

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

Board of Education Building and Finance Committee Meeting – July 31, 2023

The Stark County Community Unit School District #100 Board of Education Building and Finance Committee met on Monday, July 31, 2023, at the Stark County Unit Office in Wyoming, Illinois. Members present were Emily Leezer, Ann Orwig, Erin Price, Joseph Rediger, Brian Rewerts, Dane Richards, and Bruce West. No members were absent. Also present was Brett Elliott, Superintendent.

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by President, Mrs. Orwig, at 5:00 p.m.

Ruyle Mechanical presented an Ameren Grant Opportunity worth \$5,000 towards potential HVAC upgrades to the elementary system. This is a renewable grant every 90 days and can have additional Ameren incentives upon completion of each phase. This grant comes with no obligation. Board approved with a 7-0 vote.

Unfinished Business:

Discussions were held on the potential of adding a new gymnasium to the Junior/Senior High Campus. This would provide usage throughout each school day and provide more gym space for athletics and the arts for everyday gym classes, practices, performances, and competition. Grading was performed during the new high school building for the potential addition. A new gym could be built next to the library and across the new corridor that would connect to the existing gym and locker rooms. Discussions of capacity, locker rooms, storage and more were explored. In addition, there was discussion of the building or resurfacing of an athletic track for the junior/senior high school students/athletes to allow for daily cross country and track practice, potential daily PE class usage, and the possibility to host competitions. The board directed Superintendent Elliott to ask for renderings and pricing to be generated for the August board meeting for future consideration and discussions. Additional discussions were held about the numerous upgrades at both campuses and to the Athletic Complex in Wyoming over the past two years. Discussions were tabled for future meetings. No action taken.

The board discussed the potential cost for a new gym and/or track. Superintendent Elliott shared that working cash bonds are available to the district up to \$5.7 million. These funds were not available during the initial high school build. The district bonding agent will be invited to the August board meeting to share the potential options to access said funding in the future if desired. Discussions were tabled for future meetings. No action taken.

Superintendent Elliott shared a three-year projection for increasing athletic officials' rates. The board approved the increase to athletic officials' rates with a 7-0 vote.

The updated e-Learning Plan for the 2023-24 school year was presented earlier in July and is up for approval tonight. This plan allows the district to use up to 5 e-Learning Days during the school year for snow days, emergency days, etc. Board Approved 7-0.

The board discussed purchasing the Toulon Fitness Center, south of the high school campus to be used for storage, athletic usage and/or additional parking. The board decided on a purchasing range and granted the superintendent approval to place a bid within the agreed upon price range. Board approved 6-0. Mrs. Orwig absent for the vote.

Executive Session:

The board met briefly in executive session before approving the following:

Motion was made by Mrs. Leezer to approve Seth King as Junior High Social Studies and High School elective teacher for the 2023-24 school year. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Mrs. Leezer made a motion to approve Seth King as Junior High Head Football Coach for the 2023-24 school year. Approved with a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Leezer to approve Seth King as Junior High Head Track Coach for the 2023-24 school year. Approved 7-0.

Mrs. Leezer announced the resignation of Laura Lee, school nurse, effective immediately.

Motion was made by Mrs. Leezer to approve Rachel Bishop as student crossing guard in Toulon for the 2023-24 school year. Approved 7-0.

Mrs. Leezer made a motion to approve the retirement of Amy Wise, Junior High ELA teacher, effective at the conclusion of the 2026-27 school year and to enter into the retirement incentive beginning the 2023-24 school year as prescribed in the 2022-25 collective bargaining agreement. Approved with a 7-0 vote.

Mrs. Leezer announced the resignation of Christy O'Bryant, SCES Assistant Cook, effective immediately.

Motion was made by Mrs. Leezer to adjourn. Motion was approved 6-0. Mrs. Orwig absent for the vote.

Ann Orwig
President

Emily Leezer
Secretary

Approved 8/21/2023