

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

Regular Meeting – January 17, 2023

The Stark County Community Unit School District #100 Board of Education met Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at the Stark County Elementary School cafeteria. Members present were Emily Holman, Matthew Nagode, Ann Orwig, Erin Price, David Steward, and Bruce West. Brian Rewerts was absent. Also present were Brett Elliott, Superintendent; Jenna Bibb, Elementary Principal; Megan McGann, Jr./Sr. High School Principal; Rebecca Lane, Unit Clerical/Payroll Clerk; Lisa Winans, pre-school aide; SCES students and their parents; 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.

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

- Approval of the December 19, 2022 minutes;
- Approval of the December Elementary Activity Funds, December JH/HS Activity Funds, December Self-Insurance Fund, December Imprest Fund, and October Treasurer's Report;
- Approval of the December LEA checks as follows: City of Wyoming \$509.89, Guardian \$337.58, Guardian \$2,948.10, Guardian \$505.84, Guardian \$425.57, Stark County CUSD #100 \$139,546.71, Roger Potter \$19,000.00, Marilyn Ely \$104.98, Fast Signs \$3,151.02, Stark County CUSD #100 \$157,697.10, Mary Meaker \$275.00, BIST/Cornerstone of Care \$3,000.00, VISA \$340.75, VISA \$1,326.99, VISA \$5,131.49, Imprest Fund \$7,213.83.

Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

There were no questions regarding the January bills. Motion was made by Mr. Steward, seconded by Mr. Nagode, to approve the January bills of \$628,774.88. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Pride and Excellence Recognition was presented to Brylee Stookey, Abbi Hildebrandt, Kyndall Lindley, and Rhea Joos. These four SCES learners have regularly volunteered to help Mrs. Winans with preschoolers after they get off bus in the mornings. These learners read, play, and visit with our preschoolers to help them start their day off strong. We appreciate Brylee, Abbi, Kyndall, and Rhea and their enthusiasm, patience, and kindness in helping our preschoolers!

Visitor Comments:

There were no visitor comments.

Annual Mid-Year Board Retreat Report:

Mrs. Orwig shared that the board met in Toulon for lunch before touring the entire junior high/high school building with focus on the new projects that had been completed most recently. The tour included the new library which is due to be furnished soon. They met with the athletic director, Mr. Brown. Next they traveled to the SCAC in Wyoming where they met with Mr. Bohm, maintenance director, and discussed some of the upcoming needs at the facility. Mrs. Bibb provided a tour of the elementary school. The board and superintendent wrapped up the retreat with discussions of their goals going forward.

Committee Reports:

Mrs. Orwig shared that the Calendar Committee had met recently, on January 11, 2023, to discuss the 2023-24 school calendar. This committee meets annually and is made up of union representatives, teachers, administrators, and board members. Mr. Elliott plans the calendar in advance and the committee discusses specific dates and makes suggestions. Mr. Elliott will provide details of the calendar later in the meeting.

A citizen of the district arrived at 6:12 pm after the meeting had started.

Administrative Reports:

Stark County Elementary School Principal, Jenna Bibb, shared an update on their school improvement goals. As of their winter benchmarking they have almost met their ELA goal and that they have exceeded their math goal. Due to this exciting progress, they have increased their school improvement goals for ELA to 40% and for Math to 50%. ISBE has extended free *Preschool for All* instructional coaching to those programs who have continued to perform well on regular compliance visits, so SCES has joined the Early Childhood Professional Learning (ECPL) Coaching Project. Virtual coaching sessions will offer teachers the opportunity to set goals, take part in reflective practice, and connect together as preschool teachers here and with those in the surrounding area. Most of the work will take place during PLC times. The Stark County Parents Club is hosting a read-a-thon, "Reading Under the Big Top" in February to benefit the students at SCES and encourage each child to READ! Our goal is to get each student to participate and involve their families. This event will replace the annual auction fundraiser. We have reached out to businesses to sponsor a class, grade, or the whole school.

Stark County Junior High/High School Principal, Megan McGann, shared that the new teachers (Seth King, Chad Acree, Jennifer Acree, Katie Allen) have been a wonderful, positive addition to our staff. They have jumped right in and added to the strength and expertise of solid staff of professionals. PLC focus will shift to a deeper dive into data this semester, focusing on how we are utilizing our school wide data to guide teaching and learning. Restructuring of the HS Curriculum Guide and planning for 2023-24 Course Registration has begun! Counselors have scheduled visits into ELA classrooms throughout the next two weeks to have direct conversations with all HS students. Fourteen seniors have been reclassified to senior status (5 still TBD), 10 juniors have been reclassified to junior status (3 still TBD), 15 sophomores have been reclassified to sophomore status (3 still TBD), and only 2 freshman are currently off track. These students are excited to be on track and see their class status change on Skyward. We are proud that the students are looking at their Skyward accounts and noticing the

updates. This quarter, we will welcome our first “Winterfest” from February 6th-11th, FFA Week from February 21st-24th, and HOPE Week in mid-March. Winterfest’s theme will be Music Mania and center around a local cause chosen by the Class of 2023. The week will include a Lip Sync competition on Thursday, February 9th, and a Neon/Glow Dance/Party that Saturday, February 11th. SAT Prep has begun. 5 Essentials Survey has been completed by students. Administrators/Counselors met with all seniors on Friday, January 13th to review upcoming “need to know” items for all seniors and answer any questions for graduating students. Counselors provided updated transcripts for each student to review and keep.

Mrs. Price asked Ms. McGann if the change in attendance numbers on her report were due to the reclassification of the students. Ms. McGann responded that yes, that and there were also some corrections made to enrollment numbers due to EXCEL and off campus students previously being included in error.

Stark County Superintendent, Mr. Elliott provided an update welcoming our newest staff members to SCJSH: Katie Allen (Spanish/Band), Jenny Acree (JH Social Studies/ Electives), and Chad Acree (JH PE). We are proud to have opened the new library, corridor, and restrooms at the SCJSH and look forward to the arrival of the library furnishings in late February. We are working on our next 30th Anniversary Celebration by contacting the individuals and family members of the original Committee of 10 that was assembled 32 years ago to form the consolidation that resulted in Stark County CUSD #100. Our goal is to honor them at the February 10th home boys’ basketball game. We have also completed the Junior High flooring project with new carpet and hard flooring in all hallways and classrooms. We completed the painting of the High School main gym and ceilings project and have ordered new conference banners for both gyms. We anticipate the arrival of new outdoor signage at the Athletic Complex in the upcoming weeks. We will honor our Illinois State Scholars in March due to busy student schedules. Mr. Elliott then provided a budget update. We are now 50% through fiscal year 2023 and we continue stay on target with the budget.

Mr. Nagode asked for an update regarding the “S” and “C” being inverted on the sign on the side of the High School. Mr. Elliott responded that it was looked in to but would cost \$30,000.00 and it was not fiscally responsible to spend that amount of money to correct the error.

Unfinished Business:

Superintendent Elliott presented an overview of the working cash bonds received in 2021 and the interest accrued on them that will now be transferred from Fund 70 to Fund 20 to be used to pay off the final construction costs of the new high school in the amount of \$141,953.86. Mr. West made a motion to approve the transfer of funds as presented, Mr. Steward seconded. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

New Business:

Mr. Elliott presented the First Reading of the School Calendar for 2023-24. The proposed school calendar included BIST Training days, August 15th as the first day of

school for students, early release for students through Labor Day while staff stays the full day, an extended Winter Break, a Spring Break that aligns with Easter weekend, High School Graduation date of May 12th, 2024, and the last day of school as May 23, 2024. As Mrs. Orwig mentioned earlier, the Calendar Committee is made up of union representatives, teachers, administrators, and board members. No action taken.

Ms. McGann provided an overview of changes made to the proposed draft of the 2023-24 curriculum guide to best meet the needs of the students and expand offerings to meet the revised graduation credits. Input was received through staff and student surveys and utilized by the leadership team to make these revisions. Administrators have been working with the counselors and teaching departments during this revision process. Changes included adding a PE waiver process to help prevent errors relating to PE credits on transcripts, pathways showing the orders that classes should be taken, additions of classes to help students catch up, students registering for an entire school year at a time in order to reduce the number of class changes at semester, an updated process for students registered for dual credit through BHE, and more. Ms. McGann asked the board for feedback on a few topics, including early graduation, and home and hospital instruction. No action taken.

Mrs. Orwig asked for a timeline as to when Ms. McGann would like to hear back from the board with their feedback. Ms. McGann stated that she needed to set the classes by February but the other information had no timeline. Mr. Elliott recommended that they schedule an Education Committee meeting before the February board meeting.

Mrs. Orwig commented that she likes how the pathways are laid out in chart format. Mr. Nagode asked about the new freshman class Ms. McGann mentioned and how it leads to the use of these pathway charts. Ms. McGann discussed the use of these charts in each student's path towards agricultural, industrial, college prep, child care, or other course of life. Mr. Nagode loved that this class will help younger kids to focus on their path and future.

Mr. Nagode asked if they would be utilizing semester or quarter grades. Report cards still show quarters but administration focuses on semester grades. Ms. McGann responded that the two quarter grades become the semester grade that they focus on.

Mr. Elliott praised the teamwork that has gone in to the updates to the curriculum guide. He stated that Ms. McGann and her team have gotten a lot done in just 3 semesters.

Items for Next Meeting:

Possible approval of Auditor Contract; Approval of 2023-24 High School Curriculum Guide; Approval of the 2023-24 School Calendar; FFA Presentation and Honor; ILMEA Arts Honors.

Executive Session:

Motion was made by Mr. West, seconded by Mrs. Price, to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing superintendent evaluation and contract extension, employee compensation, performance, resignations, and employment at 6:57 p.m. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mr. Nagode, seconded by Mr. West, to reconvene from Executive Session at 7:51 p.m. and to hold the Executive Session minutes, Not for Release. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mr. Nagode, seconded by Mrs. Orwig, to approve the Executive Session Minutes of December 19, 2022, Not for Release. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Mr. Nagode announced the resignation of Kylie Schaub, SCES pre-school aide and bus aide, effective May 26, 2023.

Mr. Nagode announced the resignation of SCAC supervisor, April Hall-Sies, effective January 13, 2023.

Mr. Nagode announced the resignation of Shawna Cassidy, SCJSH Nurse, effective January 31, 2023.

Mr. Nagode announced the resignation of Barb Ingels, kitchen staff, effective December 16, 2022.

Mr. Nagode announced the resignation of Morgan Coats, SCES custodian, effective January 3, 2023.

Motion was made by Mr. Nagode, seconded by Mrs. Orwig, to approve Chad Acree as Girls Basketball assistant coach for the remainder of the 2022-2023 season. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Mr. Nagode made a motion to approve Austin Pinon as Bass Fishing Head Coach for 2022-23. Seconded by Mr. Steward. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mr. Nagode, seconded by Mr. Steward, to adjourn at 7:53 p.m. Motion was approved 6-0.

Ann Orwig
President

Matt Nagode
Secretary

Approved 2/21/2023