

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

**Regular Meeting – February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

The Stark County Community Unit School District #100 Board of Education met Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at the Stark County Elementary School cafeteria. Members present were Emily Leezer, Ann Orwig, Erin Price, and Dane Richards. Chelsea Streitmatter and Bruce West were absent. Joseph Rediger arrived later. Also present were: Brett Elliott, Superintendent; Emily Mastin, Elementary Principal; Megan McGann, Jr./Sr. High School Principal; Michael Jenkins, Jr./Sr. High School Assistant Principal; Rebecca Lane, District Clerical/Payroll Clerk; Mike Bunch, IT; Tim Shelton from Team Reil, Inc.; Karen Lisota and Allison Leezer from the SCES Parents Club.

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.

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

- Approval of the January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Board Minutes;
- Approval of the January Elementary Activity Funds; January JH/HS Activity Funds; January Self-Insurance Fund; January Imprest Fund; and January Treasurer's Report;
- Approval of the January LEA checks as follows: City of Wyoming \$617.66, Humana \$150.35, Humana \$3,013.80, Humana \$696.17, Humana \$628.45, Stark County CUSD #100 \$169,664.85, Stark County CUSD #100 \$184,935.12, Coaching by Concept \$2,837.50, Angela Roark \$350.00, VISA \$2,741.36, VISA \$49.98, VISA \$279.62, Patricia Wilkinson \$100.88, Roland Brown \$44.34, Scott Paxson \$260.59, James Langdon \$274.72, David Wallace \$274.72, Imprest Fund \$11,077.00.

Motion was approved by a 4-0 vote.

Next on the agenda was the approval of February bills. There were no questions for Mr. Elliott regarding the bills. Motion was made by Mrs. Leezer, seconded by Mrs. Price, to approve the February bills of \$216,543.23. Motion was approved by a 4-0 vote.

Pride and Excellence Recognition for tonight had to be postponed.

**Visitor Comments:**

There were no visitor comments.

Mr. Rediger arrived at 6:05 pm.

**Administrative Reports:**

Stark County Elementary School Principal, Emily Mastin, shared that there were 2 more students enrolled. Our recent BIST consultation focused on the continuous cycle of evaluating and adjusting student success plans to meet evolving needs. Mr. Jefferson worked closely with our teams to review progress data, ensuring our classroom management and support structures are both responsive and sustainable. Mrs. Mastin and Mrs. Colgan attended the BIST Leadership Conference in Kansas City, where they

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collaborated with leaders from around the country on the role of vulnerability in fostering collective school growth. This experience included site visits to observe best practices in action, providing valuable insights to enhance our own school culture. Mrs. Mastin thanked Mr. Jenkins for covering the elementary campus while they were away; and thanked Ms. McGann for letting them borrow Mr. Jenkins for a couple of days. Mrs. Mastin and Mrs. Colgan recently conducted quarterly data meetings where teachers presented current classroom performance summaries to measure progress against our year-long goals. These sessions allowed us to make strategic adjustments to instruction and solidify our action plans for continued student improvement. We are proud to announce that Mrs. Kunkel received the Award of Meritorious Service from ISBE for her profound impact and dedication to the Stark County community. As our RtI teacher, she plays a vital role in leading her team and facilitating essential learning opportunities for the students who require our most intensive support. Our annual Winterfest celebration, in connection with the Junior High/High School Campus, was a wonderful success centered on a community service project to support the Baby Connection. Miss Berchtold's class collected the most supplies, while our students demonstrated incredible character and a commitment to helping families in our surrounding community. Mrs. Mastin then invited everyone to the "Luau for Learning" annual auction on March 21<sup>st</sup> at the Stark County Jr. Fairgrounds to support our SCES Parents Club. This major fundraising effort is focused on "Project Playground," ensuring our students have the high-quality recreational spaces they deserve. Preschool Screening Day is coming up on Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at the Stark County Athletic Complex. The Regional Office of Education will be assisting with the screenings. Anyone with a child who will be three by September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 can call the SCES office to schedule a screening time. We are excited to welcome the newest little Rebels. There were no questions for Mrs. Mastin.

Stark County Junior High/High School Principal, Megan McGann, shared that teachers at the Junior High/High School campus completed another round of Data Meetings for Quarter 2 grades and assessments. This is a new practice put into place at our campus this year with scheduled meetings with administration, instructional coach, and teacher around the same table discussing how we are assessing and grading students. We intend for these discussions to deepen in Quarter 3 by transitioning to conducting PLC Department meetings. Testing Dates for the upcoming semester include: Practice ACT (Juniors Only) on April 1<sup>st</sup>, ACT and Pre-ACT for all (Freshman-Juniors) on April 22<sup>nd</sup> which will be a non-attendance day for Seniors, IAR Testing (6th-8th) on March 23<sup>rd</sup> - April 3<sup>rd</sup>, and ISA Testing (8th) on April 20<sup>th</sup> - May 1<sup>st</sup>. There are 11 students signed up for an education pathway, Ms. McGann added that they are looking at adding an Ag/Manufacturing pathway in the future. Winterfest carried us into February with humility and a solid spark of energy! Winterfest is all about coming together as a school community and giving back to a local cause. This year our focus was The Baby Connection out of the Wyoming Nazarene Church. Our Student Council truly showed great leadership in collaboration with Melissa Ramsay at The Baby Connection. We are thankful to our team at SCES for collaborating and supporting our cause. Overall, the efforts brought in over \$2,500 of monetary donations and hundreds of baby diapers, wipes, lotions, and wash for our Stark County families. We celebrated and recognized all of our ILMEA State Qualifiers at the end of January with their performances at The Peoria Civic Center. Congratulations again on your accomplishment and recognition:

Piper Tyree, Levi Sparks, Maizey Blount, Charlie Ingels, Jonathan Lane, and Lucy McCauley. The 5 Essentials Survey Window is open for our parents and school community to provide their much-appreciated feedback and the opportunity to boast about their school experience at both our Junior High and High School. Please look for those parent links in weekly communications. Ms. McGann ended her report with a reminder that on March 11<sup>th</sup> we will host both the National Honor Society Induction Ceremony and a Senior Parent Meeting, where we will discuss graduation details. There were no questions for Ms. McGann.

Stark County Superintendent, Brett Elliott, shared that we are proud of our Winterfest efforts with special attention to the purposeful event of teaching our students how to give back. We have a tremendous community and our student body continues to live our mission and vision daily. Mr. Elliott was proud to share, as the President of SCCI, that SCCI has been awarded an Economic Development budget by the County Board to further support their efforts of developing a subdivision, independent living, and daycare. SCCI hopes these projects will lead to the future growth of our district enrollment by providing housing options for our college graduates to return to Stark County to raise a family, while also attracting new families. A reminder that our Stark County High School FFA is hosting a Mattress Sale on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at the SCHS main gym. The District will have a table set up at and attend the ISU Job Fair on Thursday. Mr. Elliott ended his report with a budget update. There were no questions for Mr. Elliott.

**Unfinished Business:**

Principal Mastin presented an overview of the proposed 2026-27 SCES Student Handbook. Since the last meeting, a disclaimer regarding student behavior outside of the school day was added to the handbook. Mr. Rediger made a motion to approve the 2026-27 SCES Handbook as presented. Mr. Richards seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Principal McGann presented an overview of the proposed 2026-27 Junior-Senior High Student Handbook. It is complete other than the grading policy. Mrs. Orwig made a motion to approve the 2026-27 Stark County Junior-Senior High School Student Handbook as presented. Seconded by Mrs. Leezer. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Next Ms. McGann provided an overview of changes to the proposed 2026-27 High School Curriculum Guide, noting again that the grading policy is incomplete. Mrs. Price made a motion to approve the 2026-27 High School Curriculum Guide as presented. Mr. Rediger seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

**New Business:**

Tim Shelton, Sales Representative from Team Reil, Inc., provided an overview of the SCES Playground Proposal in connection with the SCES Parents Club's "Project Playground". He provided updated pricing, installation, and phasing options. The proposal included a new large main structure and new swings as well as several small structures built around 3 existing small structures that are still in good shape. He explained how each piece of equipment has a safety zone and when putting together a layout those safety zones cannot cross. His proposal included the community build option, where 10-12 community volunteers would assemble and install the equipment with guidance from Team Reil. Mr. Shelton stated that the playground build could be split

up into several phases to meet budget needs. Mrs. Mastin and Mrs. Colgan have spent time observing recess, noting which types of equipment are used most and how many students are on the equipment versus playing in the grass or on the concrete pad. Their research was used during the development of this proposal. The administration and board asked Mr. Shelton several questions regarding the equipment he sells, warranties, industry standards, grant funding opportunities, order/delivery time frames, and more. No action taken.

Superintendent Elliott presented options provided by Farnsworth for completing further sound proofing in the arena. The prices were higher than the board wanted to spend at this time. Mr. Elliott added that it may be a possibility for the district to purchase some panels and for Mr. Bohm to start adding panels in phases instead. No action taken.

Superintendent Elliott stated that the District Office and the Teacher Association agreed upon some minor edits to the previously approved Faculty Seniority List and Sequence of Honorable Dismissal List. Mrs. Orwig made a motion to accept the revised annual Faculty Seniority List and revised annual Sequence of Honorable Dismissal List as presented. Seconded by Mrs. Leezer. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

**Items for Next Meeting:**

Possible First Reading of PRESS Policy Updates; Possible Non-Renewals.

**Executive Session:**

Mr. Richards made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing employee compensation, employee performance, employment of personnel, retirements, and/or resignations at 7:11 pm. Seconded by Mrs. Leezer. Motion was approved 5-0.

Motion was made by Mrs. Leezer, seconded by Mrs. Orwig, to reconvene from Executive Session at 7:21 p.m. and to hold the Executive Session minutes, Not for Release. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Leezer, seconded by Mr. Richards, to approve the Executive Session Minutes of January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Not for Release. Motion was approved 5-0.

Mrs. Leezer made a motion to approve Cathy Gibler as Junior High/High School Clerical. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Leezer to approve Clint Terwilliger as Head High School Boys Track Coach. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Orwig. Passed 5-0.

Mrs. Leezer made a motion to approve Aaron Pratt as Assistant High School Boys Track Coach. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Motion passed 5-0.

Motion was made by Mrs. Leezer to approve Olivia O'Bryant as a Cafeteria Student Worker. Motion was seconded by Mr. Rediger. Passed by a 5-0 vote.

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Mrs. Leezer announced the resignation of Sophia Elswick, Band/Choir Teacher, effective April 3, 2026.

Motion was made by Mrs. Leezer, seconded by Mrs. Orwig, to adjourn at 7:23 p.m.  
Motion was approved 5-0.

Ann Orwig  
President

Emily Leezer  
Secretary

Approved 3/23/2026