

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

Regular Meeting – March 21, 2016

The Stark County Community Unit School District #100 Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, March 21, 2016 at the Stark County Elementary School. Members present were Robert Groter, 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; Don Turnbull, Transportation Director; Randy Swanson, Midwest Bus Sales; citizens and students of the district, and members of the press. (Matthew Nagode arrived during the meeting.)

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by President, Mr. Rewerts, at 6:00 p.m.

Jack Colgan was recognized for winning the 53rd Annual Stark County Spelling Bee. He represented the county at the Peoria Journal Star Spelling Bee.

Mr. Nagode arrived at 6:03 p.m.

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

- Approval of the February 22, 2016 minutes
- Approval of the February Jr. High Activity Fund, High School Activity Fund, Imprest Fund and Treasurer's Report;
- Approval of the February LEA checks as follows: City of Wyoming \$299.87, BC/BS of Illinois \$45,314.04, Guardian \$394.33, Guardian \$3,137.18, Guardian \$435.93, Guardian \$410.12, Stark County CUSD 100 \$142,658.78, Michelle Loeffler \$300.00, State Disbursement Unit \$71.24, James Unland & Co., Inc. \$506.00, Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshall \$70.00, VISA \$84.99, VISA \$700.89, Frontier \$862.02, Stark County CUSD #100 \$223,515.20, Vicki Moutoux \$555.00, Michelle Loeffler \$300.00, Illinois Director of Employment Security \$909.00, CNHI Capital Productivity Plus Account \$286.39, Imprest Fund \$6,235.25.

Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mr. Steward, seconded by Mrs.Orwig, to approve the March bills of \$94,552.09. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

There were no visitor comments.

Administrative Reports:

Mrs. Bibb she and three teachers attended a workshop last week on STAR Assessment. Staff received training on the level Literacy Intervention at the February School Improvement Day and teachers have begun implementing the program and are seeing positive outcomes.

Mr. Lamb reported the Juniors finished the PARCC testing last week. Seven students will be attending the regional exhibition of the robotics competition in Chicago this weekend. We will not be competing this year. Martin Engineering is sponsoring our students. In cooperation with the Stark County Mental Health Task Force, a Teen conference was held for all high school students on February 24th on positive mental health and leadership. The musical, Beauty and the Beast, will be performed April 7 – 10. PARCC testing at the Jr. High will be taking place this week. The Jr. High athletics is moving toward IESA in another year; the major change will be girl's basketball and volleyball seasons will flip/flop.

Mr. Klooster stated he would like to have the following committees meet before the April meeting: Building, Policy and Education. He received a FOIA request last week from One Chance Illinois regarding course offerings at the high school. The superintendents in Henry and Stark Counties plan to hold a press release on Thursday, March 24th at the R.O.E. to address the lack of a state budget and the challenges districts may face come August. He also shared the budget comparison report.

Committee Reports:

Henry-Stark Special Ed District: Meeting is scheduled for Thursday.

State of the District Dinner: Mrs. Orwig reported on the State of the District Dinner held March 5th. The Academics is Priority #1 committee will be meeting before the end of school to review the comments and information gathered at the meeting. Information gathered at the meeting will be posted on the District website. The Board will address the comments at their summer retreat. She thanked the administration for the help in preparing for the State of the District Dinner.

Finance Committee: Mr. West reported the committee met earlier in the evening to review the bus bids. Mr. Klooster presented the committee recommendations as follows:

- 3-year lease of three new 2017 IC/CE 65-passenger conventional buses from Midwest Transit Equipment for \$9,817 per bus per year;
- 3-year lease of one new 2016 Starcraft 17+1 passenger, handicap accessible bus with a wheelchair lift, from Midwest Transit Equipment for \$7,890 per year
- 3-year lease for one new 2016 Chevy Starcraft 14-passenger activity bus from Midwest Transit Equipment for \$7,463 per year
- not purchasing a used bus at this time to replace two old district-owned buses due to the uncertain economic times
- approve the sale of four district-owned vehicles that are no longer running or will not pass inspection – a 2000 Dodge Caravan van, the old 2000 Rebel Van, a 1994 International 65-passenger school bus, and a 2003 International 65-passenger school bus to the highest bidder(s).

Mr. West reported the committee met last week to discuss the response to Bradford's proposal regarding tuition for high school students and possible other options. The committee recommended the Board approve the letter to Bradford School Board in response to its most recent proposal.

Motion was made by Mr. West, seconded by Mr. Groter, to approve the 3-year lease of three new 2017 IC/CE 65-passenger conventional buses from Midwest Transit Equipment for \$9,817 per bus per year; the 3-year lease of one new 2016 Starcraft 17+1 passenger, handicap accessible bus with a wheelchair lift, from Midwest Transit Equipment for \$7,890 per year; the 3-year lease for one new 2016 Chevy Starcraft 14-passenger activity bus from Midwest Transit Equipment for \$7,463 per year; and approve the sale of four district-owned vehicles that are no longer running or will not pass inspection – a 2000 Dodge Caravan van, the old 2000 Rebel Van, a 1994 International 65-passenger school bus, and a 2003 International 65-passenger school bus to the highest bidder(s). Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mr. West, seconded by Mrs. Rumbold, to approve the letter in response to Bradford's proposal. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Mr. Lamb recommended summer school be held at the high school beginning June 1 and running 4 weeks. A computer based instruction would be used and students would be able to take up to two courses. He did not see a need at this time for summer school at the Jr. High. Mrs. Bibb said the elementary would like to hold summer school earlier in the summer this year, beginning June 1, and she anticipates needing two teachers for the program.

Motion was made by Mrs. Orwig, seconded by Mr. Steward, to approve the administration to move forward with plans for summer school. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. West to approve the IHSA annual membership for 2016-2017. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Items for the next meeting: consideration of employment of summer workers, evaluation of winter sponsors and coaches, possible first reading of FY17 handbook changes, possible employment or reduction of staff, possible discussion of tentative FY16 budget amendment, and other.

Motion was made by Mrs. Orwig, seconded by Mrs. Rumbold, to adjourn to Executive Session for discussing Appointment; Employment, Compensation; Performance or Dismissal of Employees; and Collective Bargaining at 6:42 p.m. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

(Mrs. Orwig left at 8:02.)

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. West, to reconvene from Executive Session at 8:03 p.m. and hold the minutes, Not for Release. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. Steward, to approve the Executive Session minutes of February 22, 2016, Not for Release. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. Steward, to accept the resignations of Loretta England as High School Cheerleading Sponsor, and Jade Noard as High School Boys' Basketball coach, effective immediately. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. Rewerts, to employ Todd Derham as Industrial Teach teacher for the 2016-2017 school year. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. Steward, to employ Lonnie Dennison as freshman boys' baseball coach for the 2015-2016 school year, effective immediately. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. Nagode, as a cost savings measure, the Board approve the resolution to dismiss the following part-time, non-certified employees at the end of this school year: Paula Gale and Lisa Winans. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. Steward, to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Brian Rewerts, President

Elizabeth Rumbold, Secretary

APPROVED: April 18, 2016