

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

Regular Meeting – September 21, 2015

The Stark County Community Unit School District #100 Board of Education met in regular session on Monday September 21, 2015 at the Stark County Elementary. Members present were Robert Groter, Matthew Nagode, Ann Orwig, Brian Rewerts, Elizabeth Rumbold, David Steward and Bruce West. Also present were Jerry Klooster, Superintendent; William Lamb, Jr. High/High School Principal; Jenna Bibb, Elementary Principal; Stephanie Ramsey, Gorenz & Associates; students and citizens of the district and a member of the press.

The meeting was called to order by President, Mr. Rewerts, at 6:01 p.m.

The FY16 budget hearing was held. Mr. Klooster presented information on the budget.

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

- Approval of the August 17, 2015 minutes;
- Approval of the August Jr. High Activity Fund, July/August High School Activity Fund, Imprest Fund and Treasurer's Report;
- Approval of the August LEA checks as follows: City of Wyoming \$201.58, Dean Rosebecke \$200.08, Stark County CUSD 100 \$129,254.36, BC/BS of Illinois \$41,250.84, Guardian \$403.03, Guardian \$2,814.23, Guardian \$432.04, Guardian \$409.77, Midwest Transit Equipment \$19,064.00, Stark County CUSD 100 \$128,329.67, Illinois Department of Employment Security \$739.00. Stark County CUSD 100 \$50.00, Century Link Business Credit \$83.52, VISA \$281.47, VISA 788.76, Accident Fund \$2,180.00, The Stark County News \$30.00, CNHI Capital \$45.50, Stark County CUSD 100 \$1,310.00, Imprest Fund \$9,134.86.

Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Orwig, seconded by Mrs. Rumbold, to approve the September bills of \$145,874.76. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Kaley Rouse addressed the Board requesting endorsement for a service project "Helmets and Heels" Toy Drive for the Children's Hospital of Illinois. Tyler Dorsey and Don Charvat also spoke in support of her project.

Stephanie Ramsey, Gorenz & Associates, gave a report on the FY15 audit.

Administrative Reports:

Mr. Lamb reported the Jr. High Leadership team is continuing to meet on the new Literature program and are also reviewing the building behavioral and academic expectations. The High School Leadership team are continuing work on the Job Shadowing program for the juniors and hope to meet their goal by Thanksgiving. Teacher evaluations and observations have begun. Upcoming dates include Open House on September 22 School Improvement day on September 30, and Homecoming

September 28 – October 2. He thanked Mrs. Aleta Wright and her daughter, Mrs. Mary Hodge for their generous gift of a new electric kiln and supplies for the Art Department, and Mrs. Janet Johnson for a donation of funds to help students in need.

Mrs. Bibb reported Homework Hangout began earlier in the day and Ladders teachers will be Mrs. McCauley and Mrs. Paxson.

Mr. Klooster reported the 6th day enrollment was 773, down from last year's enrollment of 799. He received a FOIA request from the Illinois Education Association for employment information on non-certified staff. As part of his annual performance goals, he provided a list of professional development activities he has participated in during the past year. He reported he did not have a recommendation regarding a timeline for bond restructuring at this time. The Board has been invited to a USDA Rural Development Program civic forum on strengthening the capacity of communities in rural America to work together in developing a community economic blueprint. The forum will be held Wednesday, September 23 at Henry-Senachwine High School and will involve participants from Marshall, Putnam and Stark Counties. Illinois has not passed a FY16 budget, but the governor has approved monies for school funding. Two areas of concern are the proposed property tax caps and the cost shift for pensions. Operating fund expenditures were provided to the Board.

Committee Reports:

Special Education: Mrs. Rumbold reported they met on August 20 and approved several personnel issues and reviewed the FY16 budget.

Building & Grounds: Mr. Nagode reported the committee had met on August 31st to review the bleacher report. The two options are to re-work the existing bleachers or replace the bleachers. The committee also discussed the feasibility of installing a new road at Stark County Jr. High for the buses.

Policy: Mr. Steward reported the Policy Committee met on August 31st and reviewed the PRESS policy recommendations. The committee recommended the Board approve the first reading of the policy changes as an action item later in the meeting.

Education Foundation: Mr. Rewerts reported the Education Foundation Board met on September 1. They approved the first reading of officer responsibilities, elected new officers, established committees (scholarship, fundraising/special events, investments and teacher grants/student special needs), discussed 501c(3) status, filing deadlines, unresolved Margaret Poe money issues, teacher grants and agreed to offer ten \$150 grants. Next meeting is scheduled for December 1.

Academics is Priority #1: Mrs. Orwig reported the group met September 10th and discussed plans and initiatives.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded Mr. West, to approve the FY16 Budget and to direct the Superintendent to file copies of the budget as required by statute. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mr. Nagode, seconded by Mr. Steward, to give the superintendent the authority to move forward with a proposal to complete needed drain work at the Stark County High School parking lot, build a new road for bus use only at the east side of Stark County High School connecting the Jr. High parking lot and the High School parking lot, and once a quote is accepted, submit a TIF request for possible reimbursement of costs. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Mr. Klooster presented information regarding the repair/replacement of the football bleachers. The Building Committee was directed to develop a recommendation for Board consideration at the next meeting.

Motion was made by Mrs. Orwig, seconded by Mr. West, to approve the FY15 Audit Report, budget transfers and adjusting audit entries as presented. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mr. Steward, seconded by Mrs. Orwig, to approve the first reading of policies 2:250, 3:40, 3:50, 3:60, 4:45, 5:40, 5:120, 5:330, 6:15, 6:40, 2:160, 2:260, 5:50, 5:170, 5:270, 5:290, 7:10, 7:40, 7:310, 7:325 and 8:20 (not including new section on Community Engagement reporting). Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mr. West, seconded by Mrs. Orwig, to set High School Graduation for Sunday, May 29, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

In the past, students that met certain academic criteria were exempt from final exams. One of the criteria for seniors was their junior year score on the PSAE. Since the PSAE no longer exists, the administration recommended that for this year, the exam exemption be provided for seniors who scored at or above the state composite average on the ACT. Motion was made by Mr. Steward, seconded by Mr. West, to approve the administration's recommendation. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mr. Steward, seconded by Mr. West, to amend the previous motion to allow exemption to seniors who scored at or above the state composite average on the ACT taken prior to the completion of their junior year. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Mr. Klooster reported he had received an email from a former student requesting consideration of an alumni football game as a possible fundraiser. The activity is organized through an outside organization that sponsors games throughout the country. The Board directed Mr. Klooster to contact the former student and ask that he attend a future Board meeting to share more information and answer questions.

After discussion was held regarding a possible Board dinner, direction was given to Mr. Klooster to plan a dinner for November 21 and to extend an invitation to recently retired Board members.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. Steward, to approve the Annual Application for Recognition of all schools in Stark County CUSD 100 and to file the appropriate paperwork with the Regional Office of Education. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mrs. Orwig, to let bids for snow removal at Stark County Elementary and Stark County Athletic Complex in Wyoming, and Stark County Jr. High and Stark County High School in Toulon for the 2015-2016 school year, and to let fuel bids under an Average price Fuel Risk Manager Program for unleaded gas and diesel. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. Steward, to endorse the service project request of Kaley Rouse. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Items for the next meeting: award snow removal bids and fuel bids, 2nd reading of policy changes, other.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. West, to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Appointment, Employment, Compensation; Sale of District Property, or other matters related to individual students at 7:47 p.m. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. Groter, to reconvene from Executive Session at 8:24 p.m. and to hold the minutes, Not for Release. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. Steward, to approve the Executive Session minutes of August 17, 2015, Not for Release. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. West, to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Brian Rewerts, President

Elizabeth Rumbold, Secretary

APPROVED: October 19, 2015