

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

**Annual Board Retreat
and
Regular Meeting – July 20, 2020**

The Stark County Community Unit School District #100 Board of Education met Monday, July 20, 2020 at the Paramount Theatre in Wyoming for the Annual Board Retreat. Members present were Emily Holman, Matthew Nagode, Ann Orwig, Brian Rewerts, Elizabeth Rumbold, David Steward, and Bruce West. Also present were Brett Elliott, Superintendent; Jeff Utsinger, Jr. High/High School Principal; Jenna Bibb, Elementary Principal; Anne Snyder Jr. High/High Asst. Principal.

Others present throughout the meeting were: Terry Mercer, district maintenance; Dale Heinold, District IT; Scott Burge, architect with Farnsworth Group.

The meeting was called to order by President, Mrs. Orwig, at 8:00 a.m.

Items discussed at the Retreat were:

- * Culture workshop with Board of Education, Superintendent and Building Administration.
- * Presentation by Scott Burge, Farnsworth Group, regarding construction manager hiring procedures
- * Presentation on the Reopening of School Plan for 2020
- * Administrative Goal Setting for FY21

Adjourned at 4:00 p.m. to reconvene at Stark County Elementary in the cafeteria at 6:00 p.m.

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The BINA hearing was held at 6:01 p.m. to receive public comments on the proposal to sell bonds in the amount of \$10,000,000 for the purpose of conforming its existing facilities that house students to the building code promulgated by the State Board of Education of the State of Illinois, by altering, reconstructing and repairing said facilities and having equipment purchased and installed therein (the "*Life Safety Bonds*") and bonds in the amount of \$5,000,000 for the purpose of increasing the working cash fund of the District (the "*Working Cash Fund Bonds*").

Members present were: Emily Holman, Matthew Nagode, Ann Orwig, Brian Rewerts, Elizabeth Rumbold, David Steward, and Bruce West.

There were no public comments.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. Steward, to adjourn the BINA hearing at 6:05 p.m. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

The E-Learning hearing for the 2020-2021 school year was held at 6:06 p.m. The plan would be in effect for three years.

Members present were: Emily Holman, Matthew Nagode, Ann Orwig, Brian Rewerts, Elizabeth Rumbold, David Steward, and Bruce West.

There were no public comments.

Motion was made by Mrs. Orwig, seconded by Mrs. Rumbold, to adjourn the E-Learning hearing at 6:14 p.m. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

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The Stark Community Unit School District #100 Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, July 20, 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; Dale Heinold, IT; members of the 2020 Stark County Reopening of School Task Force; 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 Mr. Rewerts, seconded by Ms. Holman, to approve the consent calendar. Items approved under the consent calendar were:

- Approval of the June 15, 2020 minutes
- Approval of the June Activity Funds, Imprest Fund and Treasurer’s reports;
- Approval of the June LEA checks as follows: City of Wyoming \$173.60, U.S. Postal Service \$500.00, Stark County CUSD 100 \$134,112.66, BC/BS of Illinois \$45,290.96, Guardian \$356.49, Guardian \$2,630.20, Guardian \$436.32, Guardian \$564.22, State Disbursement Unit \$1,000.00, VISA \$119.89, VISA \$1,427.29, Stark County CUSD 100 \$120,927.47, James Unland & Co., Inc. \$265.00, Xerox Corporation \$1,691.23, Imprest Fund \$9,792.09.

Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mr. Steward, seconded by Mr. Nagode, to approve the July bills of \$247,522.12. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

“Pride and Excellence” Student/Staff/Community Recognition was the 2020 Stark County Reopening of School Task Force. The Task Force was charged with designing a reopening plan that maximized student learning opportunities while keeping students and staff safe. The Task Force was a shared process that represented all stakeholders through committee representation, parent and staff surveys. With over twenty-five members, the Task Force represented teachers, union leadership, paraprofessionals, transportation, maintenance, food services and select student leaders.

There were no visitor comments.

Mr. Rewerts recognized Mr. Elliott's wife, Devon, who was in the audience.

There were no committee reports.

Administrative Reports:

Mr. Elliott reported the Jr. High roof project was complete except the flashing which should be finished within a week. Terry and Dean have been working on installing the air conditioners at the Elementary. The reopening of school plan was shared with the Board on July 15, staff on July 16 and parents on July 17. Feedback on the plan has been positive and he expressed appreciation to the Reopening of School Task Force for their dedication and efforts. Future Green will present a solar update at the August meeting. He gave a summary on the Board Retreat held earlier in the day including implementation of P.H.E.A.R.C.E. Philosophy; team building, presentation by Farnsworth regarding the hiring of a construction manager, presentation of the Reopening of School Plan and goal setting.

Motion was made by Mr. Rewerts, seconded by Mr. West, to approve the Elementary, Jr. High and High School 2020-2021 Student handbooks. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Mr. Elliott presented the highlights of the proposed E-learning

Motion was made by Mr. Steward, seconded by Mrs. Rumbold, to approve the E-Learning Plan for the 2020-2021 school year and will ensure State approval for the next three school years. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Mr. Elliott presented highlights of the Reopening of School Plan for 2020-2021:

- * Full in person learning for all students, five days per week
- * First day of school for students moved to Wednesday, August 19, 2020
- * School Hours for all students will be 7:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m., this meets the state's five hours of daily instruction guidelines.
- * Attendance hours were determined by parent and staff feedback. Moving the start of the day to 7:45 will allow for better travel for parents to drop off and get to work and also reduce the amount of time wearing masks.
- * Students will be provided free breakfast in the class room, free mid-day snack, a grab-and-go lunch at the end of the day will be available to order at the regular cost.
- * Students at the Elementary will have a recess. All eating and recess times are masks free.
- * Students opting to stay home will be provided daily e-Learning consisting of teacher directed support/instruction between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. and at home, independent activities and learning opportunities to meet the 5 hour minimum learning requirement.
- * The plan will be in effect through the first quarter of the school year.
- * Any family opting for e-Learning or in-person instruction will remain on said plan until the end of the first grading period prior to opening back in or out of the alternative.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. Steward, to approve the Reopening School Plan for 2020-2021 as presented. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mr. West, seconded by Mr. Nagode, to approve Shirley Striping to stripe the football field for 2020-2021 school year per the contact agreement. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Scott Burge from Farnsworth presented information regarding the hiring process for a construction manager for the Jr. High/High School renovation project at the Board Retreat. The solicitation of applicants will begin in August with a goal of hiring a construction manager at the September board meeting.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. West, to approve the annual agreement with Tri-County Opportunities Council to provide food services for Head Start. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Mr. Elliott informed the Board that since budget will not be adopted on July 1, 2020, the Board of Education needs to authorize the district to expend funds in order to cover the costs of salaries, materials and supplies. Motion was made by Mr. Nagode, seconded by Mr. Rewerts, that the Board of Education approve the School District's expenditure of funds to defray necessary and proper expenses and liabilities of the School District incurred for the educational and operations or maintenance or transportation or site and construction purposes of the District for the Fiscal Year 2021, until which time the Annual Budget of the District is adopted in the conformity with applicable sections of the Illinois School Code. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Ms. Holman, seconded by Mr. Steward, to continue with the Summer Food Program through Friday, August 14, 2020. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Mr. Elliott presented the modifications to the 2020-2021 school calendar as follows: August 17-18 - Remote Planning Days, August 19 – 1st day of student attendance, November 3 – No School (Holiday) Election Day. Motion was made by Mr. Steward, seconded by Mrs. Rumbold, to approve the modification to the 2020-2021 school calendar. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Mr. Elliott shared the plans/ideas for professional development during the upcoming school year: Culture: PHEARCE Philosophy, Online Learning Platforms: Pre-K-12 (snow days, one-too-one and e-Learning), and Backwards Planning, Standards Alignments and Assessment design (6-12). A Professional Development Committee made up of teachers, staff and administration will design a plan, determine needed resources and potential consultants.

Motion was made by Mr. West, seconded by Ms. Holman, to approve the addition of Intro to Horticulture and Intro to Ag Business as dual credit courses offered on-campus for 2020-2021. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. Steward, to approve a one-year pilot to pay the costs for up to six (6) credit hours of dual credit courses. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Currently, students have been limited to six hours of district paid dual credit courses. With the cost of off campus tuition of six hours at Black Hawk College totaling \$894 (2020), the administration is proposing a maximum dollar amount in place of a set credit hour amount. Mr. Elliott will ask for final approval at the August board meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Steward, seconded by Mrs. Rumbold, to approve the creation of an activity fund account designated “Class of 2024”, eliminate the account “Class of 2019” and to transfer any money remaining in said account to the Vending account as per established procedures, and approve the request to separate the “Track” account into two separate accounts named “Girls Track” and “Boys Track”. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Items for the next meeting: Future Green solar project, approval of maximum dollar amount paid for dual credit courses.

Motion was made by Mr. West, seconded by Mr. Rewerts, to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing appointment, employment, performance or dismissal of employees at 6:45 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 6:54 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. Steward, to approve the Executive Session Minutes of June 15, 2020, Not for Release. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Mrs. Rumbold announced the resignation of Taul Noard as high school math teacher, assistant football coach, 7th grade basketball coach, AM and lunch supervision, effective immediately.

Mrs. Rumbold announced the resignation of Candace Pyles as kindergarten teacher, effective immediately.

Mrs. Rumbold announced the resignation of Heather Brand as third grade teacher, effective immediately.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. Nagode, to hire Kristen Duckworth as a third grade teacher for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. West, to hire Deanne Rewerts as a school bus driver. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. Steard, to hire Dawn Berchtold as

a school bus driver. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. Nagode, to hire Matthew Roark for summer tech support. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. Nagode, to adjourn at 6:56 p.m. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Ann Orwig
President

Elizabeth Rumbold
Secretary

Approved: August 17, 2020