

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

Regular Meeting – February 23, 2015

The Stark County Community Unit School District #100 Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, February 23, 2015 at the Stark County Elementary. Members present were Robert Groter, Keith Knobloch, Robin Nowlan, Ann Orwig, and Ronald Turnbull. Also present were Jerry Klooster, Superintendent; William Lamb, Jr. High/High School Principal; Tessa Samuelsen, Elementary Principal; Don Turnbull, Transportation Director; Ian Cambell, Kings Financial Consulting Inc.; students and citizens of the district and a member of the press. (Brian Rewerts and Elizabeth Rumbold were absent.)

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Vice-President, Mr. Groter, at 7:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Nowlan, seconded by Mr. Turnbull, to approve the consent calendar. Items approved under the consent calendar were:

- Approval of the January 26, 2015 minutes;
- Approval of the February 13, 2015 minutes;
- Approval of the January Jr. High Activity Fund, High School Activity Fund, Imprest Fund and Treasurer's Report;
- Approval of the January LEA checks as follows: City of Wyoming \$611.88, Stark County CUSD \$146,873.08, BC/BS of Illinois \$40,788.83, Guardian \$407.38, Guardian \$3,001.16, Guardian \$465.94, Guardian \$404.77, State Disbursement Unit \$215.00, Stark County Sheriff's Office \$375.00, Stark County CUSD #100 \$137,296.63, Frontier Communications \$ \$797.52, Derek Hendrich \$750.00, Ag View FS, Inc. \$3,600.00, Vicki Moutoux \$390.00, VISA \$101.16, VISA \$733.93, VISA \$587.23, U.S. Postal Service \$500.00, State Bank of Toulon \$242,854.39, CNHI Capital-CRA Payment Center \$91.00, Imprest Fund \$6,602.12.

Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Orwig, seconded by Mr. Knobloch, to approve the February bills of \$139,954.38. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

There were no visitor comments.

Ian Campbell of Kings Financial Consulting Inc. presented scenarios for restructuring existing debt.

Committee Reports:

Building/Finance: The two committees had a combined meeting on February 17. Mr. Turnbull reported they discussed the bids for installing the boiler at the high school. Three bids were received and the low bid was \$79,734. Mr. Nowlan, reported they discussed the refinancing of bonds. Klooster reported they discussed building fund balances and re-finance options.

Henry-Stark Special Education: Mr. Klooster reported the Executive Board accepted a

resignation and a retirement of personnel and finalized a change to the Policy #8 regarding Governing Board meeting frequency.

Don Turnbull recommended that in addition to extending the lease on an existing activity bus, to let bids for the lease of two 65-passenger buses to replace the two buses coming off lease.

Administrative Reports:

Mrs. Samuelsen reported Mrs. Paxson and Mrs. Nowlan will be piloting a writing program called “Weekly Writer” in the second and fifth grades over the next month. Teachers in grades 3-5 have participated in a webinar for PARCC testing. A “Rock the Test” assembly is scheduled for March 6th. A free dental screening took place February 20th. Four fifth grade students participated in the district spelling bee held at the Jr. High. Freedom House presented information to the third grade students on Personal Body Safety. Reading Bingo started February 3rd. Parent Club held their fundraiser February 21st.

Mr. Lamb reported Olivia Bessler won the county spelling bee held at Black Hawk College and will be going on to compete in the Journal Star Spelling Bee on March 20th. He and Mrs. McGrath met with Bradford 8th grade students and parents on February 10th. On February 19th eighth grade students and parents from Stark County and Bradford attended an orientation for freshman course selection. Jr. High PARCC testing will take place March 4-6, juniors will take the ACT test on March 3, and High School PARCC test will be given to those in Algebra 2 and English II on March 23-25. Staff development activities include continuing development of student growth assessments, technical training for the PARCC testing, expanding the Jr. High reading curriculum and High School career day activities. He thanked Jason Musselman for his assistance with audio installation and technical repairs. He informed the Board that Tyler Dorsey has earned the rank of Eagle Scout.

Mr. Klooster reported that school was cancelled on February 2nd and the last day for student attendance is now May 27th. A combined Board workshop is scheduled for March 12th at Damrons in Kewanee with the program geared toward board candidates and interested current board members. He reminded Board members to complete their economic interest statements. The District received a check for \$10,500 from the State Bank of Toulon as a result of community members using the Visa Rebel Card. Monies received will be used to offset technology costs.

Motion was made by Mr. Turnbull, seconded by Mr. Nowlan, to extend the current 2013 lease on the 14-passenger Chevy Star Craft activity bus for two years at a cost of \$5,896 per year. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

The Board reviewed the progress of the goals set at the July Retreat.

Motion was made by Mrs. Orwig, seconded by Mr. Knobloch, to approve the purchase of High School Math resources for Math 1, Math 2 and Math 3 from Houghton Mifflin (a six-

year commitment of on-line resources, teacher texts and consumable student texts) for a one-time cost not to exceed \$30,000. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

Mr. Klooster was directed to work with Ian Campbell on options, to be presented at the March meeting for possible action, to reduce future levies by restructuring existing debt using monies received from the Capital Development Grant to pay down bonds and/or refinancing existing bonds at a potentially lower rate.

Motion was made by Mr. Nowlan, seconded by Mr. Knobloch, to let bids for a 3-year lease on two 65-passenger buses to replace the two buses coming off lease the end of the school year. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mr. Turnbull, seconded by Mr. Nowlan, to award the bid to install the High School boiler to Mechanical Incorporated from Peoria at a base price of \$79,734. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

Discussion was held regarding the possible replacement of the John Deere zero-turn mowers and two smaller John Deere riding mowers. Based on the recommendation of the maintenance supervisor, it was decided to not to replace the equipment this year.

The Board discussed possible cost savings and revenue enhancing measures outlined in a document prepared by Mr. Klooster. Some items discussed were: increasing various fees and athletic ticket prices, freezing non-essential spending, freezing textbook rotation, pursuing lower cost water treatment options for the boilers, reducing extra-curricular trips, reducing professional development for board and staff, freezing principal's budgets, bidding out property/casualty insurance. Mr. Klooster was directed to prepare specific recommendations for possible action at the March meeting.

Items for the next meeting: possible RIF's and/or non-re-employs of certified and/or non-certified staff, possible approval of bids, possible salute to Spelling Bee winner, possible action on debt restructuring and possible action on costs savings.

Motion was made by Mr. Nowlan, seconded by Mr. Knobloch, to adjourn to Executive Session for the discussion of Appointment, Employment, Compensation, and Performance or Dismissal of Employees at 8:18 p.m. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mr. Nowlan, seconded by Mr. Turnbull, to reconvene from Executive Session at 9:26 p.m. and to hold the minutes, Not for Release. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mr. Nowlan, seconded by Mr. Knobloch, to approve the Executive Session minutes of January 26, 2015, Not for Release. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mr. Nowlan, seconded by Mr. Groter, to accept the resignation of Jennifer Bell as crossing guard in Toulon, effective February 3, 2015. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mr. Nowlan, seconded by Mr. Knobloch, to adjourn at 9:27 p.m.
Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

Brian Rewerts, President

Elizabeth Rumbold, Secretary

APPROVED: March 16, 2015

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Special Meeting – February 13, 2015

The Stark County Community Unit School District #100 Board of Education met in special session on Friday, February 13, 2015 in the Stark County CUSD 100 District Office. Members present were Robert Groter, Keith Knobloch, Robin Nowlan, Ann Orwig, Brian Rewerts, and Ronald Turnbull. Also present was Jerry Klooster, Superintendent; and Dale Heinold, District IT. (Elizabeth Rumbold arrived during the meeting.)

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by President, Mr. Rewerts, at 7:45 a.m.

There were no visitor comments.

There were no old business items.

Mr. Klooster and Mr. Heinold informed the Board of a reduced pricing opportunity on chromebooks from Tierney Bros. Motion was made by Mr. Turnbull, seconded by Mr. Knobloch, to approve the purchase of 200 chromebooks from Tierney Bros at \$253 per device, including license, for a total cost of \$50,600, pending availability. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Mr. Klooster provided the Board with information on other items:

1. he requested a meeting of the Building and Finance Committees prior to the regular February meeting to discuss bond restructuring and boiler bids,
2. distributed a copy of our current vehicle list and asked the members to review prior to the regular meeting
3. he informed the Board he would be e-mailing a fund balance sheet history, FY15 and FY 16 projections and a cost savings document.

Motion was made by Mr. Groter, seconded by Mr. Nowlan, to adjourn at 8:02 a.m.
Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

President

Secretary

