

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

Regular Meeting – June 20, 2023

The Stark County Community Unit School District #100 Board of Education met Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at the Stark County Elementary School cafeteria. Members present were Emily Leezer, Ann Orwig, Erin Price, Joseph Rediger, Dane Richards, and Bruce West. Brian Rewerts was absent. Also present were Brett Elliott, Superintendent; Rebecca Lane, Unit Clerical/Payroll Clerk; students and members of the community; and a member of the press.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance, and the Mission and Vision statements were recited.

Mrs. Orwig then opened a public hearing on the proposed Amended Budget for Fiscal Year 2023. Mr. Elliott presented an overview of the amendments to be made to the budget. Seeing no public comments, Mrs. Orwig closed the public hearing.

Motion was made by Mr. West, seconded by Mr. Rediger, to approve the consent calendar. Items approved under the consent calendar were:

- Approval of the May 15, 2023 board minutes;
- Approval of the May Elementary Activity Funds, May JH/HS Activity Funds, May Self-Insurance Fund, May Imprest Fund, and May Treasurer's Report;
- Approval of the May LEA checks as follows: Guardian \$328.95, Guardian \$2,896.72, Guardian \$528.31, Guardian \$398.87, Stark County CUSD #100 \$141,727.00, Ag View FS, Inc. \$2,000.00, City of Wyoming \$367.72, Stark County CUSD #100 \$150,924.30, Illinois Department of Employment Security \$4,380.00, Mary Meaker \$300.00, VISA \$771.15, VISA \$628.46, VISA \$1,976.39, Stark County Education Foundation \$1,000.00, U.S. Postal Service \$500.00, Institute for Multi-Sensory Ed. \$125.00, State Bank of Toulon \$268,200.00, VISA \$1,604.23, Imprest Fund \$7,134.72.

Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Next on the agenda was the approval of June bills. Mrs. Orwig noted that there was a small check to Midwest Bus Sales and confirmed with Mr. Elliott that the Fiscal Year 2024 bus lease payment will be made in July. Motion was made by Mrs. Leezer, seconded by Mr. Richards, to approve the June bills of \$442,170.87. Passed 6-0.

Mrs. Orwig presented Pride and Excellence Recognition to the 2023 IHSA Girls and Boys Track State Qualifiers. The following student athletes qualified for the 2023 IHSA State Finals: Lindley Johnston (4 events earning 3 medals: 2nd in the 200m with a PR, 3rd in the 400m with a PR, 3rd in the High Jump, also qualified for 100m), Paige Rewerts, Keagan Hamilton, Sarah Kraklow, and Cheyene Smith (9th place and a school record in the 4x800 relay), and Lauren Orwig (shot put qualifier). Colby Stotler (12th in Shot Put), and Daniel Kieser (qualified for 110m and 300m hurdles). Congratulations to our

coaches: Clint Terwilliger, Bart Frey, Bob Rennick, and Dave Wallace on a great season. We are so proud of the dedication and commitment of these student athletes and coach staffs. Congratulations.

President Orwig presented Pride and Excellence Recognition to Trisha Berchtold. Trisha does an outstanding job in her role running Sub-Central. This is a very detailed job that requires organization of daily substitute teacher coverage for both campuses. Often this is an early morning or late evening request that requires a quick turnaround time. This is a key role for our district that supports our teachers while providing quality substitutes for our students. We truly appreciate the extra efforts this past year and are so proud to have Trisha Berchtold on our team.

After the Pride and Excellence Recognitions concluded, all of the crowd left except for the member of the press.

Visitor Comments:

No visitor comments.

Henry-Stark Governing Board Report:

Board Secretary, Emily Leezer provided a brief update from the Henry-Stark Governing Board Meeting that she attended. Henry-Stark has added one social worker and there were no new resignations as of the meeting.

Stark County Education Foundation:

Superintendent Elliott shared that the Education Foundation approved new officers and board of directors for the 2023-24 school year with one open seat available. The officers and board are up for acceptance later at tonight's meeting. The Stark County Education Foundation will be hosting its annual golf outing fundraiser on July 28th at 9 am. Please contact Mr. Elliott to sign up.

Administrative Reports:

Stark County Elementary School Principal, Jenna Bibb, and Stark County Junior High/High School Principal, Megan McGann, were both absent from the meeting due to summer vacations, so Superintendent Elliott shared their board reports.

Stark County Elementary School Summer Learning includes small group and individual tutoring in Wyoming or Toulon with flexible schedules to meet the needs of our families and educators. Feedback has been positive so far with 17 students taking part in SCES Summer Learning. We have two more teachers (Miss Groter and Miss Dietz) taking part in Orton-Gillingham phonics training this summer. This is an intense 30-hour training that provides resources, knowledge, and deepens their skills at teaching multi-sensory phonics. Trainings are paid for with Title I funds. Our SCES Instructional Leadership Team is meeting later this month to review data and create our school improvement plan for 2023-24. We had a fantastic last day of school at SCES with our Celebration Assembly, and an emotional Fifth Grade Clap-Out. This was an amazing way to celebrate our fifth graders and allow them to see so many of the educators that have helped them on their journey to Junior High. Mr. Siekmann did a great job planning and putting on our Field Days. Thanks to SCES Parent Club for sponsoring some new

games that were a big hit. Our Sunshine Team had a nice “Sweet Sendoff” for our educators that are leaving us – Ms. Mancera (Speech-Language Pathologist), Miss Meaker (music), Mrs. Grinnell (interventionist), and Kylie Schaub (PreK Aide & PreK Bus Aide). Since the end of the school year, we have also received resignations from Mr. Siekmann (physical education) and Karen Morrissey (lunchroom supervisor moving to the kitchen). We have held our first two summer family involvement activities including SCES Playdate in the Park at Thomas Park in Wyoming. Students used a guide book to create paper airplanes to have paper airplane contests, made chalk art, blew bubbles, and connected with friends.

Stark County Junior Senior High School Summer Learning teachers are currently working with 12 high school students to recover required graduation courses. Our SCJSHS Instructional Leadership Team plans to review current school improvement data this summer and meet in July to review our SIP Plan and set our yearly SIP Goals in alignment with the work the team is doing on their Guiding Coalition committees. We will shift our Building Leadership Team representatives to our team leads from our Guiding Coalition committees – bringing cohesiveness to the work done throughout the summer in preparation for the upcoming school year. During the last week of school, we celebrated our two retiring teachers, Mrs. Angie Roark and Ms. Donnie Workman with spirit days: “Rock Out for Roark” and “Wig Out for Workman”. We also recognized them with all district staff on the last day of school. We’d like to again, formally thank Angie and Donnie for their dedication to Stark County. We will miss their expertise this next school year. FFA has hit the road running this summer. The officer team had a successful trip to Denver and the crew is currently enjoying life at the FFA Convention. Summer athletics are in full swing with both boys’ and girls’ athletic camps finishing up last week. Both high school girls’ and boys’ basketball teams are active in the gyms and with summer leagues.

Stark County Superintendent, Mr. Elliott continued with his own update, starting with sharing a picture of the new Stark County Bass Fishing Team boat. \$15,000 was raised and only \$11,500 was spent on the boat. Stark County CUSD#100 finished another outstanding school year, ending with the same great energy, passion and optimism that we began the school year with. We are so proud of all that we accomplished together in the 2022-23 school year. In reflection of our successes this year, Mr. Elliott traveled down memory lane. We kicked off the school year with the Grand Opening of the new Stark County High School. The students, staff and community entered with great pride, joy, and amazement. This also included major renovations to the junior high school, upgrades to the elementary school and athletic complex. The excitement spread through all the athletics including: Rebel Football returning to playoffs, a Junior High Cross Country State Champion, 7th Grade Softball Regional Champions, 7th Grade Volleyball Regional Champions, 7th Grade Girls Basketball Regional Champions, 7th Grade Track Sectional Champions, State IESA Track Finalists, and State Track Finalists. A new Bass Fishing Team was also established this year. Academics continue to soar at both campuses with many supporting events including Family Literacy Night, Reading Bingo, National Honors Society, Illinois State Scholars, State and National FFA Championships and Recognitions, and celebrating the Graduation of the Class of 2023. As we welcomed new faculty and staff from outside districts and new to education, we also ended an era of two incredible educators: Mrs. Angie Roark and Ms. LaDon Workman. These amazing

women spent years serving our students and we thank them both for all that they provided our schools and community. Finally, we celebrated the 30th Anniversary of Stark County CUSD#100. Throughout the year, we celebrated a legacy of excellence including Hall of Fame Inductions, Committee of 10 honor, open houses at the old and new high school, 2015 State Football Finals team, over 200 Pride and Excellence Honors, and more. We take great pride in creating the Ultimate Learning Environment through a community of learners that creates a space for academic success, personal growth, and increased social responsibility. This charge is not taken lightly and can only be accomplished through trust, relationships, and a relentless pursuit of excellence. This is only possible by having the best faculty, staff, building administration, and students in the State of Illinois. We want to thank the students, staff, building administrators, and board of education for the completion of yet another successful school year. We took on the year with grace, positive energy, and passion and provided our students with the Ultimate Learning Experience. It was a rewarding and successful year as we went All In in all aspects for our students, staff, and community. Our maintenance and custodial team have been moving swiftly through our summer project list. This includes the junior high parking lot project that will be ready for painting in the next week, and many other projects including cleaning, painting, waxing, and more. The resurfacing project for the gym floor at the athletic complex also began this past weekend. Mr. Elliott concluded his report with an update on the budget through 91.7% of the fiscal year. Mrs. Orwig agreed that it has been a great year. There were no questions for Mr. Elliott.

Unfinished Business:

Mrs. Orwig asked if there was a motion to approve the Amended Fiscal Year 2023 Budget as presented earlier at the public hearing and to instruct the superintendent to post and forward copies as required by statute. Mr. West made a motion, it was seconded by Mrs. Price and passed with a 6-0 vote.

Mr. Elliott presented a summary of the bids received including no bread bids, one milk bid from Prairie Farms (1% white \$0.32/half pint, 1% chocolate \$0.35/half pint, and 1% strawberry \$0.35/half pint), one trash pickup bid from GFL (\$980/month for all sites), and one Rebel Reporter bid from Lampe Publishing (\$1,650/issue for 8 pages including 4 in color). Mrs. Leezer made a motion to award the milk, trash pickup, and Rebel Reporter bids for the 2023-24 school year to Prairie Farms, GFL, and Lampe Publications as presented. Mr. Rediger seconded and motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Our Farnsworth architect led the bidding process for the junior high roof replacement project. There was only one official bid. Mr. Elliott recommended approving the base bid of \$263,000 using Health Life Safety funds plus our \$50,000 ISBE matching Maintenance Grant and awarding the junior high roof bid to Kreiling Roofing Co. Mr. Richards made a motion, it was seconded by Mr. West and passed with a 6-0 vote.

New Business:

Mr. Elliott stated that it is an annual approval to allow the superintendent to prepare the Fiscal Year 2024 budget with a presentation of a tentative budget in August. Mrs. Orwig made a motion. Mrs. Leezer seconded. Passed 6-0.

Per the annual five-year review, PRESS Issue 112, June 2023, several updates have been provided in language to a variety of policies, procedures, and exhibits. This is the first reading with approval up in July. No action taken.

Superintendent Elliott shared that the updates to the SCES and SCJSH Handbooks for the 2023-24 school only included updates to the dates and staff rosters therefore the Education Committee did not need to meet. If there were any changes, the Education Committee would meet to discuss them before approval. Mr. West made a motion to approve the 2023-24 Student Handbooks for SCES and SCJSH as presented. Mrs. Leezer seconded and the motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

The current driver's education car is at 100,000 miles. Superintendent Elliott recommended the purchase of a local vehicle available at Nelson's Auto Sales at a final cost of \$16,855 after trade in and title for a 2019 Kia Optima EX. Nelson's will remove the teacher brake from the old car and install it in the new car free of charge. Mrs. Price made a motion to approve the purchase as presented. Mr. Richards seconded and the motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Superintendent Elliott shared the newly approved Board of Directors of the Stark County Education Foundation for the 2023-24 school year. Stark County Education Foundation President: Crystal West, Vice President: Brett Elliott, Treasurer: Paige Milburn, Secretary: Megan McGann, Directors: Jenna Bibb, Ryan Boarman, Rob Finney, Mary Groter, Brian Rewerts, Shannon Westphal, Nathan Lane, Chelsea Stage, Melissa Jackson, Dane Richards, Lauren West, and one open seat. Mrs. Leezer made a motion to accept the 2023-24 Stark County Education Foundation Board of Directors as presented. Mr. Rediger seconded. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote. Mr. West abstained.

With the creation of the new Bass Fishing Team, a new activity account needs to be created at SCJSH. Mr. Richards asked where the remaining money from the fundraiser will go. Mr. Elliott responded that it will be used for lures and other supplies as needed for the Bass Fishing Team. Mr. West made a motion to approve a new Bass Fishing activity account at Stark County Junior Senior High for the 2023-24 school year. Mrs. Leezer seconded. Passed 6-0.

Mr. Elliott explained that we no longer have a dance/pom team and the funds from that activity account could be transferred to the cheerleading activity account to be utilized by our current students. Mrs. Leezer made a motion to approve closing the High School Dance/Pom Activity Account and to transfer the remaining funds to the High School Cheerleading Activity Account for the 2023-24 school year. Motion seconded by Mr. West and passed with a 6-0 vote.

Next was an annual action to close the prior year's graduating class account effective at the end of the fiscal year and transfer any existing funds to the vending account for general use. Mr. Rediger made a motion to approve closing the Class of 2022 account at the conclusion of Fiscal Year 2023 and to transfer the remaining funds to the Vending Account for use in the 2023-24 school year. Mr. West seconded. Passed 6-0.

Another annual action is needed to open a new account for the incoming Freshman Class. Mrs. Orwig made a motion to approve the opening of the Class of 2027 Account for the 2023-24 school year. Seconded by Mrs. Leezer and passed with a 6-0 vote.

A new annual requirement has been added by ISBE, to approve the Reduction of Physical Restraint, Time Outs and Isolation Time Plan. We have designed our plan in conjunction with all local ROE #28 Districts to meet this requirement. Mrs. Orwig made a motion to approve the Reduction of Physical Restraint, Time Out and Isolation Time Plan as presented. Mr. West seconded. Passed 6-0.

The Stark Council for Continuous Improvement (SCCI) was created in the fall of 2020 to improve the overall community while wrapping around the school district. SCCI has applied to become a 501(c)(3)-Not for Profit Organization. SCCI will join the Discover Peoria Marketing campaigning and has asked Stark County CUSD#100 to become a member of the SCCI for an annual membership fee of \$1,500. Mrs. Orwig made a motion to approve a \$1,500 membership to the Stark Council for Continuous Improvement-Discover Peoria Marketing campaign for the 2023-24 school year as presented. Mr. West seconded and the motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Miller, Hall and Triggs has provided their rates for the 2023-24 school year: Senior Partners/Of Counsel \$275.00/hour, Junior Partners \$250.00/hour, Senior Associates \$225.00/hour, Junior Associates \$190.00/hour. This is an annual approval of legal fee rates for the upcoming school year. Mr. Richards made a motion to approve the legal fee rates for the 2023-24 school year for services provided by Miller, Hall and Triggs as presented. Mrs. Price seconded. Passed 6-0.

In order to remain competitive with local districts and understanding the high need for substitute teachers, Mr. Elliott recommended an increase to our daily substitute teacher rate for the 2023-24 school year from \$110 to \$120. Mrs. Orwig asked what rate our special education coop, Henry-Stark pays their substitute teachers. Mr. Elliott said that he could find out. After some discussion, Mr. Rediger made a motion to set the daily substitute teacher rate to match the rate paid by the Henry-Stark Special Education Coop for the 2023-24 school year. Mr. West seconded and the motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Elliott presented another annual action. The board needs to pass a resolution each year to renew authority to transfer interest from one applicable fund to another applicable fund. Mrs. Orwig made a motion to approve the renewal of authority to transfer interest as presented for Fiscal Year 2024. Mrs. Price seconded. Passed 6-0.

Items for Next Meeting:

The next board meeting will be on July 17th and will start with our Annual Summer Board Retreat at 8:00 am, followed by our regular session meeting at 1:30 pm. Agenda items include a possible approval of superintendent contract extension.

Executive Session:

Motion was made by Mr. West, seconded by Mrs. Price, to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing employee compensation, non-renewals, employee performance, employment and resignations at 6:34 p.m. Motion was approved 6-0.

Motion was made by Mrs. Leezer, seconded by Mr. West, to reconvene from Executive Session at 7:08 p.m. and to hold the Executive Session minutes, Not for Release. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Leezer, seconded by Mrs. Orwig, to approve the Executive Session Minutes of May 15, 2023, Not for Release. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Mrs. Leezer made a motion to approve Sara Nowlan as High School Cheer Coach for the 2023-24 school year. Mr. West seconded and motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Leezer to approve Cole Hartley as Head Junior High Baseball Coach for the 2023-24 school year. Mr. Richards seconded and motion passed 6-0.

Mrs. Leezer made a motion to approve Preston Parrish as Junior/Senior High Agriculture and Shop Teacher for the 2023-24 school year. Mrs. Price seconded. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Mrs. Leezer announced the resignation of Karen Morrissey as Stark County Elementary School lunch supervisor and copy aide effective immediately.

Motion was made by Mrs. Leezer, seconded by Mrs. Orwig, to approve Karen Morrissey as kitchen staff for the 2023-24 school year. Motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

Mrs. Leezer made a motion to approve Lisa Snyder as PreK Paraprofessional for the 2023-24 school year. Mr. Rediger seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

Mrs. Leezer announced the resignation of Brooke Lancaster, Junior High teacher and club sponsor, effective July 31, 2023.

Mrs. Leezer announced the resignation of Jacob Siekmann, Elementary Physical Education teacher and all of his supervision and coaching positions effective at the conclusion of the 2022-23 school year.

Mrs. Leezer made a motion to approve the early graduation request of student number 854860980. Mrs. Orwig seconded and the motion passed by a 6-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Leezer, seconded by Mrs. Orwig, to adjourn at 7:11 p.m. Motion was approved 6-0.

Ann Orwig
President

Emily Leezer
Secretary