

Sturgis Public School District, St. Joseph County
Minutes of the Organizational Meeting of the Board of Education
Held in the Sturgis Central Commons Board Room
Monday, July 16, 2018 – 5:30 p.m.

President Ann Bird called the Organizational Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Central Commons Board Room and welcomed Dr. Ebert to his first official meeting as Superintendent.

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

<u>Absent:</u>	Scott Swihart
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Administration	Dr. Arthur Ebert, Superintendent
<u>Present:</u>	Ms. Nicole Airgood, Assistant Superintendent
	Mr. Ray Sterling, Business Manager

<u>Visitors:</u>	Michelle Patrick-Sturgis Journal, Jodie Scheid, Kamela Peterson, Tim Peterson, Theresa Camburn, Doug Camburn, Brian Tallmadge, Ellen Eisele, Mary Bogart, Von Metzger, Kris Crabill, James Shoesmith, Jimmy Lamb, Kelli Lamb and family, Peter Larr, Harmonee McCrea, Karen Wegner, Mike Stiles-WBET Radio
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A motion was made by Mrs. Donmyer with support from Mr. Gorsuch to approve the agenda as presented. 6 ayes – 0 nays, motion approved.

Dr. Ebert reviewed the following for consideration as consent agenda items:

- A. The Board will use the Michigan Liquid Asset Fund and designate Sturgis Bank and Trust Co. as the local depository for Accounts Payable, Payroll, Trust and Agency, Flexible Spending, Capital Projects, and Debt Retirement Accounts. The Board designates Fifth Third Bank as the depository for Health Savings Accounts.
- B. The Board shall designate the Superintendent and/or Business Manager to sign checks, contracts, agreements, and purchase orders on its behalf and further, that all administrators be authorized to sign purchase orders and petty cash checks.
- C. The Board of Education will establish the schedule for study sessions and regular meetings. In general, the meetings will be held on the second and third Mondays of the month. The second Monday will be a study session in the SCC Board Room. The third Monday will be the regular meeting and location will vary, with meetings scheduled at each school building. There will normally be one scheduled meeting in July, August, December and February.
- D. Grant the Superintendent, Business Manager, Bookkeeper and Superintendent's Secretary the authority to access the District Safety Deposit Box.

- E. Authorize the Superintendent and Business Manager to attend and delegate as necessary the routine responsibilities of the Board Treasurer and Secretary including, but not limited to, investing funds, conducting elections, and posting notices in accordance with Board Policy. The Board Finance Committee is charged with the task of approving recommendations for the movement of investments.
- F. Retain the Thrun Law Firm, P.C. for the 2017-2018 school year. Dresser, Dresser, Haas & Caywood will continue to be used for specific local issues.
- G. The Board shall designate the Superintendent, Business Manager, and / or Assistant Superintendent to apply for and oversee Federal and State Programs as required for Civil Rights Compliance.
- H. The Board shall designate the Business Manager as Electronic Transfer Officer (ETO).
- I. The Board shall approve program coordinators listed in public notices as required for Civil Rights Compliance.

There was a motion by Dr. Millett with support from Mrs. Donmyer to approve items A-I as presented. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

Mrs. Bird adjourned the organizational meeting at 5:35 p.m. after a motion by Mrs. Donmyer with support from Mr. Boland. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.



Ann Bird, President



Scott Boland, Secretary

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, July 16, 2018 – 5:35 p.m.

The Combined Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Ann Bird at 5:35 p.m.

A motion was made by Mrs. Donmyer with support from Mrs. Halling to approve the agenda as presented. 6 ayes – 0 nays, motion approved.

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

Absent: Scott Swihart

Administration	Dr. Arthur Ebert, Superintendent
<u>Present:</u>	Ms. Nicole Airgood, Assistant Superintendent
	Mr. Ray Sterling, Business Manager

Visitors Michelle Patrick-Sturgis Journal, Jodie Scheid, Kamela Peterson, Tim Peterson, Theresa Camburn, Doug Camburn, Brian Tallmadge, Ellen Eisele, Mary Bogart, Von Metzger, Kris Crabill, James Shoesmith, Jimmy Lamb, Kelli Lamb and family, Peter Larr, Harmonee McCrea, Karen Wegner, Mike Stiles-WBET Radio, Patti Miller

Sturgis Showcase: Nicole Airgood reviewed an outline of the district improvement plan. Mrs. Bird participated in the process and commented on the work required to put the plan together.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

The Consent Agenda: June meeting minutes, financial statements and invoices were reviewed by Ray Sterling. A motion was made by Mrs. Halling with support from Mr. Gorsuch to approve the Consent Agenda. 6 ayes – 0 nays, motion approved.

Action Items for Immediate Consideration:

A. Milk Bids

Ray Sterling and Food Service Director Patti Miller reviewed bids opened this morning. There was a motion to support the Cedar Crest bid by Mr. Gorsuch with support from Mr. Boland. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

B. New Hires

Nicole Airgood introduced Mr. James Lamb as the new SHS Assistant Principal. There was a motion to approve the hiring by Mrs. Donmyer with support from Dr. Millett. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

C. Amended Resolution for Class Action Suit

Mr. Sterling explained that the original resolution named Rob Olsen for the district as Interim Superintendent. The amended resolution updates that and shows Dr. Ebert as Superintendent. There was a motion to approve by Mrs. Donmyer with support from Dr. Millett. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

D. Administrative Contracts

Dr. Ebert reviewed the administrators and compensation for the 2018-2019 school year. There was a motion to approve by Mr. Gorsuch with support from Mrs. Halling. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

Action Items for August:

A. NEOLA Policy Update-First Reading

Dr. Ebert reviewed the update. The policy committee met earlier to cover in more detail. Board members should review the update. Approval will be sought at the August 20, 2018 meeting.

B. Committees and Appointments 2018 2019

Mrs. Bird asked the Board members to review their assignments for the August meeting. Changes to building appointments were reviewed at that time and changes were made.

In administrative reports Mr. Sterling had nothing further.

Mrs. Airgood had nothing further.

Dr. Ebert reviewed his 90-day plan and progress made. He thanked Rob Olsen and Nicole Airgood for the seamless transition. Mrs. Bird commented that it's a great start.

In Board Comments Mrs. Donmyer thanked everyone for the updates and congratulated Mr. Lamb. Mr. Gorsuch was impressed with number of people in attendance, congratulated Mr. Lamb and congratulated Dr. Ebert on his first official meeting. Mr. Boland echoed Mr. Gorsuch. Dr. Millett welcomed Dr. Ebert and commented on his thorough report. Mrs. Halling welcomed Dr. Ebert and thanked him for listening to so many citizens and parents. She asked her high school student about Mr. Lamb and was told they wanted him as a teacher! Mrs. Bird was thrilled to see so many staff, congratulated Mr. Lamb and welcomed Dr. Ebert.

Mrs. Bird adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m., after a motion by Mrs. Donmyer with support from Mrs. Halling. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.



Ann Bird, President



Scott Boland, Secretary

Sturgis Public Schools, St. Joseph County, Michigan (the "District").

A regular meeting of the board of education of the District (the "Board") was held in the Sturgis Central Commons Board Room in the District, on the 16th day of July, 2018, at 5:30 o'clock in the p.m..

The meeting was called to order by Ann Bird, President.

Present: Members Bird, Halling, Donmyer, Gorsuch, Boland, Millett

Absent: Members Swihart

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Donmyer and supported by Member Millett:

WHEREAS, a group of plaintiffs filed a class action lawsuit against certain financial institutions, and the lawsuit is currently pending in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York: *Alaska Electrical Pension Fund, et al., v Bank of America, et al.*, Lead Case No. 14-cv-7126 (JMF) (S.D.N.Y.) (the "Class Action Lawsuit");

WHEREAS, proposed settlements were reached with some of the financial institutions in the Class Action Lawsuit ("Settlement");

WHEREAS, on July 2, 2017, the District filed a Settlement claim form, spreadsheet, and resolution authorizing and directing its then-Interim Superintendent, Rob Olsen, to act on the District's behalf to obtain Settlement proceeds;

WHEREAS, Rob Olsen is no longer the Interim Superintendent of the District;

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is in its best interest to authorize and direct Art Ebert, Superintendent of the District, to take any necessary action on behalf of the District to obtain Settlement proceeds, subject to review and approval by the District's legal counsel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Board hereby authorizes and directs Art Ebert, Superintendent of the District, to take any necessary action on behalf of the District to obtain Settlement proceeds, subject to review and approval by the District's legal counsel.
2. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded.

Ayes: Members Bird, Halling, Donmyer, Gorsuch, Boland, Millett

Nays: Members None

Resolution declared adopted.

 Secretary, Board of Education

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education of Sturgis Public Schools, St. Joseph County, Michigan, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Education at a combined meeting held on July 16, 2018, the original of which resolution is a part of the Board's minutes, and further certifies that notice of the meeting was given to the public under the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended.

 Secretary, Board of Education