

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

**Regular Meeting – November 16, 2015**

The Stark County Community Unit School District #100 Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, November 16, 2015 at the Stark County Elementary School. Members present were Robert Groter, Matthew Nagode, Ann Orwig, Brian Rewerts, David Steward and Bruce West. Also present were Jerry Klooster, Superintendent; William Lamb, Jr. High/High School Principal; Jenna Bibb, Elementary Principal; Jennie Hawkey, Curriculum Coordinator; Rebecca Bonce, Ag View FS; Corey McGinn and “Alumni Football America” representative, Chuck Hulke; student and citizens of the district and a member of the press. (Elizabeth Rumbold was absent.)

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

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

- Approval of the October 19, 2015 minutes;
- Approval of the October Jr. High Activity Fund, High School Activity Fund, Imprest Fund and Treasurer’s Report;
- Approval of the October LEA checks as follows: City of Wyoming \$667.65, Stark County CUSD 100 \$146,837.14, BC/BS of Illinois \$45,314.04, Guardian \$394.33, Guardian \$3,137.18, Guardian \$435.93, Guardian \$406.42, State Bank of Toulon \$1,000,000.00, Stark County Sheriff’s Office \$550.00, U.S. Postal Service \$500.00, Office Depot Business Credit \$127.16, Stark County CUSD 100 \$159,866.85, Sharon Kuntz \$100.00, Vicki Moutoux \$750.00, VISA \$740.39, VISA \$421.37, VISA \$1,726.61, CNHI Capital \$45.50, Imprest Fund \$6,450.07.

Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mr. Groter, seconded by Mr. West, to approve the November bills of \$146,002.53. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

**Visitor Comments:**

Rebecca Bonce, Ag View FS representative, presented a \$400.00 check to the District from the “Fuel the Rebels” program. One cent per gallon of gas purchased with an applicable Ag View Fuel card by Stark County residents is donated to the district. This is the first year for the program and the check represents fuel purchased between February and May of this year.

Corey McGinn and Chuck Hulke, representative from Alumni Football America, addressed the Board regarding an alumni football game between Stark County CUSD 100 and Princeville. Items addressed included insurance, game receipts, player eligibility, game responsibilities, and timelines. Consideration of an alumni football game will be placed on the December agenda.

**Administrative Reports:**

Mrs. Hawkey presented the 2015 Report Card results.

Mrs. Bibb reported enrollment was up six students. She, Jackie Colgan and Jamie D'Amico attended the first of two NGSS workshops at the ROE and will be sharing the information at upcoming faculty meetings. She and Mr. Heinold met with the 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers to begin plans for 5<sup>th</sup> graders to begin taking their Chromebooks home. The handbook currently states that noon recess will be moved indoors when the wind chill is 32 degrees; she would like to change it to 10 degrees wind chill. Fourth grade held a Wax Museum and raised over \$900. Half of the money raised will be donated to St. Jude and the other half will be used for classroom projects. The Veterans Day program was held November 6<sup>th</sup> and was well attended.

Mr. Lamb reported the job shadowing program for the Juniors was completed. Mrs. Milroy and her students hosted the Salute to Veterans program on November 10<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. McGrath has planned a parent College Night for November 18<sup>th</sup> to share information relating to college selection, registration, scholarship opportunities and financial aid (FAFSA) processes. The new bus lane is working well, but are still working on the procedures. More than thirty students have expressed interest in a computer coding class that will meet as an after school activity under the direction of Mr. Heinold.

Mr. Klooster reported that we are in the process of issuing bids for the sale of refunding bonds and we will market the bonds initially to local banks. The Board will be asked to adopt a resolution to authorize the sale of the refunding bonds once the bids have been confirmed. He distributed a progress report on the board goals established in September. He received a FOIA request from Kylie Spahn of Downers Grove regarding the number of students that took the PARCC, refused to take the PARCC and were absent when the PARCC was given in the spring of 2015. He reported all buildings were in compliance per the 2015-2016 Annual Health Life/Safety Inspection Report from the ROE. He reported the yearly expenditures to date are within budgeted projections.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Finance:** Mr. West reported the committee had met on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and discussed the 2015 levy and planned bond repayment authorization. Mr. Klooster shared the following:

“According to the Stark County assessor, we may receive a 2 to 2 ½ percent increase in taxable EAV district-wide.

Based on this estimate, I am recommending a total levy of \$5,416,616. This total is about \$341,616 more than last year's extension and if approved at this amount would result in a district total tax rate of \$5.34. The levy is based on a projected total EAV increase of 3% - Remember though, it is very possible that the EAV within the district will not increase by 3%, and we will receive less than what we are asking for. The Finance Committee is recommending that you hold a Truth-In-Taxation hearing on Dec. 21 prior to your decision on a 2015 levy adoption.

An important note to remember is that the implementation of tax caps in the coming year by the Illinois legislature is a strong possibility. If the current tax cap

legislation is signed by the governor, (except for additional revenue resulting from real growth), Stark 100's levy would be capped at this year's levy amount for at least the next two years."

On the bond restructure recommendation, Klooster shared that "the primary driver of increase for this levy is the \$215,000 increase in the Bond and Interest levy." Klooster explained that "under the current repayment plan, the tax payers of this district are required to make bond & interest payments on previously issued Health/Life Safety bonds through 2028. The payments through 2025 are about \$350,000 per year. The payments for 2026 through 2028 are about \$650,000 per year. The school board plans to restructure the bonds this year AND to make a one-time \$1,000,000 bond pay-down. By making the bond pay-down in coordination with the restructure, this will significantly reduce the long-term bond debt for tax payers. The new repayment schedule will reduce the remaining payback time from 13 years to 7 years. Instead of having 10 years of \$350,000 payments, plus 3 years of \$650,000 payments; taxpayers will have one \$550,000 payment, plus 6 payments of approximately \$450,000." Klooster pointed out that this plan does not represent a savings to the school board, but it represents future savings to the tax payers of the school district.

Klooster estimated that the additional one-time bond & interest levy increase this year will cost the owner of a \$100,000 home about \$68. As currently planned, that cost would then go down to about \$30 per year thereafter. When the bonds are paid off 6 years earlier than originally planned, the savings to the owner of a typical \$100,000 home would be about \$112 per year."

**Building:** Mr. Nagode stated the committee did not meet; plan to meet when the boiler project is complete and will also discuss bleacher replacement at the football field at that time.

**Ed Foundation:** Mr. Klooster reported a meeting had been held to look at options regarding the Margaret Poe money still in Connecticut. He and Judy Taylor were directed to work with an attorney regarding the feasibility of recouping some lost revenue.

Approval of Bond Resolution was tabled until the December meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. West, seconded by Mr. Steward, to approve the preliminary levy and to schedule a Truth-in-Taxation hearing and final adoption of the 2015 levy at the December 21, 2015 meeting. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mr. Steward, seconded by Mr. West, to approve an open gym for post high school age community members at the SCAC on Sundays, beginning after the IHSA football season ends and concluding immediately after the IHSA boys' state championship tournament, and to employ John Carroll to supervise the open gym. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Orwig, seconded by Mr. Steward, to approve the school report card and to direct Mr. Klooster to post it on the District web site. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Items for the next meeting: Truth-in-Taxation Hearing, Adoption of the 2015 Tax Levy, Building Security during Christmas Break, Alumni Football Game, Discussion of Interest in a Combined Board Workshop, Bond Resolution, Education Committee Report.

Motion was made by Mr. Steward, seconded by Mr. West, to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussion appointment, employment, compensation, performance or dismissal of employees and review of previous Executive Session minutes at 7:30 p.m. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Orwig, seconded by Mr. Groter, to reconvene from Executive Session at 9:14 p.m. and to hold the minutes, Not for Release. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Orwig, seconded by Mr. Steward, to approve the Executive Session minutes of October 19, 2015, Not for Release. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Orwig, seconded by Mr. Groter, to continue to hold the following Executive Session minutes, Not for Release: April 20, 2015, May 18, 2015, June 15, 2015, July 15, 2015, August 17, 2015 and September 21, 2015. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Orwig, seconded by Mr. Nagode, to employ Amy Wise as high school softball coach for the 2015-2016 school year. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Orwig, seconded by Mr. West, to employ Jim Breese as freshman boy's basketball coach for the 2015-2016 school year. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Orwig, seconded by Mr. Nagode, to employ Cassandra Trumpy as Assistant High School Student Council advisor, effective immediately. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Orwig, seconded by Mr. West, to employ Bob Bohm as 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls' basketball coach for the 2015-2016 school year. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Orwig, seconded by Mr. Steward, to approve the resolution of dismissal for bus driver Teresa Rummerfield. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Orwig, seconded by Mr. West, to accept the updated letter of retirement from Nancy Wier changing the retirement date from the end of the 2016-2017

school year to the end of the 2015-2016 school year. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Orwig, seconded by Mr. West, to adjourn at 9:16 p.m. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote.

Brian Rewerts, President

Elizabeth Rumbold, Secretary

Approved: December 21, 2015