

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

Regular Meeting – September 20, 2021

The Stark County Community Unit School District #100 Board of Education met Monday, September 20, 2021 at Stark County Elementary School. Members present were Emily Holman, Matthew Nagode, Ann Orwig, Erin Price, Brian Rewerts, and Bruce West. Also present were Brett Elliott, Superintendent; Jenna Bibb, Elementary Principal; Megan McGann, Jr.High/High School Principal; Mike Bunch, IT Director; Tim Custis, Auditor, Gorenz and Associates; Debbie Ford, Diana Gilles, Sara Nowlan, teacher representatives; staff and citizens of the district and a member of the press. (David Steward was absent.)

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

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

The FY22 Budget Hearing was held. Mr. Elliott stated there were no major changes from the tentative budget presented at the August meeting. The FY22 budget has positive fund balances among all nine funds with a projected balance in all nine funds of \$10,046,223. There were no public comments or questions.

The ESSER II and ESSER III Budgets Hearing was held. Mr. Elliott presented an overview of the ESSER II and ESSER III grant budgets. The ESSER II total budget is \$478,346 and will be used for Chromebooks, curriculum upgrades and learning resources, PPE, HVAC upgrades, drop ceilings and website upgrade. The ESSER III total budget of \$1,094,354 will have 20% placed in learning recovery including salary and benefits for a K-1 teacher and Rtl Coordinator and summer learning camps. The remaining funds will be used toward the new high school HVAC. Public ESSER III updates are required every six months and the public will be updated at the end of each semester and start of the new school year. There were not public comments or questions.

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

- Approval of the August 16, 2021 minutes;
- Approval of the July/August Activity Funds, August Self-Insurance; July Imprest and Treasurer's Report
- Approval of the August LEA checks as follows: City of Wyoming \$162.63, Stark County CUSD 100 \$115,555.77, Guardian \$359.32, Guardian \$2,995.52, Guardian \$554.91, Guardian \$493.97, U.S. Postal Service \$500.00, U.S. Postal Service \$500.00, Midwest Bus Leasing \$45,157.18, Stark County CUSD #100 \$115,363.95, VISA \$758.45, VISA \$240.61, VISA \$175.06, Imprest Fund \$1,522.07.

Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

The August bills of \$309,991.34 (approved at the August meeting for payment) were presented. Motion was made by Mr. West, seconded by Ms. Holman to approve the

September bills of \$427,717.38. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Public Comments:

Chris Hatfield addressed the Board regarding making masking of students and staff optional, considering more time outside, and to consider not enforcing the mask mandate referencing litigation that has stated the state board does not have the power to remove accreditation for not following the executive order. She also encouraged the board to look into the actions of Attorney Defore who is challenging such executive orders placed of school. She expressed appreciation of positive and timely communications between Mr. Elliott and herself.

Pride and Excellence recognition recipient, Bruce Bibb, was unable to attend the meeting and will be honored at an upcoming meeting.

Committee Reports:

Finance Committee: Mr. West reported the committee had met prior to the meeting to discuss the FY22 Budget, ESSER II and ESSER III budgets, and applying for an ISBE Matching Maintenance Grant of \$50,000 for the sprinkler system.

Stark County Education Foundation: Mrs. Orwig reported on the September 7th meeting. The Golf Outing raised approximately \$5,000. Teacher grant applications, future fundraisers, and appointment of new foundation directors for the 2021-2022 school year were topics of discussion.

Henry-Stark Special Education: Greg Wertheim, Special Education Director, was present and gave an overview of the Cooperative staff, services and funding. Mrs. Orwig reported on the August 19 meeting. Agenda items included the budget and personnel action items.

Administrative Reports:

Mrs. Bibb provided an update on the School Improvement Goal progress and stated the PreK Compliance visit was currently underway.

Ms. McGann reported the Building Leadership Team met in September and discussed building goals. Back to School Night had approximately 60 families in attendance. The Boys and Girls Club had a sign up for High School students mentoring Jr. High students. Homecoming Week is underway with activities throughout the week with the dance scheduled outside Saturday evening. She recognized Speer Community Bank, Steward and Associates, Wyoming Better Banks, Bo/Gar Enterprises, West Jersey Express, Toulon Public Library and State Bank of Toulon for donations to the Student and Staff Incentives program.

Mr. Elliott congratulated the Board for being selected as 1 of 35 recipients for the IASB “2021 Governance Recognition Honor” for Excellence in school board leadership. He reported on COVID19 testing of unvaccinated staff; test to stay for students; masking; mask breaks during lunch, recess, outside physical education and performing arts; and weekly meetings with the Health Department, Emergency Management, IASA and local

attorney. He encouraged all students, staff and families to get involved in the Homecoming activities scheduled for the week. He reported the flooring had been removed from the west end of the Jr. High gym to prepare for footings to be poured for the new corridor, the main gym foyer had been demolished and excavating for the new high school had begun. Other maintenance items completed include replacing water heaters at the Complex and Ag Shop, completion of drop ceiling project at the Jr. High, various leaks at the High School repaired, and HVAC units repaired/adjusted at the High School. He also provided updates on the quarterly meeting of the Stark Council for Continuous Improvement, Professional Learning Communities, progress reports, weekly messages to parents, Illinois Legislation for Sex Education Curriculum and political topic of the Critical Race theory in regards to Stark County, student “test to stay”, athletics and sportsmanship. He recognized the State Bank of Toulon, Stark County Teachers Association, Better Banks of Wyoming and Rumbold and Kuhn for their sponsorship to bring live broadcasts of the varsity volleyball, football and boys/girls basketball.

Motion was made by Mr. West, seconded by Mrs. Price, to adopt FY22 budget as presented and to instruct the Superintendent to post and forward copies to the County Clerks as required by statute. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Mr. Elliott reported only one fuel bid was received. Ag View FS submitted a firm for December 1, 2021 – November 30, 2022 as follows: unleaded gasoline base price of \$2.778 plus taxes for a total of \$3.182 per gallon, #2 diesel fuel for a base price of \$2.808 plus taxes for a total of \$3.286 per gallon and Sure Flo-Cold Flow Improver at 3 cents per gallon to be added when temperatures reach 20 degrees Fahrenheit. Motion was made by Mr. Rewerts, seconded by Mr. Nagode, to accept the firm bid for gas and diesel from Ag View FS as presented for the period December 1, 2021 thru November 30, 2022 as presented. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Tim Custis, Auditor, Gorenz and Associates presented the FY21 Audit Report. Motion was made by Mrs. Price, seconded by Mr. Nagode, to approve the FY21 audit, budget transfers and adjusting entries as presented. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Orwig, seconded by Mr. Rewerts, to approve the ESSER II and ESSER III budgets as presented. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Orwig, seconded by Ms. Holman, to approve the Administrative Goals for 2021-2022 as presented. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Mr. Elliott presented the Sixth Day Attendance report showing a 2.7% increase in student enrollment for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion was made by Ms. Holman, seconded by Mr. Rewerts, to approve the Sixth Day Attendance report for the 2021-2022 school year as presented. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

The following individuals were presented to serve as members of the Stark County Education Foundation for the 2021-2022 school year: Jenna Bibb, Rob Finney, Mary Groter, Jerry Klooster, Jill Klooster, Angela McGrath, Amy Milroy, Ryan Boarman, Sarah Stieghorst, Brian Rewerts, Angie Roark, Shirley Stabler, Brett Elliott, Judy Taylor, Megan McGann and Ann Orwig. Motion was made by Mr. West, seconded by Mr. Nagode, to

approve the 2021-2022 Board Members for the Stark County Education Foundation as presented. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Mr. Elliott presented information regarding the ISBE \$50,000 Matching Maintenance Grant to offset the cost of the new fire Sprinkler system in the new High School addition. Motion was made by Mrs. Orwig, seconded by Ms. Holman, to approve Mr. Elliott to submit the 2021 ISBE Matching Maintenance Grant as presented. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Mr. Elliott received a request to create the following accounts within the new Elementary Activity Fund: Sunshine, NOW Interest, Students in Need, 4th Grade, Library, Music, PE, Art, and Principal. Motion was by Ms. Holman, seconded by Mrs. Price, to approve the creation of the nine Stark County Elementary Activity Accounts as presented. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Mr. Elliott proposed the following dates for Seniors and 8th Grade students:

Last Day for Seniors: Thursday, May 12, 2022

Class of 2022 Graduation: Sunday, May 15, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

Last day for 8th Grade: Wednesday, May 18, 2022

Eighth Grade Promotion: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Mr. West, seconded by Ms. Holman, to approve the dates for last day of attendance for Seniors and Eighth grade students –and- graduation and promotion dates as presented. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mr. Nagode, seconded by Ms. Holman, to grant permission to Mr. Elliott to let snow removal bids for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Items for the next meeting: Award Snow Bids, Possible PRESS Update, Solar Panel Project Update, Renovation Update.

Motion was made by Mr. Rewerts, seconded by Mr. West, to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing employee compensation, performance, resignations, retirements, students and hiring at 7:12 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 7:29 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 Mr. Rewerts, to approve the August 16, 2021 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 Joe Charvat as a volunteer Jr. High and High School football coach for the 2021-2022 school year, effective immediately. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mr. Nagode, seconded by Mrs. Orwig, to approve Pat Finnegan as

a volunteer bus driver for the 2021-2022 school year through January 22, 2022. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mr. Nagode, seconded by Ms. Holman, to approve Darcy McCommons as Jr. Class sponsor for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Orwig, seconded by Mr. Rewerts to approve the early graduation of three seniors for December 2021, pending completion of all District and State graduation requirements, per Principal McGann's recommendation. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mr. Nagode, seconded by Mrs. Orwig, to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Ann Orwig
President

Matthew Nagode
Secretary

Approved: October 18, 2021