \* Spring Break – Monday, April 9 – 18, 2022 (students return Tuesday, April 19)
- \* Student’s last attendance day – Tuesday, May 24, 2022
- \* Teacher Institute – Wednesday, May 25, 2022

Based on feedback from Farnsworth and CORE regarding the renovation project, the final calendar may be adjusted.

Motion was made by Mr. Steward, seconded by Mrs. Rumbold to approve the hiring of two independent professional development consultants to provide training on Interest Based Negotiations not to exceed \$1,500. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Items for the next meeting: building administrators evaluations, principal’s reports on certified and non-certified evaluations, possible approval of Auditor Contract, discussion of 6-12 principal hiring process, potential discussion of superintendent contract extension, approval of the school calendar for FY22, update on teacher contract negotiations, possible renewal of football field maintenance contract.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. West, to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing employee compensation, performance, resignations, hirings, and early graduation request at 6:52 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 7:23 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 December 21, 2020, Not for Release. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Ms. Holman, to hire Allison Chasteen as an Elementary Title I teacher for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year, effective immediately. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mrs. Orwig, to approve the early graduation request of Student #518347, effective December 23, 2020. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. Steward, to move the February Board of Education to Monday, February 22, 2021. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. West, to adjourn to Executive Session for the discussion of superintendent's evaluation at 7:25 p.m. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mr. Steward, seconded by Mrs. Orwig, to reconvene from Executive Session at 8:11 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. West, to adjourn at 8:12 p.m. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Ann Orwig  
President

Elizabeth Rumbold  
Secretary

APPROVED: February 22, 2021

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**Mid-Year Board Retreat – January 28, 2021**

The Stark Community Unit School District #100 Board of Education met for the Mid-Year Board Retreat on Thursday, January 28, 2021 at the Stark County Elementary School. Members present were Emily Holman, Matthew Nagode (virtually), Ann Orwig, Brian Rewerts, Elizabeth Rumbold, David Steward, and Bruce West. Also present were Brett Elliott, Superintendent.

The meeting was called to order by President, Mrs. Orwig, at 4:00 p.m.

Discussion and activities centered around:

- \* the P.H.E.A.R.C.E. Philosophy,
- \* an article *11 Thoughts on Leadership*,
- \* review of Administrative Goals for FY21, and
- \* Presentation of Superintendent Evaluation Document.

Farnsworth and CORE representatives were present to present plans and answer questions regarding the Toulon Renovation Project.

Mr. Elliott provided an update on the reopening athletics and extra-curricular activities; discussion followed.

There was no Executive Session.

Adjourned: 6:00 p.m.

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President

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Secretary

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