

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

Special Meeting – June 24, 2024

The Stark County Community Unit School District #100 Board of Education met Monday, June 24, 2024, at the Stark County Elementary School Library. Members present were Emily Leezer, Ann Orwig, Erin Price, Joseph Rediger, Brian Rewerts, Dane Richards, and Bruce West. No members were absent. Also present were Rebecca Lane, Unit Clerical/Payroll Clerk; Mike Bunch, IT. Superintendent Brett Elliott was present virtually.

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. Richards, to approve the consent calendar. Items approved under the consent calendar were:

- Approval of the May 20, 2024 Board Minutes;
- Approval of the May Elementary Activity Funds, May Self-Insurance Fund, May Imprest Fund, and May Treasurer's Report;
- Approval of the May LEA checks as follows: City of Wyoming \$707.29, Stark County CUSD #100 \$151,113.45, Guardian \$349.10, Guardian \$2,732.96, Guardian \$518.06, Guardian \$432.31, Stark County CUSD #100 \$169,880.97, Angela Roark \$525.00, VISA \$1,846.46, VISA \$1,435.25, VISA \$1,516.34, VISA \$4,886.70, Tucker Equipment Sales \$3,840.00, State Bank of Toulon \$258,300.00, Imprest Fund \$9,717.82.

Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Next on the agenda was the approval of June bills. President Orwig reminded the board that the check to Byrne and Jones was not the final payment for the track and that the final payment will not be made until all of the vehicles affected by the track paint are fixed. Mr. Elliott added that he had gotten an email from Byrne and Jones recently, stating that they are working on the car paint repairs. A motion was made by Mrs. Leezer, seconded by Mr. West, to approve the June bills in the total of \$972,938.40. Motion was approved 7-0.

Visitor Comments:

No visitor comments.

Unfinished Business:

Superintendent Elliott referenced the presentation of FY24 budget amendment at the public hearing that was held last Thursday. An amendment is needed as a result of receiving our 2024 Series Bonds in February for the new gym and track projects. Bond money was not included in the original budget. Adjustments to Fund 60 (Capital Projects) Revenues includes \$5,365,903.65 in Principal on Bonds Sold and \$636,896.35 in Premium on Bonds Sold. Adjustments to Fund 60 (Capital Projects) Expenditures Budgeted includes \$1,500,000 for Capital Projects Service and \$4,502,800 for Capital Projects Outlay. The funds from the bonds will not all be spent in this fiscal year

because payments for the gym and track projects will continue into Fiscal Year 2025. Mr. Rediger made a motion to approve the FY24 amended budget as presented and instruct the superintendent to post and forward copies to all county clerks as required by statute. Seconded by Mrs. Leezer and approved 7-0.

Ms. McGann and Mrs. Bibb presented the 2024-25 Stark County Elementary School and Stark County Junior/Senior High School Handbooks to the board at a previous meeting and the board has had time to review and ask any questions they may have. Mr. Richards made a motion to approve the student handbooks for the 2024-25 school year as presented. Seconded by Mr. West. Motion passed 7-0.

The 2024-25 Extracurricular Code had also been presented to the board at a previous meeting. Mrs. Orwig made a motion to approve the 2024-25 Extracurricular Code as presented, and Mrs. Leezer seconded. Motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

A summary of the bids for milk, trash pickup, Rebel Reporter, and bread was presented by Superintendent Elliott, including no bread bid; one milk bid from Prairie Farms for \$0.3596 per carton of 1% white milk, \$0.3796 per carton of 1% chocolate or strawberry milk; one trash bid from GFL totaling \$1,029 per month; and one Rebel Reporter bid from Lampe Publishing for \$1,700 for the year. Mr. Rewerts made a motion to award the milk, trash and Rebel Reporter bids for the 2024-25 school year to Prairie Farms, GFL and Lampe Publishing as presented. Mr. West seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Next up was an annual approval required by the state to grant the superintendent permission to officially begin the budgeting process for the new year. President Orwig made a motion to approve the superintendent to begin the FY25 budgeting process. Seconded by Mrs. Leezer. Motion passed 7-0.

Ms. McGann provided a rationale for the new junior high science curriculum for the 2024-25 school year at a previous meeting. Mrs. Price made a motion to approve the Amplify Science Curriculum for Junior High as presented. Mr. Richards seconded. 7-0.

Another annual approval, Mrs. Leezer made a motion to approve closing the Class of 2023 senior activity account and to move any existing funds to the vending account. Seconded by Mr. Rediger and approved 7-0.

Another annual approval was needed to open a new activity account for the rising freshman class. Mr. West made a motion to approve opening a Class of 2028 activity account. Mrs. Leezer seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

In the 2023-24 school year, we did not have any restraints or time outs of record. The board is required to annually approve the Restraint and Time Out Reduction Plan. Mrs. Leezer made a motion to approve the 2024-25 RTO Reduction Plan as presented, seconded by Mr. Rewerts. Passed 7-0.

Mr. Elliott expressed at the previous meeting that he feels the school has had great support working with Miller, Hall and Triggs, LLC for our board legal counsel and recommended that we continue to utilize their legal services for the 2024-25 school year. Mr. West made a motion to approve to continue legal counsel through Miller, Hall and Triggs for the 2024-25 school year as presented. Mrs. Orwig seconded. Approved 7-0.

With our federal Electric Bus Grant of \$730,000, we are ready to let bids for asphalt, electric and the construction of a new bus barn. All expenditures are covered by the grant and bids will be received and processed by Farnsworth. Mrs. Leezer made a motion to approve the superintendent to let bids for the electric bus barn grant as presented. Mr. Rewerts seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

Another annual action to maintain authority to transfer interest from one applicable fund to another applicable fund. The board needs to pass a resolution each year renewing authority. President Orwig made a motion to approve the renewal of authority to transfer interest as presented for FY25. Mr. West seconded and motion passed 7-0.

Superintendent Elliott shared the newly approved Board of Directors of the Stark County Education Foundation for the 2024-25 school year: Crystal West – President, Brett Elliott - Vice-President, Nathan Lane – Treasurer, Paige Milburn – Secretary, Megan McGann, Payton Letko, Shannon Westphal, Lauren West, Dane Richards, Brian Rewerts, Rob Finney, Mary Groter, Chelsea Stage. There are currently 2 open director seats. Mr. Richards made a motion to accept the 2024-25 Stark County Education Foundation Board of Directors as presented. Mrs. Price seconded. Motion passed 6-0, Mr. West abstained.

Items for Next Meeting:

The Annual Summer Board Retreat will be held July 15th at 8 a.m., followed by the regular board meeting at 1:30 p.m.; Approval of District Strategic Plan; Approval of Electric Bus Grant Bids; Possible Insurance Committee Recommendation; Approval of 2024-25 Non-Certified Employee Handbook; Approval of the 2024-25 Bus Personnel Transportation Handbook.

Executive Session:

Motion was made by Mr. West, seconded by Mr. Rewerts, to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing employee compensation, non-renewals, employee performance, employment of personnel and resignations at 6:23 p.m. Motion was approved 7-0.

Mrs. Leezer made a motion, seconded by Mr. West, to reconvene from Executive Session at 6:44 p.m. and to hold the Executive Session minutes, Not for Release. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Leezer, seconded by Mrs. Orwig, to approve the Executive Session Minutes of May 20, 2024, Not for Release. Motion was approved 7-0.

Motion was made by Mrs. Leezer to approve the support staff and administrative pay increases as presented for the 2024-25 school year. Mr. West seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Mrs. Leezer made a motion to approve Abbey DeSplinter as Cook's Helper for the 2024-25 school year. Mr. Richards seconded; motion passed 6-0. Mrs. Leezer abstained.

Motion was made by Mrs. Leezer to approve Rita Meaker as Cook's Helper for the 2024-25 school year. Mrs. Orwig seconded. Passed 7-0.

Mrs. Leezer made a motion to approve Sara Nowlan as APEX Summer Learning Supervisor for Summer 2024. Mr. West seconded; motion passed 7-0.

Motion was made by Mrs. Leezer to approve Tyler Brown as high school assistant volleyball coach for the 2024-25 school year. Mrs. Orwig seconded and the motion passed 7-0.

Mrs. Leezer made a motion to approve Kiersten Johnson as Junior High Math Teacher for the 2024-25 school year. Mrs. Price seconded; motion passed 7-0.

Mrs. Leezer announced the resignation of Jade Noard as Junior High Basketball Coach.

Mrs. Leezer announced the resignation of Kane Mastin as Junior High Football Assistant Coach.

Mrs. Leezer announced the resignation of Lisa Snyder, Pre-K Aide.

Mrs. Leezer announced the resignation of Gayle Grundstrom, English Teacher.

Motion was made by Mrs. Leezer to approve the retirement of Angela Tuthill, Special Education Teacher, effective at the conclusion of the 2027-28 school year and to enter into the retirement incentive beginning the 2024-25 school year as prescribed in the 2022-25 collective bargaining agreement. Seconded by Mrs. Orwig. Approved 7-0.

Motion was made by Mrs. Leezer, seconded by Mr. Rewerts, to adjourn at 6:51 p.m. Motion was approved 7-0.

Ann Orwig
President

Emily Leezer
Secretary

Approved 7/15/2024