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

Regular Meeting – June 15th, 2026

The Stark County Community Unit School District #100 Board of Education met Monday, June 15th, 2026, at the Stark County Elementary School cafeteria. Members present were Emily Leezer, Ann Orwig, Erin Price, Joseph Rediger, Dane Richards, Chelsea Streitmatter, and Bruce West. No members were absent. Also present were: Brett Elliott, Superintendent; Rebecca Lane, District Clerical/Payroll Clerk; and students and members of the community.

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 in regards to the 2026-2029 Alternative Learning Plan (e-Learning Plan). Superintendent Elliott provided an overview of the plan, which has been the same for the past 6 years. At the Elementary level, packets are kept in student backpacks for completion at home on an e-Learning day. The Junior High and High School students use Google Classroom in order to check in with their teachers and complete their assignments during an e-Learning day. When there is potential for bad weather, Superintendent Elliott works with the road commissioners, police, and other local school superintendents to determine if there is a need for an e-Learning day. The goal is to make the decision and send out a parent phone call by 6 am on an e-Learning day. There were no public comments, so Mrs. Orwig closed the public hearing.

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

- Approval of the May 18th, 2026 Board Minutes;
- Approval of the May JH/HS 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 $518.40, Stark County CUSD #100 $169,200.06, Humana $148.55, Humana $2,820.09, Humana $681.25, Humana $598.85, Stark County Ed Foundation $2,000.00, Stark County CUSD #100 $182,217.46, Coaching by Concept $3,212.50, Angela Roark $600.00, VISA $615.00, VISA $1,291.48, VISA $844.54, VISA $600.32, State Bank of Toulon $386,800.00, Imprest Fund $8,183.17.

Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Next on the agenda was the approval of June bills. There were no questions from the board. Motion was made by Mrs. Price, seconded by Mr. Richards, to approve the June bills of $134,195.91. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Pride and Excellence Recognition was presented to the Stark County Junior High IESA State Finalists. Our Junior High had numerous IESA State Track qualifying individuals and relays for both boys and girls and recorded several finalist medals. State qualifying boys included: Edward Bickett, Seth Duttlinger, Ayden Coons, Levi Sparks, Jackson Osborn, Joseph Snyder, Jack Brodie, Brandon Swearingen, London Smith, and Chet Kinsella. State qualifying girls included: Brylee Stookey, Adley Potter, Lily Sellers, Lucy Denton, Hailey Lane, and Mia Thompson. These student athletes participated in the 8th

Grade Boys 4x100 relay, 7th Grade Boys 4x200 relay, and 7th Grade Girls SMR relay. Individual runners included Edward Bickett in the 100 meter and 200 meter; Jack Brodie in the 100 meter; and Lily Sellers in the 200 meter. The 7th Grade Boys broke the school record in the 4x200 relay with a time of 1:51.99 (previous record of 1:53.3 in 1993). Edward Bickett broke the school record in the 8th Grade Boys 100m with a time of 11.46 (previous record of 11.7 in 2003). Jack Brodie broke the school record in the 7th Grade Boys 100m with a time of 12.14 (previous record of 12.2 in 1993). This was the first year for the SMR relay, setting the school record. Edward Bickett place 8th in the state in the 100m (12.67) and the 7th Grade Boys 4x200m relay also placed 8th in the state. The 7th Grade Girls 1600m relay placed 9th in the state. Congratulations to all of our Junior High Track athletes on a great season. Mr. Elliott added that we must remember that going to state is not normal, this is an amazing accomplishment that we should not take for granted as students and coaches continue to strive for excellence.

The next Pride and Excellence Recognition was presented to several Stark County High School FFA Members. The Stark County FFA had a tremendous showing at the 98th Illinois State FFA Convention in Springfield last week. Six agriscience fair projects were selected as state winners and all will advance to the national level for judging:

- Cash Kinsella and Jaxon Carder
- Jake Primo
- Toby Williams
- Taylor Price and Darilis Knobloch
- Creighton Stahl
- Madison Ensey and Annalynn Terwilliger

Toby Williams was also selected as the 2026 Winner of the Agriscience Proficiency Award as well as the 2026 State STAR in Agriscience. Toby will advance with his Agriscience Record Book to the National level with further judging this summer.

Isaac Macke, Will Denton, and Creighton Stahl were also selected to represent Stark County in the State Convention Band. Isaac will audition for the National FFA Band later this summer. If selected, he will be one of 80 in the nation.

Stark County FFA was selected as a Gold-Rated Chapter in Illinois and is a National Finalist Candidate for the National Chapter Award. Stark County FFA is ranked as a top 8% chapter in the state. Further judging of the National Chapter Award application will take place this summer in hopes to become a part of the top 3% of chapters nationally.

Isaac Macke was selected as the chosen FFA member to represent Stark County in Washington DC later this month. As a Gold Rated chapter in the State of Illinois, Stark County is allowed to send one member to attend leadership training in DC with Illinois FFA and Illinois Farm Bureau free of charge! Congrats to Isaac!

Ms. Wilkinson, Mr. Parrish and the Stark County FFA Members would like to thank the school administration, parents, and community members for their outstanding support of these students and their amazing work!

President Orwig thanked Ms. Wilkinson and Mr. Parrish for their leadership.

Mr. Parrish shared that it has been a great year for Stark County FFA. Not only for these students mentioned, but for all of the students, noting that he was proud of all of them for stepping out and trying something new this year. He also thanked the administration for their support and the addition of the Agriscience class. Mr. Elliott added that with tens of thousands of FFA students in the state, it is impressive that we had several students on the stage. He feels Ms. Wilkinson and Mr. Parrish are doing a great job supporting the FFA students.

With the conclusion of the Pride and Excellence Recognitions, all students and members of the community left the meeting.

Visitor Comments:
With no audience remaining, there were no visitor comments.

Stark Count Education Foundation Report:
Superintendent Elliott shared that the Education Foundation held its June quarterly meeting where they discussed the upcoming Foundation Golf Outing that will be held on Friday, July 31st, 2026 at Midland Golf Club. This is the foundation's largest fundraiser. They also discussed the scholarship interview process, and continue exploring options to ensure that the most deserving students are honored. There are currently 5 openings on the Foundation, they are looking for new members.

Administrative Reports:
Stark County Superintendent, Brett Elliott, noted that we finished the school year with a regional championship and numerous state qualifiers, medalists and recognitions. This symbolizes the Pride and Excellence of another fantastic year of growth here at Stark County and sets us up for another successful year starting in the fall. The administration team attended an all-day retreat where we modeled vulnerability, humility and reflection as we continue to push each administrator to be their best as we plan for the new school year. Mr. Elliott shared that he is so proud to work with such dedicated leaders that are willing to be coached and self-reflect to be the best that they can be. Our custodial staff led by Bob Bohm has been busy with the summer project list including the final touches on the SCES window project, as the library was the last phase of the project. In addition, we continue to work with our insurance company and various vendors in regards to the hail damage from the April hail storm. Work has begun on the HVAC units in Toulon along with siding work at the SC South Building. The DOE Clean Energy Grant that will provide us a new bus barn, electric bus, battery storage, new bus lane and staff parking lot is waiting for federal approval to release the funding. Once released, and with approval of select bids tonight, we anticipate these projects to be underway in October. Lastly, Mr. Elliott gave an update on the budget expenditures through 91.7% of Fiscal Year 2026, noting that an Amended Budget was not required this year.

Mr. West asked if the new school in Kewanee (Wings Academy) will help with costs next school year. Mr. Elliott noted that there is projected to be a 22% increase to our Henry Stark Special Education bill, but we are expecting the decrease in tuition costs and decrease in transportation costs to more than offset the increase.

Mr. Rediger added that he has been asked why we transport students to so many different schools. Mr. Elliott answered that it all depends on the needs of each individual student. Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) require that specific student's needs are met and in order to so, some students attend school outside of Stark County. Sometimes attendance at a specific school is even written into an IEP. IEPs can only be changed with parents' approval. There were no other questions for Mr. Elliott.

Unfinished Business:
As explained earlier during the public hearing, our existing Alternative Learning Plan (e-Learning Plan) expires on June 30th, 2026. We have updated the dates but have kept the same plan for the three-year renewal. This does not force us to use e-Learning days but ensures their availability. Mrs. Orwig made a motion to approve the 2026-2029 Alternative "e-Learning" Plan as presented and direct the superintendent to submit it to the Regional Office of Education for renewal. Mrs. Leezer seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

Next was an annual approval to award bids for the new fiscal year. There were no bread bids, one milk bid, and one Rebel Reporter bid. Last year we entered into a multi-year contract for trash removal, so we did not need to let bids for trash removal this year. Superintendent Elliott reported a $0.04 - $0.06 increase for milk, and a $50 increase for the Rebel Reporter. With a standard escalating clause, the bid from Prairie Farms Dairy for milk was: ½ pint 1% white $0.4073, ½ pint 1% chocolate $0.4314, ½ pint 1% strawberry $0.4264, ½ pint skim $0.3720, ½ pint whole $0.4285. Lampe Publications submitted a bid of $1,900 per 8 page issue including 4 pages in color, $675 for an additional 4 pages, $180 for additional color for 4 pages. Mr. Elliott recommended awarding the bids to Prairie Farms (Milk) and Lampe Publications (Rebel Reporter). Mrs. Orwig made a motion to award the bids for milk to Prairie Farms and the Rebel Report to Lampe Publications for the 2027 fiscal year as presented. Seconded by Mr. West and passed with a 7-0 vote.

There were two electric bus barn bids: Greiner Buildings at $100,300, with an alternative bid for a garage door at $31,288.55; and T & J Builders at $72,500. We have a quote from Sullivan door for the garage door install at $9,950. Superintendent Elliott shared that funding from the grant will not be released until October at the earliest. The board reviewed the quotes and discussed them along with additional grant details. No action taken. Superintendent Elliott will seek an extension on initial bids beyond thirty days while the board awaits the release of grant funds.

There was only one bid submitted for the asphalt/concrete project under the DOE Clean Energy Grant. Potter and Sons' base bid of $107,909 for the Concrete Apron, Main Entrance to the bus barn, asphalt bus lane and additional gravel, with an alternative bid for the staff parking lot at $65,000. Superintendent Elliott recommended awarding the bid and alternative bid at a total of $172,909 to be paid in full from the DOE Clean Energy Grant once funds are released this fall. The board again discussed the delayed release of the grant funds and delaying the approval until funds have been released. Mr. Elliott noted that the Elementary staff parking lot is a liability and in need of replacement. Mr. West asked that if the parking lot was completed before the grant money was released, if it could still be funded by the grant. Mr. Elliott said that it could, but there is still a risk that the grant money never comes. In that case, the parking lot would end up being funded with district funds instead of the grant funds. No action taken on the original bid. The superintendent will again seek an extension on initial bid beyond thirty days. Mr. Elliott recommended moving forward with the alternative bid for the elementary parking lot (Alt. Bid C1) at this time. Mrs. Orwig made a motion to approve the Asphalt/Concrete bid to Potter and Sons to be paid via the DOE Clean Energy Grant for Alternative Bid C1 at $65,000 for the staff parking lot only. Seconded by Mr. Richards. The motion passed with a 7-0 vote.

New Business:
The following are the proposed board meeting dates for the 2026-27 school year:

Monday, July 20, 2026 - Board Retreat at 8:00 a.m.
Reconvene @ 1:30 for Regular Session

Monday, August 17, 2026
Monday, September 21, 2026
Monday, October 19, 2026
Monday, November 16, 2026
Monday, December 21, 2026
Tuesday, January 19, 2027
Tuesday, February 16, 2027
Monday, March 15, 2027
Monday, April 19, 2027
Monday, May 17, 2027
Monday, June 21, 2027

Mr. Rediger made a motion to approve the proposed board meeting dates for the 2026-2027 school year as presented. Seconded by Mrs. Leezer. Passed 7-0.

Next was the annual Chromebook replacement cycle for 170 Chromebooks at $69,004 via a lease through the State Bank of Toulon. This cycle is for 4th, 7th and 10th grades. Mr. Elliott noted that this year's quantity is slightly smaller. He also informed the board that the Junior High will be trying something new with their Chromebooks this year, where the Chromebooks will stay in the classrooms and will only be sent home as needed instead of being taken home by students every day. Mr. Richards made a motion to approve the annual Chromebook renewal 3-year lease through State Bank of Toulon for $69,004. Seconded by Mrs. Leezer. Passed by a 7-0 vote.

Mr. Elliott expressed that we have had great support working with Miller, Hall and Triggs, LLC for our board legal counsel. He recommended that we continue to utilize their legal services for the 2026-27 school year. The formal quote included in the board's packet shows a 3% increase per hourly rate. Mr. West made a motion to approve continued legal counsel through Miller, Hall and Triggs for the 2026-27 school year as presented. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Passed 7-0.

Next was an annual approval to close the previous senior class's activity account. Mrs. Price made a motion to approve closing the class of 2025 senior activity account and to move any existing funds to the vending account. Seconded by Mr. Rediger. Passed 7-0.

Another annual approval is to open a new activity account for the rising freshman class. Mrs. Leezer made a motion to approve opening a Class of 2030 activity account as presented. Seconded by Mr. West. Passed by a 7-0 vote.

The last agenda item for tonight's meeting was the 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. Mrs. Orwig made a motion to approve the renewal of authority to transfer interest as presented for Fiscal Year 2027. Seconded by Mr. West. Passed 7-0.

Items for Next Meeting:
Summer Board Retreat; Approval of the 2026-27 Extracurricular Code; Approval of 2026-27 Support Staff Employee Handbook and Bus Personnel Transportation Handbook; Summer Project List Update; Honor SCHS State Track Finalists.

Executive Session:
Mr. West 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 6:42 pm. Seconded by Mr. Richards. Motion was approved 7-0.

Motion was made by Mrs. Leezer, seconded by Mrs. Orwig, to reconvene from Executive Session at 7:07 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 Mr. West, to approve the Executive Session Minutes of May 18th, 2026, Not for Release. Motion was approved 7-0.

Mrs. Leezer announced the resignation of Cole Hartley as High School Head Baseball Coach.

Mrs. Leezer made a motion to approve Rick Schertz as High School Head Baseball Coach. Seconded by Mrs. Price. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Leezer to approve Donald Trenholm as 2nd Shift Elementary Custodian. Motion was seconded by Mr. Rediger. Passed by a 7-0 vote.

Mrs. Leezer announced the resignation of Beth Chapman as Senior Class Sponsor.

Mrs. Leezer announced the resignation of Taylor Wilkinson as Senior Class Sponsor.

Mrs. Leezer announced the retirement of Brandi Helms at the conclusion of the 2029-2030 school year, making her eligible for the 6% retirement incentive as specified in the collective bargaining agreement.

Motion was made by Mrs. Leezer, seconded by Mrs. Orwig, to adjourn at 7:08 p.m. Motion was approved 7-0.

Ann Orwig
President

Emily Leezer
Secretary

Approved 7/20/2026