

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

Regular Meeting – October 20, 2014

The Stark County Community Unit School District #100 Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, October 20, 2014 at the Stark County Elementary. Members present were Robert Groter, Keith Knobloch, Robin Nowlan, Ann Orwig, Brian Rewerts, Elizabeth Rumbold, and Ronald Turnbull. Also present were Jerry Klooster, Superintendent; William Lamb, Jr. High/High School Principal; Tessa Samuelson, Elementary Principal; Ellin Lotspeich, Bradford CUSD #1 Superintendent, and a member of the press.

The meeting was called to order by President, Mr. Rewerts, at 7:02 p.m.

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

- Approval of the September 22, 2014 minutes;
- Approval of the September Jr. High Activity Fund, High School Activity Fund, Imprest Fund and Treasurer's Report;
- Approval of the September LEA checks as follows: City of Wyoming \$288.37, Stark County CUSD \$127,997.28, BC/BS of Illinois \$39,867.39, Guardian \$407.38, Guardian \$2,955.82, Guardian \$465.94, Guardian \$404.77, Stark County Sheriff's Office \$225.00, State Disbursement Unit \$215.00, VISA \$1,372.86, VISA \$523.59, Stark County CUSD 100 \$165,930.73, U.S. Postal Service \$500.00, Sharon Kuntz \$312.50, Vicki Moutoux \$225.00, VISA \$205.82, Wyoming Motors \$12,265.00, CNHI Capital-CRA Payment Center \$182.99,
- Wigand Disposal/PCD Area Companies \$497.00, Imprest Fund \$7,374.17.

Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. Knobloch, to approve the October bills of \$164,264.31. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Visitor Comments: Bradford District #1 Superintendent, Ellin Lotspeich, addressed the Board regarding the upcoming deactivation agreement renewal and asked the Board to consider a reduction in tuition charges.

Administrative Reports:

Mrs. Samuelson reported Fire Prevention Day was October 6th and involved a fire drill, lessons on fire safety, and visits from the community fire and EMT personnel. The Ladders Program, focusing on reading and math, has sixteen students participating. October is Bully Prevention month. Teacher meetings have included aligning the Kindergarten report cards to the new Illinois State Standards and KIDS assessment, and grade level components of the School Improvement plans. Tier III meetings are scheduled to be held after parent-teacher conferences. She thanked the Wyoming Lions for their donation to be used for students in need.

Mr. Lamb reported parent/teacher conferences are scheduled for Thursday, October 23rd

and Friday, October 24th. State Representative David Leitch visited on October 9th with short assemblies held in each building. The inventory of new cardio-exercise equipment was modified in order to expand the opportunity for students, and will now total twelve machines to be utilized by both the Jr. High and High school students. Leadership meetings for the Jr. High and High school are taking place monthly. Teams are evaluating school academic priorities and suggesting plans for improvement. The High School tutoring program, Rebel Raisers, has begun with help available five mornings and four evenings per week. Homecoming activities went well. The lockdown drill went smoothly.

Mr. Klooster recognized Mrs. Samuelsen and Mr. Lamb as part of Principals' Week. He reminded the Board that the tax levy will be adopted at the December meeting and he will be reporting on the recommended levy at the November meeting. He gave a TIF update and to date the District has seen a total loss of tax revenue to the TIFs of \$630,296. He gave an update on the lighting project: lights have been installed in all three gyms, controls have been installed at the High School and SCAC gyms, and controls need to be installed at the Elementary gym. The state matching grant reduced our cost to \$31,850 (actual cost \$63,701) and we were recently informed that another grant was approved that will pick up about \$9,400 of our costs. He reported the board members and administrators will be attending the IASB/IASA/IASBO Conference in Chicago on November 21-23. He reported on the monthly budget expenditures.

Committee Reports:

Special Committee on Renaming of the HS Gym: Mr. Turnbull reported the committee met on October 2nd and discussed the Board policy, history, location/type of sign, scholarships and fundraising. Mr. Turnbull read the following statement: "In order to pay tribute to Mr. Glenn Buchert for his years of service and selfless devotion to the students and families of the Stark County community as a teacher, sponsor and counselor, we are recommending that the high school gym be renamed: the "Glenn Buchert Gymnasium". In staying with past practice, the committee recommended that no district funds be used in the creation of a sign or plaque, but that fundraising for that purpose be conducted by those supporting this initiative. The committee also recommended that any excess monies raised for this project be used to support/enhance the existing "Glenn Buchert Scholarship".

Finance: Mrs. Rumbold reported she and Mr. Klooster had met with Ian Campbell of Kings Financial Consulting to discuss current and future bond repayment options. She felt the Board would benefit from a presentation by Mr. Campbell at a future meeting.

Henry Stark Special Education District Report: Mr. Klooster reported the Executive Board discussed employment of staff and the 2014 audit. Mrs. Rumbold reported the Governing Board had a short meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Turnbull, seconded by Mr. Nowlan, to approve the resolution for a \$2,365,000 pre-payment of the 2005 Bond Series. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mr. Knobloch, seconded by Mrs. Rumbold, to accept the snow removal bid of Wyoming Monument of \$65.00 per hour (two hour minimum) for the Wyoming facilities and the snow removal bid of Jeff Nelson/Dave Steward of \$65.00 per hour (two hour minimum) for the Toulon facilities. Motion was approved by a 6-0 vote, with Mr. Groter abstaining. Mr. Groter disclosed he is principal owner of the Wyoming Monument.

Motion was made by Mr. Nowlan, seconded by Mr. Knobloch, to accept the bid of Ag View FS for diesel and gas based on an average price risk manager program with rates to be determined following purchase; delivery contract for gas will be January 1, 2015 through November 30, 2015, and delivery contract for diesel will be February 1, 2015 through January 2016. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mr. Knobloch, seconded by Mrs. Rumbold, to rename the High School gymnasium the “Glenn Buchert Gymnasium”. Discussion: signage, dedication, additional monies to existing scholarship. (Mr. Klooster was directed to maintain communication with those involved in fundraising, plan for a dedication once details have been finalized and ensure that all monies collected are utilized per the recommendations of the special committee.) Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Items for the next meeting: Preview of Levy Recommendation, Status Report on Non-Tenured Staff, Review of Executive Session Minutes for the past six months, E-Report Card Report, Award Land Lease

Motion was made by Mr. Turnbull, seconded by Mr. Nowlan, to adjourn to Executive Session for the discussion of Appointment, Employment, Compensation, or other matters related to individual students at 7:46 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 8:25 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. Turnbull, to approve the Executive Session minutes of September 22, 2014, Not for Release. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mrs. Orwig, to employ Thomas McElwee as High School Play Director, effective immediately. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. Knobloch, to employ Angeles Garduno as High School Spanish teacher, effective January 5, 2015. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. Turnbull, to employ Nick Christokos as Jr. High Basketball coach, effective immediately. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

Motion was made by Mrs. Rumbold, seconded by Mr. Nowlan, to employ Drinda Maher as part-time Pre-K bus aide and SCAC bus stop supervisor, effective October 27, 2014. Motion was approved by a 7-0 vote.

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

Brian Rewerts, President

Elizabeth Rumbold, Secretary

Approved: November 17, 2014