

Sturgis Public School District, St. Joseph County  
Minutes of the Study Session of the Board of Education  
Held in the Sturgis Central Commons Board Room  
Monday, October 8, 2018 – 5:30 p.m.

The Study Session of the Board of Education was called to order by Vice President Paul Gorsuch at 5:30 p.m.

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

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

<u>Absent:</u>	Ann Bird
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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>	Harmonee McCrea, Michelle Patrick-Sturgis Journal, Alejandra Garrett, Nathan Schwartz, Nick Herblet, Heather George, Mike Stiles-WBET, Von Metzger, Karen Wegner, Mike Miller, Kris Crabill
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<u>Public Comments:</u>	There were no public comments.
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<u>The Consent Agenda:</u>	Mrs. Karen Stimson noted one change to the minutes. Mr. Sterling reviewed financial statements and invoices. Approval will be sought October 15.
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Action Items for October 15:

A. Appointment of Special Ed PAC Parent-Nicole Airgood  
Ms. Airgood noted that this request is to reappoint our current representative on the county special education PAC, Mr. Joe Kelly.

B. Annual Summer Tax Resolution  
Mr. Sterling noted that this is an annual request that allows collection of SPS local tax during the summer, which reduces the possibility of borrowing to meet expenses until the first state aid payment comes in.

Informational Item:

A. Interest Based Bargaining  
Dr. Ebert described the process. His experience shows that it enhances communication and problem solving.

In administrative reports Mr. Sterling had nothing further.

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Ms. Airgood noted that we have a half day of school Wednesday with afternoon professional development for staff. The freshmen will be taking the PSAT and the NWEA assessments this week.

Dr. Ebert included a report from the Strategic Team, a Facilities Assessment Update, and a recommendation to forgo dinner at board meetings in favor of light refreshments. The board and staff present agreed.

In Board Comments Mr. Swihart announced that SHS Varsity Tennis came in second at the conference meet. Mrs. Halling is impressed with the CKLA curriculum. Mr. Boland enjoyed the powder puff football game and homecoming activities. Mrs. Donmyer also enjoyed the game and homecoming week. Dr. Millett attended the SABEA meeting today. There will be no career fair this year and a modified business partner schedule. She noted this is a very successful program. Mr. Gorsuch thanked Dr. and Mrs. Ebert for hosting the board last Thursday. He enjoyed homecoming week and thanked committee members for their efforts.

At 6:05 p.m. there was a motion to go into closed session to consider material which is exempt from discussion by State or Federal Statute by Dr. Millett with support from Mr. Swihart. Roll call: Aye- Swihart, Gorsuch, Donmyer, Boland, Millett, Halling. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

At 6:12 p.m. there was a motion to resume open session by Mr. Swihart with support from Dr. Millett. Roll call: Ayes- Swihart, Gorsuch, Donmyer, Boland, Millett, Halling. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

There was a motion to approve teacher leave request by Mr. Boland with support from Mr. Swihart. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

Mr. Gorsuch adjourned the meeting at 6:13 p.m., after a motion by Mr. Swihart with support from Mrs. Donmyer. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.



Paul Gorsuch, Vice President



Scott Boland, Secretary

Sturgis Public School District, St. Joseph County  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
Held in the Wenzel Elementary Gym  
Monday, October 15, 2018 – 5:30 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Ann Bird at 5:30 p.m.

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

Present: Paul Gorsuch Emily Halling Scott Swihart  
Scott Boland Gwen Donmyer Ann Bird  
Kerri Millett (arrived 5:38 p.m.)

Absent:

Administration Dr. Arthur Ebert, Superintendent  
Present: Ms. Nicole Airgood, Assistant Superintendent  
Mr. Ray Sterling, Director of Finance

Visitors Von Metzger, Ryan Banaszak, Nick Herblet, Tracie Pueschel, Adam Miller, Julia Alwine, Kim Hamlin, Tyson Dilts, Lisa Tisdell, Mike Stiles-WBET, Harmonie McCrea, Michelle Patrick-Sturgis Journal

Sturgis Showcase: Wenzel Principal Nick Herblet introduced teachers Kim Hamlin and Julia Alwine. They are team teaching the new CKLA curriculum and presented their process. Mrs. Bird asked if cursive writing will be taught. Ms. Airgood replied that cursive will still be taught, beginning in third grade.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

The Consent Agenda: The consent agenda was approved after a motion by Mrs. Donmyer with support from Mrs. Halling. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

Action Items: A. Appointment of Special Education PAC Parent  
There was a motion by Mrs. Donmyer with support from Mr. Swihart to appoint Mr. Joe Kelley to another two year term. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

B. Annual Summer Tax Resolution  
There was a motion to approve the resolution by Mr. Swihart with support from Mr. Boland. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

In administrative reports Mr. Sterling informed the board that the Plante Moran audit will be reviewed at the November 12 meeting.

Ms. Airgood noted that the secondary ELA adoption work is beginning at SHS. The middle school is considering CKLA.



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Dr. Ebert worked at the Camp Fort Hill 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary last weekend. There was steady traffic. New SCC Principal Jeannine Koenke attended. Thanks to Claudia Pahls for her work on the Marshall Plan. We are in the next round. Mr. David Northrop, Safety and Security Director gave a presentation to Rotary Club today.

In Board Comments Mr. Swihart thanked the Wenzel staff for their hospitality. Mrs. Halling said that she has kids all over the reading spectrum and they all like CKLA. Mr. Gorsuch recommended the MASB Leader Board to all board members. It has good articles on funding, legal issues, and more. He thanked Mr. Herblet for hosting the board. Mr. Boland thanked Mr. Herblet and Wenzel staff. He enjoyed the SHS homecoming. Dr. Millett added kudos on homecoming, and to Dave Ludders and Hunter Raiford on Camp Fort Hill Anniversary celebration. Mrs. Donmyer thanked Wenzel staff and said that she appreciated the changes in the way financial information is presented.

At 6:02 p.m. there was a motion to go into closed session to consider a personnel evaluation by Mr. Swihart with support from Mrs. Halling. Roll call: Aye- Swihart, Gorsuch, Donmyer, Boland, Millett, Halling, Bird. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

At 6:55 p.m. there was a motion to resume open session by Mr. Swihart with support from Mrs. Donmyer. Roll call: Ayes- Swihart, Gorsuch, Donmyer, Boland, Millett, Halling, Bird. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

Mrs. Bird adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m., after a motion by Mrs. Halling with support from Mr. Boland. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

  
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Ann Bird, President

  
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Scott Boland, Secretary

Sturgis Public Schools (the "District")

A regular meeting of the Board of Education (the "Board") was held in the Sturigs Central Commons Board Room, within the boundaries of the District, on the 15th day of October, 2018, at 5:30 o'clock in the p.m.

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

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

Absent: Members None

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Swihart and supported by Member Boland

**WHEREAS**, this Board previously adopted a resolution to impose a summer tax levy to collect 100% of annual school property taxes, including debt service, upon property located within the District and continuing from year-to-year until specifically revoked by the Board.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The Board, pursuant to 1976 PA 451, as amended (the Revised School Code), invokes for 2019 its previously adopted ongoing resolution imposing a summer tax levy of all of annual school property taxes, including debt service, upon property located within the District and continuing from year-to-year until specifically revoked by the Board and requests that each city and/or township in which the District is located collect those summer taxes.

2. The Superintendent or designee is authorized and directed to forward to the governing body of each city and/or township in which the District is located a copy of this Board's resolution imposing a summer property tax levy on an ongoing basis and a copy of this resolution requesting that each such city and/or township agree to collect the summer tax levy for 2019 in the amount specified in this resolution. Such forwarding of the resolutions and the request to collect the summer tax levy shall be performed so that they are received by the appropriate governing bodies before January 1, 2019.

3. Pursuant to and in accordance with Section 1613(1) of the Revised School Code, the Superintendent or designee is authorized and directed to negotiate on behalf of the District with the governing body of each city and/or township in which the District is located for the reasonable expenses for collection of the District's summer tax levy that the city and/or township may bill under MCL 380.1611 or MCL 380.1612. Any such proposed agreement shall be brought before this Board for its approval or disapproval.

4. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

Ayes: Members Bird, Gorsuch, Swihart, Boland, Donmyer, Halling, 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, hereby certifies that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board at a regular meeting held on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018, the original of which is part of the Board's minutes. The undersigned further certifies that notice of the meeting was given to the public pursuant to the provisions of the "Open Meetings Act" (Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended).

  
Secretary, Board of Education