

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

**Regular Meeting – February 24, 2014**

The Stark County Community Unit School District #100 Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, February 24, 2014 at the Stark County Elementary. Members present were Robert Groter, Keith Knobloch, Ann Orwig, Brian Rewerts, Elizabeth Rumbold, and Ronald Turnbull. Also present were Jerry Klooster, Superintendent; William Lamb, Jr. High/High School Principal; Tessa Samuelsen, Elementary Principal; Jennie Hawkey, Curriculum Coordinator; Dale Heinold, Tech Coordinator; Don Turnbull, Transportation Director; students and citizens of the district and a member of the press. (W. David Turner was absent.)

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

The Board recognized Illinois State Scholars: Elizabeth Hippen, Jade Molln, Victoria West and Rachel Wilson.

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

- Approval of the January 20, 2014 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 \$600.91, Stark County CUSD \$146,454.13, BC/BS of Illinois \$41,954.54, Guardian \$420.43, Guardian \$3,086.24, Guardian \$494.36, Guardian \$400.35, Stark County Sheriff's Office \$287.50, State Disbursement Unit \$215.00, Stark County CUSD #100 \$144,140.86, Vicki Moutoux \$360.00, Ag View FS \$1,500.00, Ag View FS \$1,720.00, VISA \$251.30, VISA \$432.27, VISA \$839.49, Century Link Business Services \$88.20, CNH Capital – CRA Payment Center \$45.50, State Bank of Toulon \$255,770.64, Imprest Fund \$7,198.87.

Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. Groter, to approve the February bills of \$103,379.28. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

There were no visitor comments.

**Committee Reports:**

**Negotiations** – Mr. Knobloch reported the committee had met once since the last Board meeting and have a good start and will meet again Thursday.

**Henry/Stark Special Education** - Mr. Klooster reported he attended the February 16 Executive Committee meeting and they approved resignations of a para-professional, teacher and psychologist and will recommend employment of a para-professional.

**Stark County Education Foundation** - Mrs. Rumbold reported the Hawk family will offer a \$500 scholarship for the next twelve years in memory of Kristen Hawk Keane. Raymond James Group was present to discuss how the Margaret Poe funds have been invested. The Foundation will be awarding three \$10,000 (\$2,500 each year for up to four years) if the applicants meet the application requirements. They also awarded ten \$150 teacher grants and two \$500 building grants to staff.

### **Administrative Reports:**

Mrs. Hawkey presented the district improvement plan and the technology plan.

Mrs. Samuelsen reported staff recently participated in an in-house Google Docs training. Grade levels are preparing for upcoming testing. Brian Ellis and Barry Cloyd presented a program entitled *Stories and Songs from the Underground Railroad* on February 7<sup>th</sup>. Non-certified evaluations have been completed. A district-wide special education transitioning meeting took place to develop a plan to organize end of the year student transition meetings and discuss new special education changes. STAR team meetings took place and teachers discussed interventions, student progress, lesson plans and second semester Family Reading and Math Nights. The Ladders Team met and are looking at graduating some of the participants and making slots available for other students. Mrs. Strode, Mrs. Gilles and Mrs. George's classrooms were Golden Spoon winners. Elementary Spelling bee winners were: alternate – Jake Steward, third runner-up – Riley Menssen, second runner-up – Kylie Salisbury, first runner-up – Laila Vaughn and the fifth grade bee champion was Olivia Bessler. Reading Bingo begins this month. The Parent Club fundraiser held on Saturday was successful.

Mr. Lamb reported he and Mrs. McGrath met with the eighth grade Bradford students and parents. March 18 is the tentative date for freshman orientation for all 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. ISAT will begin next Monday at the Jr. High. Miranda Bessler placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the county spelling bee held last week and Vivian Adams is the alternate. Professional development meetings are being held at the Jr. High and High School, with trainings on Google Docs, PARCC updates, Illinois Interactive Report Cards and our math integrated curriculum. Mr. Langdon's Operation Teen Safe Driving team is busy planning safe driving activities for grades 6-12. Stark County is hosting the boys' basketball regional tournament. Jr. High Parent club met and plan to meet again in April.

Mr. Klooster reported the following:

- We did not receive the Energy Efficiency Grant to replace the boiler at the High School, but we did receive the School Maintenance Project Grant in the amount of \$50,000 to replace the lighting fixtures in the gymnasiums. There is a second round of the Building Maintenance Grant that could be applied for to be used toward the cost of replacing the boiler at the High School and an Illinois Emergency Security Grant to be used toward updating security cameras.
- School was cancelled January 6, 7, 21, 23, 27, 28 and February 5 due to inclement weather (six student attendance days and one teacher institute day)

and we have used our five emergency days plus two days. He has requested an Act of God day for one of the days, but had not requested an Act of God day for February 5<sup>th</sup>. The consensus of the Board was to apply for an Act of God Day for February 5<sup>th</sup>. If no more days are missed, the last day of student attendance will be Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup> and Teacher Institute Days on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

- He presented additional information on the 1-1 Technology implementation.
- He presented the administrative procedures regarding reply to requests for placement of foreign exchange students.
- He presented information/rationale to raise the substitute teacher pay from \$75 per day to \$85 per day.
- He would like to have a combined Education/Finance Committee meeting to discuss textbook adoption for next year and hopefully have a recommendation for approval at the May meeting.
- We are part of the Illinois Energy Consortium and Ameren Energy Marketing is our current electrical supplier. Ameren Energy Marketing was taken over by Homefield Energy and the Illinois Energy Consortium has chosen not to renew with Homefield Energy. They have chosen Nextera Energy Services to be their new program administrator. He recommended that we make the switch to Homefield Energy and sign up for a one year agreement.
- The renovation of the women's restroom in the foyer of the High School is near completion and looks much better.
- The fuel price agreed upon with Ag View for the next year, including taxes, is \$3.17 for unleaded gas and \$3.49 for diesel fuel.

The Board reviewed the goals established as a result of the July 2013 Board Retreat.

Mr. Klooster presented information regarding the 1-1 Technology implementation in regards to costs and possible student fees. Discussion involved: concerns regarding the cost of implementing the plan included budget, possible financial hardship related to parents and technology fees, and being sure the public is aware of the possibility of a technology fee prior to registration. Motion was made by Mr. Knobloch, seconded by Mrs. Rumbold, to approve the plan as proposed with possible student fees to be determined at a later date. Motion was approved by a 4-2 vote with Mr. Groter and Mr. Turnbull voting nay.

Motion was made by Mr. Turnbull, seconded by Mrs. Orwig, to grant the superintendent the authority to consult with the architect and then, if desired, to let bids for the gym lighting project. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mr. Knobloch, seconded by Mrs. Rumbold, to direct the superintendent to apply for the second round of the Building Maintenance Grant and the School Security grant as presented. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mr. Groter, seconded by Mrs. Orwig, to approve the administrative procedures regarding foreign exchange student applicants. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Mr. Klooster and Don Turnbull presented information regarding the current bus needs. Two buses will be at the end of the three-year leases in June. Don would like to replace the district owned 99 Blue Bird bus with 195,000 plus miles. One of the spare buses is not running and he recommended possibly leasing a bus until the end of the school year at an approximate cost of \$400 per month. Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. Knobloch, to let bids for leasing three (3) 65-passenger buses with three year leases; approve the immediate lease of a used bus on a monthly basis until the end of the school year; and get the purchase price of the current buses coming off the 3-year lease. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Mr. Klooster reported the current mowers are at the end of their warranty and recommended seeking bids for new mowers. Motion was made by Mr. Groter, seconded by Mrs. Orwig, to let bids for two John Deere 60" front mowers with trade-ins. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Mr. Klooster reported the 2009 Ford Focus driver education car has over 70,000 miles and is in need of some front-end work. He received some non-binding options from Scott Eisenbarth for a 2014 Ford Fusion S model and a 2014 Ford Focus. No action was taken and matter will be revisited after to July 1.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. Knobloch, to direct the Superintendent to apply for an additional Act of God day and that pending no more additional snow days, tentatively intend to set May 30 as the last student attendance day and June 3 as the last teacher work day. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote. The Board also affirmed that high school graduation will take place on May 25 and eighth grade promotion will take place on May 23.

Motion was made by Mr. Groter, seconded by Mrs. Rumbold, to increase the substitute teacher pay to \$85.00 a day, effective March 1, 2014. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Orwig, seconded by Mr. Knobloch, to enter into a one-year agreement with IEC and Nextera Energy for District electricity delivery. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Orwig, seconded by Mr. Knobloch, to approve the District School Improvement Plan and the Technology Plan as presented. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

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 report on focused monitoring visit.

Motion was made by Mr. Groter, seconded by Mrs. Rumbold, to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing appointment, employment, compensation, performance or dismissal of employees and collective bargaining at 9:06 p.m. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. Groter, to reconvene from Executive Session at 11:05 p.m. and to hold the minutes, Not for Release. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. Turnbull, to approve the Executive Session minutes of January 20, 2014, Not for Release. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mrs. Orwig, to accept the resignation of Laurie Persinger as crossing guard in Toulon, effective immediately. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. Knobloch, to hire Heather Rucker three hours a day as a bus monitor and crossing guard. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mrs. Orwig, to accept the letter of retirement from High School teacher Sharon Hall, effective the end of the 2016-2017 school year. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. Groter, to employ Jennifer Bell as crossing guard in Toulon for two hours per day. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mrs. Orwig, to approve Michael Smania as a volunteer baseball coach. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. Knobloch, to adjourn at 11:07 p.m. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

W. David Turner  
President

Elizabeth Rumbold  
Secretary

Approved: March 17, 2014

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**Special Meeting - February 25, 2014**

The Stark County Community Unit School District #100 Board of Education met in special session on Tuesday, February 25, 2014, at Stark County Elementary. Members present were Robert Groter, Keith Knobloch, Ann Orwig, Beth Rumbold, and Ronald Turnbull. Also present were Jerry Klooster, Superintendent; William Lamb, Jr. High/High School Principal; and Tim Carstens, Dean. (Brian Rewerts and W. David Turner were absent.)

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Klooster at 4:40 p.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Groter, seconded by Mrs. Orwig, to elect Mr. Knobloch as President Pro-Tem. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mr. Turnbull, seconded by Mrs. Orwig, to adjourn to Executive Session for the discussion of student discipline at 4:42 p.m. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mr. Groter, seconded by Mrs. Orwig, to reconvene from Executive Session at 5:15 p.m. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mr. Groter, seconded by Mr. Turnbull, to hold the Executive Session Minutes, Not for Release. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mr. Groter, seconded by Mr. Turnbull, to expel Student 3F for one calendar year until the end of the first semester of the 2014-2015 school year, but to hold the expulsion in abeyance to attend the alternative school in Manlius with transportation supplied by the District. If the student meets the conditions of the agreement, Student 3F may be allowed to return to Stark County School the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. Groter, to adjourn at 5:20 p.m. Motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

W. David Turner  
President

Elizabeth Rumbold  
Secretary

Approved: March 17, 2014