

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

Regular Meeting – January 20, 2026

The Stark County Community Unit School District #100 Board of Education met Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at the Stark County Elementary School cafeteria. Members present were Emily Leezer, Ann Orwig, Erin Price, Joseph Rediger, Chelsea Streitmatter, and Bruce West. Dane Richards was absent. Also present were: Brett Elliott, Superintendent; Emily Mastin, Elementary Principal; Jackie Colgan, Elementary Assistant Principal; Megan McGann, Jr./Sr. High School Principal; Michael Jenkins, Jr./Sr. High School Assistant Principal; Rebecca Lane, District Clerical/Payroll Clerk; Mike Bunch, IT.

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

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

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 December 15, 2025 Board Minutes;
- Approval of the December Elementary Activity Funds; December JH/HS Activity Funds; December Self-Insurance Fund; December Imprest Fund; and December Treasurer's Report;
- Approval of the December LEA checks as follows: City of Wyoming \$583.24, Humana \$153.95, Humana \$3,013.80, Humana \$696.17, Humana \$628.45, State Bank of Toulon \$850,000.00, Stark County CUSD #100 \$173,457.60, Stark County CUSD #100 \$197,745.67, Coaching by Concept \$3,387.50, Rebecca Plummer \$179.20, Angela Roark \$600.00, Kelly L. Stewart \$562.50, Frontier \$72.92, US Postal Service \$500.00, VISA \$547.77, VISA \$1,332.46, VISA \$1,531.27, VISA \$1,632.03, Imprest Fund \$8,596.82.

Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Next on the agenda was the approval of January bills. Mr. West asked if the check to Ruyle was for a project or unplanned repairs. Mr. Elliott responded that it was for repairs. Motion was made by Mrs. Leezer, seconded by Ms. Streitmatter, to approve the January bills of \$211,500.59. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Visitor Comments:

There were no visitor comments.

Calendar Committee Report:

President Orwig provided an overview of the calendar committee meeting that was held last week. The Calendar Committee is made up of representation from the teachers, the administration, and the Board of Education. Mr. Elliott brought two proposed calendar options, the committee discussed the options, and then voted unanimously for the recommendation to be presented later tonight. Mrs. Orwig noted that the recommended calendar was very similar to the current year's calendar and recommended board approval.

Education Committee Report:

The Education Committee met at 5 pm tonight to discuss revisions to the 2026-27 High School Curriculum Guide, Junior-Senior High Student Handbook, and SCES Student Handbook. President Orwig provided an overview of the revisions and edits for the upcoming 2026-27 school year, including discussions on home health, dual credit, course requirements, and more. The committee requested revisions from the principals be provided before the next board meeting and postponed the approval of the curriculum guide and handbooks until the February meeting.

Henry Stark Governing Board Report:

Secretary Leezer provided an overview of the December Henry Stark Governing Board Meeting. Construction has begun at the new Wings Academy location in Kewanee and the administration is working on a staff list as well as planning to start communications with families in April. Mrs. Orwig asked if they have a start date for the new facility, to which Mrs. Leezer answered that they plan to be open for the next school year. Mrs. Leezer predicts that the next meeting will include a tour of the new facility.

Administrative Reports:

Stark County Elementary School Principal, Emily Mastin, shared that 7 new students started today. She thanked our BIST Vision Team for their dedicated leadership during our recent institute and PLC sessions. Since implementing this framework, we have observed a significant increase in student self-regulation and a steady decline in Office Discipline Referrals (ODRs), directly contributing to a stronger culture of mutual respect and focused learning. Mrs. Mastin and Mrs. Colgan are looking forward to attending the BIST Leadership Conference in Kansas City at the end of next week to collaborate with other leaders and continue to grow their capacity. Mr. Jenkins will be covering SCES while they are both out of the building. We are currently surveying our entire teaching staff to gather feedback on the impact and effectiveness of the instructional coaching process during the first semester. The insights gained from this survey will allow us to strategically tailor our coaching support to meet the specific needs of our educators and students as we head into the second half of the year. We want to celebrate the growth that we saw on our Math and ELA STAR assessments in December. The growth that we saw is the result of the intentional planning and teaching of all our teachers. Preschool Screening Day is coming up on Friday, February 27 at the Stark County Athletic Complex. Anyone with a child who will be three by September 1, 2026 can call the SCES office to schedule a screening time. The Regional Office of Education will once again help with the preschool screenings. In anticipation of the upcoming Winter Olympics in Milan, our students will engage in cross-curricular activities to explore the geography, history, and cultures of the participating nations. Throughout the month of February, we will foster a sense of global community and school spirit by tracking the medal count and celebrating the achievements of athletes from around the world. There were no questions for Mrs. Mastin.

Stark County Junior High/High School Principal, Megan McGann, shared that their campus also finished up STAR Winter testing in December, noting major growth in both Junior High ELA/Math and High School ELA/Math. These assessments allow our students and teachers to see their hard work pay off. We will continue to use this data to guide our instruction and discussions in PLC as we prepare for state testing this Spring. Parents are able to find their student's Semester 1 Report Cards through the Skyward Parent Portal. Ms. McGann instructed parents to please call the office if they need assistance with locating the report cards on Skyward. We look forward to supporting our All State Choir and All State Band honorees at the Peoria Civic Center on Friday, January 30th (Levi Sparks: 6:00 PM) and Saturday, January 31st (6th Grade Choir: 12:00 PM, Piper Tyree: 1:00 PM). Ms. McGann gave a shout out to Kane Mastin, his coaching staff, Athletic Director Roland Brown, and our local community members that donated in support of the first Stark County Country Roads Classic Tournament hosted by Stark County High School this Winter. Our Varsity boys took home 1st place! We look forward to hosting this annual holiday tournament and bringing in more local talent to compete with. There has also been discussion of possibly making this a co-ed tournament in the future. Ms. McGann thanked Athletic Director, Roland Brown, for putting on a first-class Junior High LTC Tournament event in January, and for transitioning our concession stand fundraising for our home games. We appreciate the amount of time and energy put in behind the scenes and during the event to make these events run smoothly. Shake, Rattle, and Roll - Winterfest is coming! Mark your calendars for February 2nd-6th with a focus on providing baby products for The Baby Connection, a local nonprofit in Wyoming, IL that assists mothers and families in the Stark County area. There are plans for the Elementary School to join the Junior High and High School in their Winterfest fun and fundraising efforts. There were no questions for Ms. McGann.

Stark County Superintendent, Brett Elliott, reminded everyone to review our Snow/Emergency Day protocols available on our website and to please remain flexible as we make decisions for learning and safety of our students and staff. We are currently monitoring the frigid temps that are being projected for this Friday. Mr. Elliott then shared that Wyoming Mayor, Jim Mercer, is hosting a town hall on Tuesday, January 27th, 2026 at 6:00 pm to be held at the Paramount Theatre. Our state representatives will be on hand along with the Mayors from Wyoming, Toulon, and Bradford. Other leaders will be on hand including representatives from SCCI and the County Board. This forum is to celebrate our rich history while discussing our challenges for the future of our community. We want to thank Athletic Director, Roland Brown for hosting a first class LTC Junior High Basketball tournament throughout the past week. Both the main gym and the arena (new gym) were in full use. Lastly, Superintendent Elliott provided a budget update on expenditures through 50% of the fiscal year 2026. He again brought attention to the increase in expenditures in the transportation fund. There were no questions for Mr. Elliott.

Unfinished Business:

A first reading of the 2026-27 High School Curriculum Guide was held in December. Ms. McGann was ill for the December meeting, so she just shared her recommendations for the new curriculum guide at tonight's (January's) education committee meeting. With revisions discussed at the committee meeting tonight, the board decided to wait until the February meeting to approve the revised curriculum guide. No action taken.

Also discussed during the education committee meeting tonight, there were no major changes to the 2026-27 Junior-Senior High Student Handbook. It is ready for approval at the February board meeting. No action taken.

The 2026-27 SCES Student Handbook was also discussed during the education committee meeting tonight, with no major changes from the current school year. The elementary student handbook is ready for approval at the February board meeting. No action taken.

New Business:

Superintendent Elliott presented an overview of the proposed school calendar for the 2026-27 school year as recommended unanimously by the Annual Calendar Committee.

2026:

- Teacher Institutes: Monday, August 17th and Tuesday, August 18th, 2026
- First Day of School for Students: Wednesday, August 19th
- Early Release (1:45 pm) through Labor Day
- Labor Day: Monday, September 7th, 2025, No School
- Evening Parent Conferences: Oct. 20th and 22nd
 - o Early Release, 1:45pm on Oct. 20th and 22nd for conference prep
- Parent Conference Trade Day: Friday, Oct. 23rd, No School
- Thanksgiving Break: November 25th-27th
- Winter Break: Friday, Dec. 18th, 2026 – Friday, Jan. 1st, 2027

2027:

- Teacher Institute: Monday, January 4th, 2027
- Students/Staff return from Winter Break: Tuesday, Jan. 5th, 2027
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: Monday, January 18th, No School
- Presidents Day: Monday, February 15th, No School
- Spring Break Friday, March 26th – Friday, April 2nd (Easter: March 28th)
 - o Monday, April 5th: Teacher Institute
 - o Tuesday, April 6th: Students Return from Spring Break
- Graduation: Sunday, May 16th, 2027*
- Eighth Grade Promotion/Last Day: Wednesday, May 19th, 2027*
- Last Day of School/SIP Day: Wednesday, May 26th, 2027: 11:00 am Student Dismissal (Memorial Day: May 31st)
- Emergency Days: May 27th, 28th, June 1st, 2nd, 3rd
- SIP Days: Sept. 30th, Oct. 28th, Feb. 24th, April 28th, May 26th
- Early Release Wednesdays (8:00 am – 1:45 pm)
- In Session: Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Pulaski Day

* Graduation and Eighth Grade Promotion dates to be board approved at a later date. This was supposed to be the first reading, with a final recommendation for approval in February, but seeing no major changes from the current year and having unanimous approval from the calendar committee the board decided to take action. Mrs. Price made a motion to approve the 2026-27 School Calendar as presented. Seconded by Mr. West. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

This is an annual action item to accept the faculty seniority list in the event of a reduction in force. This meets our annual PERA/RIF requirements. This document has been accepted by the teacher association and district office. Mrs. Leezer made a motion to approve the annual faculty seniority list as presented. Second by Ms. Streitmatter. Approved 6-0.

Another annual task in the event of a reduction in force, which will not occur this year, the Annual Sequence of Honorable Dismissal List provides the order for dismissing faculty. This has also been verified by the teacher association. Mr. West made a motion to accept the updated Sequence of Honorable Dismissal List as presented. Seconded by Mr. Rediger. Approved by a 6-0 vote.

Next was the annual approval of a contract with M and M Lawn Service for mowing the football stadium property from April - November of 2026. Mrs. Orwig made a motion to approve the 2026 Lawn Service contract with M and M Lawn Care as presented. Seconded by Mrs. Leezer. Approved 6-0.

President Orwig led a discussion regarding second semester building visits with principals. She encouraged those who have not participated yet to do so, or if they had visited one of the campuses to then visit the other campus. She also reminded the board of the upcoming Roundtable events to be held by the principals in March. Ms. McGann and Mrs. Mastin shared optional dates for board visits. No action taken.

Items for Next Meeting:

Approval of Student Handbooks; Approval of Curriculum Guide; PRESS Policy Updates; Playground Presentation.

Executive Session:

Mr. Rediger made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing employee compensation, employee performance, employment of personnel, retirements, and/or resignations at 6:28 pm. Seconded by Mrs. Leezer. Motion was approved 6-0.

Motion was made by Mrs. Leezer, seconded by Mrs. Orwig, to reconvene from Executive Session at 7:06 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 Mr. West, to approve the Executive Session Minutes of December 15, 2025, Not for Release. Motion was approved 6-0.

Mrs. Leezer made a motion to terminate the employment of Lindsey Garcia, Clerical, effective immediately. Seconded by Mrs. Orwig. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Mrs. Leezer announced the resignation of Christine Cole, Kitchen Worker, effective January 30, 2026.

Motion was made by Mrs. Leezer, seconded by Mr. West, to adjourn at 7:07 p.m. Motion was approved 6-0.

Ann Orwig
President

Emily Leezer
Secretary

Approved 2/17/2026