

Sturgis Public School District, St. Joseph County
Minutes of the Combined Study Session/Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Held in the Sturgis Central Commons Board Room
Monday, August 20, 2018 – 5:30 p.m.

The Combined Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Ann Bird at 5:32 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Gorsuch with support from Mr. Swihart to approve the agenda as presented. 6 ayes – 0 nays, motion approved.

<u>Present:</u>	Paul Gorsuch	Kerri Millett	Scott Swihart
	Scott Boland	Emily Halling	Ann Bird

<u>Absent:</u>	Gwen Donmyer
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Administration	Dr. Arthur Ebert, Superintendent
<u>Present:</u>	Ms. Nicole Airgood, Assistant Superintendent
	Mr. Ray Sterling, Director of Finance

<u>Visitors</u>	Brian Tallmadge, Von Metzger, Michelle Patrick-Sturgis Journal, Mike Miller, Harmonee McCrea, Karen Wegner, Tracy Olson, Kris Crabill, Heidi Wolfe, Alex Milton, Julianne Kent, Aaron Hess, Matt Henningsen, Sarah Savitski, Doug Camburn, Allison Carter, Mike Stiles-WBET, Ashlee Stephens, Ron Ehlers
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<u>Sturgis Showcase:</u>	Dr. Ebert presented a press release and video on the new NaviGate system, thanking community members who raised the necessary funds. Wall Principal Harmonee McCrea discussed the advantages of universal breakfast in K-2 classrooms. Eastwood Principal Mike Miller and Congress/Wenzel Principal Nick Herblet discussed the reasons and decisions behind the new building start times.
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<u>Public Comments:</u>	There were no public comments.
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<u>The Consent Agenda:</u>	There were no questions on the July meeting minutes as submitted. There were items that needed clarification on July expenses. A special meeting will be held on Thursday, August 30 at 5:15 p.m. to review and approved the July financials. A motion was made by Mrs. Halling with support from Mr. Boland to approve the July minutes. 6 ayes – 0 nays, motion approved.
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Action Items for Immediate Consideration:

A. Vehicle Purchase

Transportation Director Doug Camburn reviewed the process and details on the purchase of two Ford 10 passenger transit vans to replace aging suburbans. There was a motion to approve the purchase by Mr. Swihart with support from Dr. Millett. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

B. New Hires

Nicole Airgood introduced new teacher candidates for the 2018 2019 school year. There was a motion to approve the hiring by Dr. Millett with support from Mrs. Halling. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

C. NEOLA Policy Update-Second Reading and Local Update

Mrs. Stimson added a new grievance form to the reading. This will consolidate several forms into one and include more information. There was a motion to approve by Mr. Gorsuch with support from Mr. Swihart. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

D. Committee/Appointments

Mrs. Bird reviewed the current Board committee appointments and building assignments. There were a few changes made to the building assignments. There was a motion to approve by Mr. Boland with support from Mrs. Halling. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

Informational Item:

A. St. Joseph County School Board Association Meeting

Mrs. Bird shared information about the October 2 meeting, which will take place at Centreville Schools.

In administrative reports Mr. Sterling congratulated the new hires.

Mrs. Airgood reviewed plans for Welcome Back Week for staff and plans for professional development. Teachers have already been working on a variety of projects.

Dr. Ebert reviewed his second update to the 90-day plan and progress made. The board members need to assess progress and turn in their forms.

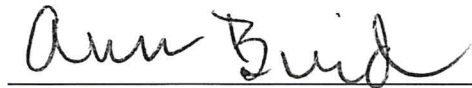
In Board Comments Mrs. Halling appreciated the focus on student learning and welcomed new teachers. Mr. Boland welcomed new teachers and is looking forward to events tomorrow! Mr. Gorsuch thought that the newsletter looked very good and thanked Athletic Director Mark Adams for Wolverine conference passes. He plans to attend tomorrow's events, too. Mr. Swihart thanked Mr. Gorsuch for covering everything. Dr. Millett also enjoyed the fall newsletter and thought that the SchoolADvance retreat for great. Mrs. Bird welcomed new staff and is looking forward to tomorrow's events, too.

At 6:52 p.m. there was a motion to go into closed session to consult with the attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy by Mrs. Halling with support from Mr. Gorsuch. Roll call: Aye- Swihart, Gorsuch, Halling, Boland, Millett, Bird. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

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At 7:35 p.m. there was a motion to resume open session by Mr. Swihart with support from Mrs. Halling. Roll call: Ayes- Swihart, Gorsuch, Halling, Boland, Millett, Bird. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

Mrs. Bird adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m., after a motion by Mrs. Halling with support from Mr. Swihart. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.



Ann Bird, President



Scott Boland, Secretary

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Thursday, August 30, 2018 – 5:15 p.m.

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Ann Bird at 5:15 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Gorsuch with support from Mrs. Halling to approve the agenda as presented. 5 ayes – 0 nays, motion approved.

<u>Present:</u>	Paul Gorsuch	Gwen Donmyer	
	Scott Swihart	Emily Halling	Ann Bird

<u>Absent:</u>	Scott Boland	Kerri Millett
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Administration	Dr. Arthur Ebert, Superintendent
<u>Present:</u>	Mr. Ray Sterling, Business Manager

<u>Visitors</u>	Michelle Patrick-Sturgis Journal, Mary Johansen, Halling kids
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<u>Public Comments:</u>	There were no public comments.
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<u>Presentation:</u>	Mr. Sterling reviewed the July financial statements with a new format showing both 2017 2018 and the new 2018 2019 info. We always have two years open during July and August with audits. Mr. Sterling also shared news that after a review of the district, Standard and Poor's has upgraded our rating to AA from AA-.
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Action Items for Immediate Consideration:

A. July 2018 Financial Statements and Invoices

There were no further questions for Mr. Sterling from the board and the finance committee members. There was a motion to approve by Mrs. Donmyer with support from Mrs. Halling. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

In administrative reports Mr. Sterling had nothing further.


Dr. Ebert plans to have a candidate for the SCC Principal position at the September 10 meeting. He is also looking into an agreement with St. Mary's School in Bronson to provide a teacher and instruction for elective classes. More info will be presented at the September 10 meeting on this, too. Dr. Ebert told the board that the amber alert situation earlier in the day was handled well by staff, students and the Sturgis Police Department.

In Board Comments Mrs. Halling heard from grateful parents regarding clear communication today with the amber alert. Mrs. Donmyer was impressed with communication today, thankful that the kids are safe and she loves the new format for the financials. Mr. Swihart was glad to hear of the rating upgrade and appreciates the extra work on clarity with the financials. Mr. Gorsuch added his thanks for the extra detail in the financials and "ditto" on the events of the day. Mrs. Bird asked if we had any feel for the numbers for fall count yet. We are not expecting

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any major changes from last year. She asked about larger classes at SMS. Dr. Ebert shared that the numbers are not alarming.

Mrs. Bird adjourned the meeting at 5:48 p.m., after a motion by Mr. Swihart with support from Mrs. Donmyer. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.



Ann Bird, President



Paul Gorsuch, Vice President

NOTICE OF SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF STURGIS,
MICHIGAN:**

DATE OF MEETING: Thursday, August 30, 2018


PLACE OF MEETING: Sturgis Central Commons
107 W. West St.
Sturgis, MI 49091

HOUR OF MEETING: 5:15 o'clock P.M.

TO CONSIDER: July Financials

**TELEPHONE NUMBER OF
PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF
BOARD OF EDUCATION:** (269) 659-1502

**BOARD MIUNTES ARE
LOCATED AT THE PRINCIPAL
OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION:** 107 W. West St.
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Scott Boland, Secretary
Board of Education