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

Regular Meeting – September 21st, 2026

The Stark County Community Unit School District #100 Board of Education met Monday, September 21st, 2026, at the Stark County Elementary School cafeteria. Members present were Emily Leezer, Ann Orwig, Erin Price, Dane Richards, Chelsea Streitmatter, and Bruce West. Joseph Rediger was absent. Also present were: Brett Elliott, Superintendent; Emily Mastin, Elementary Principal; Jackie Colgan, Elementary Assistant Principal; Michael Jenkins, Jr./Sr. High School Assistant Principal; Rebecca Lane, District Clerical/Payroll Clerk; Mike Bunch, IT; and a member of the press.

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.

President Orwig opened a public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget. Superintendent Elliott presented an overview of the proposed final budget, with a few changes in the Education and Tort Fund Expenditures and Revenues since the tentative budget was presented in August. Mr. Elliott explained those changes to the board during tonight's Finance Committee meeting that was held before the regular meeting. Mr. Elliott reminded everyone that the budget is prepared on a worst-case scenario and that the district does not expect to spend on the funds that are budgeted. The transportation fund is expected to have deficit spending due to decreases in reimbursements and increase in expenses. The cost of the employee health insurance benefit also continues to rise each year. Seeing no public comments or questions and no questions from the board, President Orwig closed the public hearing.

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

- Approval of the August 17th, 2026 Board Minutes and August 20th, 2026 Special Board Minutes;
- Approval of the July & August Elementary Activity Funds; August JH/HS Activity Funds; August Self-Insurance Fund; August Imprest Fund; June Revised (Post Audit) Treasurer's Report; July & August Treasurer's Reports;
- Approval of the August LEA checks as follows: City of Wyoming $228.57, Humana $148.55, Humana $2,820.09, Humana $681.25, Humana $605.45, Bill's Auto Body $4,082.62, Freedom Motorsports, Inc. $17,899.99, Stark County CUSD #100 $144,976.25, State Bank of Toulon $950,000.00, Truck Centers, Inc. $16,685.79, Truck Centers, Inc. $1,041.00, Bill's Auto Body $12,326.35, Stark County CUSD #100 $149,031.78, Stark County CUSD #100 $1,700.00, Unland Insurance $207.00, US Postal Service $500.00, VISA $288.32, VISA $320.79, VISA $3,147.32, Imprest Fund $10,439.67.

Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Next on the agenda was the approval of September bills. Mr. West asked if the hail damage expenses had already been reimbursed by insurance. Mr. Elliott responded that hail damage insurance claim proceeds had already been received; there were several checks this month to pay for completed hail damage repairs. Mr. Elliott added that the staff parking lot payment was included in this month's bills and the shed demolition at

the elementary campus was completed over the weekend. Motion was made by Mr. Richards, seconded by Mr. West, to approve the September bills of $619,162.53. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Visitor Comments:
There were no visitor comments.

Administrative Reports:
Stark County Elementary School Principal, Emily Mastin, shared that enrollment has remained consistent as we have had some families move in to district while others have moved out. Our Instructional Leadership Team (ILT) continues to advance our ambitious School Improvement Plan through rigorous, multi-source data analysis. Based on these findings, our immediate priority is expanding intentional, differentiated small-group instruction to directly support individual student growth across all grade levels. A sincere thank you to our BIST Vision Team for dedicating time over the summer to analyze data and refine our school wide behavioral framework. Their leadership will be pivotal this year as we continue to strengthen our proactive social and emotional supports for all students. Grounded in our school year theme, #BreakFree, our team is actively working to eliminate barriers to learning and foster continuous growth across our entire school community. Through daily reflection and intentional practice, we remain dedicated to supporting student achievement, engaging our families, and driving personal professional progress. Our back-to-school events—including Unpack Your Backpack Night, the Parents Club Picnic, and Preschool Orientation—were a resounding success in welcoming families back to campus. Teachers had almost 100% of their students visit their classrooms on Unpack Your Backpack Night. We are thrilled to have our learners back in the building and off to a strong start this school year. Our students are thrilled with the new playground equipment, which has quickly become a highlight of their daily outdoor time. Sincere thanks to the Board of Education and the SCES Parents Club for their support and hard work in making this upgrade a reality for our learners. A huge thank you to the volunteers who showed up for two weekends in a row to help with the community build portion of the new playground install as well as to spread mulch over the entire playground. We are excited to launch Family Time at SCES, an initiative championed by our BIST Vision Team to build student leadership capacity and deepen peer connections across grade levels. This dedicated program will strengthen school-wide collaboration and cultivate a supportive, highly connected learning community. This program idea came from observations made by Mrs. Mastin and Mrs. Colgan at the BIST Leadership Conference in Kansas City last winter. Family Time will be introduced to the students at the next 11 am dismissal/SIP day on September 30th, along with a Farm Safety presentation. Another sincere thank you to our Custodial and Maintenance team for their tireless work over the summer to ensure our building was safe, clean, and fully prepared to welcome back students and staff. Their dedication set the stage for a seamless start to the school year, and we deeply appreciate their ongoing efforts to keep our building clean. There were no questions for Mrs. Mastin.

Stark County Junior High/High School Assistant Principal, Michael Jenkins provided the following update on behalf of Principal Megan McGann who is currently out on maternity leave. The Junior High's Smart Goal #1: Student growth scores from IAR will increase by 5% from the spring of the 2025-2026 school year to the spring of the 2026-2027 school year. The Junior High's Smart Goal #2: Stark County Junior Senior students will increase their school's composite growth score as measured by the Illinois State Report Card by 5 percent. The High School's Smart Goal: Stark County Junior Senior students will increase their school's composite growth score as measured by the Illinois State Report Card by 5 percent. This week is full of festivities for Homecoming 2026. Events during the week of September 21st-26th include pep assemblies, powder puff football, skit night, spirit days, fundraising, the football game, and the dance. A special thanks to Dara Carr from the ROE who is guiding our PLC's monthly as the faculty shares in the implementation of the 25 Essential Words identified by the Illinois State Board of Education. There were no questions for Mr. Jenkins.

Stark County Superintendent, Brett Elliott, thanked the SCES Parents Club, Bob Bohm, Principal Mastin, Assistant Principal Colgan, all of the volunteers, Byrne and Jones, and the Board of Education for the completion of the elementary playground project. He also thanked Potter and Sons, and the Board of Education for the completion of the elementary staff parking lot project. The staff is very thankful for this upgrade to the parking lot. Next, he thanked the parents who joined us for our first Administrative Roundtable/Coffee Chat. We will hold additional events with the principals throughout the school year on various topics. This is an effort to bring parents to the table throughout each school year. A reminder of all of the Homecoming Events coming up this week including spirit days, volleyball game, powder puff football, pep assemblies, parade, football game, and the dance. This Friday, September 25th will be a 1:45 pm student dismissal to prepare for the Annual Homecoming Parade in Wyoming starting at the Athletic Complex at 2:30 pm. We will be hosting a staff flu vaccination clinic in late October, that date is still to be determined. Our Annual Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held from 4:00 – 7:00 pm on Tuesday, October 20th and Thursday, October 22nd. On Friday, October 23rd there is no school for our Annual Fall Break with students and staff returning on Monday, October 26th. SCCI will be hosting a County Hall at Stark County High School on October 6th, 2026 at 6:00 pm featuring state legislatures and local government leadership. This event is open to the public. There were no questions for Mr. Elliott.

Unfinished Business:
Earlier in the meeting, Superintendent Elliott presented the Fiscal Year 2027 Final Budget including potential negative balances in numerous funds, as a worst-case scenario, if all funds were exhausted for emergency usage. Mr. Elliott does not anticipate negative spending outside of the Transportation Fund, which is due to a large reduction in state reimbursement for transportation. Mr. Elliott indicated that the budget is tighter due to flat funding for Title I, II and IX; a reduction of special education reimbursement; and the increased cost of health insurance and salaries. Mr. West made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget as presented and to submit it to all county clerks and upload it for ISBE approval. Mr. Richards seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

New Business:
We only received one bid for fuel this year. It is from Ag View, our current vendor:

Gasoline
$3.79 December - August
$3.39 September - November
Diesel
$4.87 December - June
$4.53 July - November

Mrs. Orwig made a motion to award the Fiscal Year 2027 fuel bid to Ag View as presented. Mrs. Leezer seconded. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Next was renewal of the two-year agreement for Bradford students to participate in select Stark County junior high athletics. Once approved, Bradford will add the agreement to their agenda to be approved at their October board meeting. Mrs. Price made a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between Stark County #100 and Bradford School District as presented. Seconded by Ms. Streitmatter and motion passed 6-0.

Next was renewal of the two-year agreement for Bradford students to attend Stark County High School as a choice. Bradford students have the opportunity to choose between Stark County High School and Bureau Valley High School. Once approved by both Stark County and Bureau Valley, Bradford will have the renewal up for approval at their October meeting. Mr. West made a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between Stark County #100 and Bradford School District as presented. Mr. Richards seconded and the board approved 6-0.

Superintendent Elliott reported a steady enrollment over the past eight years with this year decreasing just 0.44% from 676 to 673 for the 2026-27 school year. Mrs. Leezer made a motion to approve the 2026-2027 6-Day Enrollment Report as presented. Seconded by Mr. West. Passed 6-0.

The Fiscal Year 2027 ISBE Matching Maintenance Grants for up to $50,000 will be released this month. This is an annual grant we write to offset the cost of facility upgrades. Superintendent Elliott would like to write this grant for our SCES gym floor project which has an estimated cost of just over $100,000. Mrs. Leezer made a motion to approve the superintendent to write a Fiscal Year 2027 Matching Maintenance Grant as presented. Ms. Streitmatter seconded. Motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Next was the annual presentation of the Fiscal Year 2026 Administrative and Teacher Salary and Benefits Report. The report was provided to the board members in the board packet and will be posted on our website. No Action Taken

Items for Next Meeting:
Fiscal Year 2026 Audit Report; Approval to begin Tax Levy Process; Superintendent Search Firm Interview; Approval of Snow/Emergency Day Procedures.

Executive Session:
Mrs. Price 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 6:25 pm. Seconded by Mr. West. Motion was approved 6-0.

Motion was made by Mrs. Leezer, seconded by Mrs. Orwig, to reconvene from Executive Session at 6:47 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. Richards, to approve the Executive Session Minutes of August 17th, 2026, Not for Release. Motion was approved 6-0.

Mrs. Leezer made a motion to approve Wendy Harmon as Homebound Tutor. Seconded by Mrs. Orwig. Motion passed 6-0.

Mrs. Leezer made a motion to approve John Carroll as Detention Supervisor. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion was made by Mrs. Leezer to approve Brittany Venzon as Detention Supervisor. Mr. West seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

Mrs. Leezer made a motion to approve Kyle Musselman as High School Boys Basketball Volunteer Assistant Coach. Seconded by Ms. Streitmatter. Passed 6-0.

Motion was made by Mrs. Leezer to approve Tempest Williamson as SCES Noon Hour Supervisor and Kitchen Substitute. Seconded by Mrs. Orwig. Motion passed 6-0.

Mrs. Leezer announced the resignation of Payten Hillier as Junior High Volleyball Coach.

Motion was made by Mrs. Leezer, seconded by Mrs. Orwig, to adjourn at 6:49 p.m. Motion was approved 6-0.

Ann Orwig
President

Emily Leezer
Secretary

Approved 10/19/2026