

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

Annual Summer Board Retreat – July 20th, 2026

The Stark County Community Unit School District #100 Board of Education met at 8:00 am on Monday, July 20th, 2026, at the Stark County High School Library in Toulon, Illinois. Members present were Emily Leezer, Ann Orwig, Joseph Rediger, Dane Richards, Chelsea Streitmatter, and Bruce West. Erin Price was absent. Also present was Brett Elliott, Superintendent. Those who presented (named below) did not attend the entire retreat.

The retreat was called to order at 8:00 am. No action was taken during the Board Retreat.

Superintendent Elliott presented and explained the charge for the 2026-27 school year.
#BreakFree

Superintendent Elliott provided an update from the Stark Council for Continuous Improvement (SCCI) regarding the Toulon Ridge Subdivision, economic development, and community events.

Food Service Director Michelle Morrissey, Transportation Director Toni Nowlan, and IT Director Mike Bunch provided updates to the board from each of their departments.

Maintenance Director Bob Bohm presented an update on the facilities, the progress on the summer projects list, and repairs due to the hail storm at the Toulon campus.

Athletic Director Roland Brown provided an update on athletics and activities, including the upcoming all parents and students Extracurricular Meeting on back to school night.

Stark County Elementary School Principal Emily Mastin and Stark County Junior and Senior High School Principal Megan McGann reported on summer progress, 2026-27 goal setting and key growth measures, as well as gave a Strategic Plan Update.

Mr. Richards left the retreat.

The board continued with a working lunch while discussing the following:

Superintendent Elliott gave a brief summary of the prior year's budget (FY26 Budget).

Superintendent Elliott gave a progress update from the board goals set in 2025.

Board President Orwig and Superintendent Elliott led a review and update of the short and long term board goals for the future, up for approval at the August board meeting.

Board President Orwig lead a discussion of the upcoming superintendent search, board organization, and board committees.

Lastly, the board reviewed the Superintendent Evaluation with Mr. Elliott.

It was decided that there was not a need to go into executive session during the board retreat.

The board adjourned to the Stark County Elementary School cafeteria for the regular meeting held at 1:30 pm.

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Regular Meeting – July 20th, 2026

The Stark County Community Unit School District #100 Board of Education reconvened after their Annual Summer Board Retreat on Monday, July 20th, 2026, at the Stark County Elementary School cafeteria. Members present were Emily Leezer, Ann Orwig, Joseph Rediger, Chelsea Streitmatter, and Bruce West. Dane Richards and Erin Price were absent. Also present were: Brett Elliott, Superintendent; Rebecca Lane, District Clerical/Payroll Clerk; Bob Rennick and Clint Terwilliger, High School Track Coaches; student athletes and members of the community; and two members of the press from The Henry-Stark Voice (formerly The Prairie News).

With a quorum present, President Orwig called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

- Approval of the June 15th, 2026 Board Minutes;
- Approval of the May and June Elementary Activity Funds; June JH/HS Activity Funds; June Self-Insurance Fund; Annual Self-Insurance Report, June Imprest Fund; and June Treasurer's Report;
- Approval of the June LEA checks as follows: City of Wyoming \$602.37, Humana \$148.55, Humana \$2,820.09, Humana \$681.25, Humana \$605.45, IASB \$760.00, Stark County CUSD #100 \$168,664.05, Kelly Stewart \$337.50, VISA \$64.50, VISA \$1,993.70, VISA \$1,606.41, VISA \$2,203.72, Stark County CUSD #100 \$199,600.57, Coaching by Concept \$2,975.00, Angela Roark \$500.00, Bill's Auto Body \$1,000.00, Bill's Auto Body \$342.00, Bill's Auto Body \$2,736.71, Amazon Capital Services \$1,904.04, Imprest Fund \$3,767.08.

Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

Next on the agenda was the approval of July bills. There were no questions from the board. Motion was made by Mr. Rediger, seconded by Mr. West, to approve the July bills of \$629,622.41. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

Pride and Excellence Recognition was presented to the following Stark County High School State Track Finalists:

Evan Knobloch (not present) – He qualified in both the 1600 and 3200. After a rough trip last year he bounced back in a huge way with an 8th place finish in the 1600 and the State Runner-Up in the 3200! The only guy who beat him in the 3200 was a senior and the other 9 in the top 10 of the 1600 were all seniors.

Gia Swearingen – Gia qualified as a freshman in the 100 meters which is not an easy task by any means, especially as a freshman.

Claire Bowser (not present) – Claire qualified for her second trip to Charleston. She made the opening height and was oh so close to the next height.

Norah Rorem (not present) – She qualified in both the 4x800 and the 4x400, and was the class 1A State Champion in the 4x800.

Paytin Terwilliger – She qualified in both the 4x800 and the 4x400, and was the class 1A State Champion in the 4x800.

Dusti Smith – She qualified in the 1600, 4x400, & 4x800. She placed 7th in the 1600 and was the class 1A State Champion in the 4x800.

Cheyen Smith – She qualified in the 800, 4x400, & 4x800. She placed 6th in the 800 and was the class 1A State Champion in the 4x800.

The girls 4x800 State Champions won in an amazing fashion. Dusti Smith did Dusti things when she passed the field with 100 meters to go, which we had witnessed multiple times throughout the year. They ran a time of 9:24.77 which is crazy fast and only about 4 seconds off the state record. In fact the 9:20's have only been achieved 3 other times in the last 15 years. The fact all 4 girls ran their best splits or right at it is a testament to them as athletes and to coach Rennick.

Coach Terwilliger added that it was a phenomenal experience and that he is extremely proud of all of the athletes. Mr. Elliott noted that the school is working with the highway department regarding a state champion sign, and congratulated Coach Rennick and Coach Terwilliger on running 1st class programs.

Visitor Comments:

There were no visitor comments.

Summer Board Retreat Report:

President Orwig provided an update from the Annual Summer Board Retreat that was held this morning. The Board started at the Toulon Campus at 8 am where Mr. Elliott shared the charge for the new school year, SCCI provided an update on their progress in the community, updates were provided by each school department director and the principals. The board worked on setting short and long term goals, while reviewing previous goals and noted that most of last year's goals had been accomplished or at least started. They also discussed the upcoming search for a superintendent following Mr. Elliott's retirement and Mr. Elliott's evaluation from the past school year. President Orwig felt like the Summer Board Retreat was once again a great opportunity to sit down with school leadership and plan for the new school year.

Administrative Reports:

Stark County Superintendent, Brett Elliott, thanked Maintenance and Facilities Director Bob Bohm and the custodial team for their efforts this summer, upgrading all facilities in preparation for the new school year. He then thanked Transportation Director Toni Nowlan for her efforts over the summer, getting all transportation vehicles, certifications, and bus barns ready for the upcoming school year. He thanked Food Director Michelle Morrissey and IT Director Mike Bunch for their efforts over the summer, getting ready for the new school year in regards to food service and technology. Lastly, he thanked the District Office ladies (Mary Streitmatter, Rebecca Lane, and Jennifer Denton) for all of their hard work this summer, closing up one school year, preparing for the audit, and preparing for the new school year. Superintendent Elliott reminded the community that the Teacher Institutes for the 2026-2027 school year are Monday and Tuesday, August 17th and 18th. The first day of school for K-12 students is Wednesday, August 19th with an 8:00 am - 1:45 pm school day through Labor Day. Pre-K students' first day is Monday, August 24th. He then reminded Stark County parents to get their students' required vaccinations, physicals, and sports physicals for the first day of school or the first day of their fall sports season. Finally, he thanked the Board of Education for a productive morning at the Annual Board Retreat. There were no questions for Mr. Elliott.

Unfinished Business:

The Transportation Staff Handbook has been updated with new dates and calendar but no other significant changes for the new school year. Mrs. Leezer made a motion to approve the 2026-27 Transportation Handbook as presented. Ms. Streitmatter seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

The Support Staff Handbook has been updated with new dates and school calendar along with some minor wording updates to ensure clarity. Mr. West made a motion to approve the 2026-27 Support Staff Handbook as presented. Seconded by Mr. Rediger and motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Superintendent Elliott noted that the updated extracurricular code only required date revisions for the new school year. Mrs. Leezer made a motion to approve the 2026-27 Extracurricular Code as presented. Mr. West seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

New Business:

In order to meet our annual state requirement, we have updated our Threat Assessment Management Plan for 2026-2027, which provides systematic guidance and assessment of all threats in a school setting. The plan must be board approved by the first day of school based on Public Act 102-0791 and delivered to the Regional Office of Education. The plan was provided to board members in their board packet for review. There were no major changes this year. A follow up meeting will be held with the local police departments and threat assessment team members prior to the first day of school and then delivered to the staff to begin the new school year. Mr. Rediger made a motion to approve the Threat Assessment Management Plan for the 2026-2027 school year as presented. Mr. West seconded. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

PRESS Issue 122 includes a five-year review and a new requirement starting in 2028-29 regarding student cell phone usage. This is a first reading, no action taken.

The next proposed action is 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 or operations or maintenance or transportation or site and construction purposes of the District for Fiscal Year 2027, until which time the Annual Budget of the District is adopted in the conformity with applicable sections of the Illinois School Code. Since the budget was not adopted on July 1, 2026, the Board of Education needs to authorize the District to expend funds in order to cover the costs of salaries, materials and supplies. Mrs. Orwig made a motion to approve the district to grant spending of the 2026 – 2027 funding by the Superintendent prior to the approval of the Fiscal Year 2027 Fiscal Budget. Seconded by Mr. West. Passed 5-0.

President Orwig led a discussion regarding the board committee assignments for the new school year. Building and Finance Committee to include Bruce West (Chair), Ann Orwig, Joseph Rediger, and Dane Richards and scheduled to meet in June, August, and December if deemed necessary. Negotiations and Policy Committee to include Emily Leezer (Chair), Ann Orwig, Erin Price, and Joseph Rediger with meetings in April, July, and November if deemed necessary. Education and Extra-Curricular Committee to include Ann Orwig (Chair), Erin Price, Chelsea Streitmatter, and Bruce West with meetings in January, May, and August if deemed necessary. Emily Leezer to be the representing member for the Henry Stark Special Education Governing Board. Chelsea Streitmatter and Dane Richards to represent the board on the Stark County Education Foundation, which meets quarterly in March, June, August, and December. Mrs. Orwig made a motion to approve the 2026-27 board committees as presented. Mrs. Leezer seconded and the board approved 5-0.

We have a Black Dodge Mini-Van with 247,875 miles that it is time to remove from our transportation fleet. Superintendent Elliott recommends to declare the vehicle as surplus and release to the public for sealed bid with a minimum bid of \$500. Mr. Rediger made a motion to declare the 2013 Black Dodge Van as surplus and direct the superintendent to let for a sealed bid at a minimum of \$500. Seconded by Ms. Streitmatter. Passed 5-0.

As we replace phase one of the elementary playground, we have interest in the equipment that we will remove. Superintendent Elliott recommended declaring the equipment, once removed, as surplus without liability and let for a sealed bid at a minimum of \$250. Mrs. Leezer made a motion to declare the playground equipment to be replaced as surplus once removed and let for a sealed bid as presented. Mr. West seconded. Passed 5-0.

Items for Next Meeting:

Approval of Fiscal Year 2027 Tentative Budget; Approval of Press Policies; Award Vehicle and Playground bids.

Executive Session:

Mr. Rediger made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing employee compensation, non-renewals, employee performance, employment of personnel, retirements, and/or resignations at 1:53 pm. Seconded by Mrs. Leezer. Motion was approved 5-0.

Motion was made by Mrs. Leezer, seconded by Mr. West, to reconvene from Executive Session at 1:56 p.m. and to hold the Executive Session minutes, Not for Release. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Leezer, seconded by Mrs. Orwig, to approve the Executive Session Minutes of June 15th, 2026, Not for Release. Motion was approved 5-0.

Mrs. Leezer made a motion to approve an administrative stipend for Principal Megan McGann in the absence of a school counselor for the 2026-2027 school year as presented. Seconded by Mrs. Orwig. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion was made by Mrs. Leezer, seconded by Ms. Streitmatter, to adjourn at 1:57 p.m. Motion was approved 5-0.

Ann Orwig
President

Emily Leezer
Secretary

Approved 8/17/2026