

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, November 12, 2018 – 5:30 p.m.

The Study Session of the Board of Education was called to order by Vice President Paul Gorsuch at 5:34 p.m.

A motion was made by Mrs. Halling 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	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>	Lauri Pressly, Von Metzger, Michelle Patrick-Sturgis Journal, Heather George, Brian Tallmadge, Kris Crabill, Tom Cole-Plante Moran, Ron Ehlers, Mark Adams, Ray Martin, Skip Sisson, Julie Ellis, Larry Ellis, Rollin Mettler, Susan Mettler, Mary Bogart, Melissa Frye, two illegible signatures
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<u>Sturgis Showcase:</u>	Superintendent Art Ebert unveiled the Wall of Service highlighting current employees with 40 + years of service and introduced honorees in attendance Julie Ellis, Ray Martin and Rollin Mettler.
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Mr. Tom Cole of Plante Moran reviewed the 2017-2018 audit. He met earlier with the finance committee. SPS received an unqualified opinion, which is the highest category. Mr. Cole thanked Mr. Ray Sterling and staff for their help in completing the audit. Mr. Gorsuch thanked Mr. Cole and Mr. Matt Kelley of Plante Moran for their hard work.

<u>Public Comments:</u>	There were no public comments.
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<u>The Consent Agenda:</u>	Mr. Sterling reviewed the financial statements. Anyone with questions on the minutes should contact Mrs. Karen Stimson prior to the next meeting, and those with questions on the financials should contact Mr. Sterling.
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In administrative reports Mr. Sterling thanked Plante Moran for their help with audit. He noted that the printed audit information is available on the SPS website.

Ms. Airgood noted that there will be a Title I review at Eastwood. The homeless report is due Dec. 1.

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Dr. Ebert had nothing further.

In Board Comments Mr. Swihart said that he is honored to know all six honorees for 40+ years of service. He thanked Mr. Sterling and staff for diligence on the audit. He is glad for an upbeat finish to the year. Mrs. Halling is also honored to know our honorees, and thanked Mr. Cole and Mr. Kelley from Plante Moran. Mr. Boland echoed thanks and was pleased with the audit. Dr. Millett commented that we will need a bigger wall soon for the 40+ year honorees. Mrs. Donmyer expressed positive feelings about the future and thanked all for work on the wall. She thought the buildings did a great job honoring vets on Veterans Day. Mr. Gorsuch echoed those sentiments and thanked Mr. Cole for keeping it simple!

At 6:10 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 Mr. Swihart with support from Mrs. Donmyer. Roll call: Aye- Swihart, Gorsuch, Donmyer, Boland, Millett, Halling. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

At 7:01 p.m. there was a motion to resume open session by Mrs. Halling with support from Mr. Swihart. Roll call: Ayes- Swihart, Gorsuch, Donmyer, Boland, Millett, Halling. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

At 7:02 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 Mr. Boland with support from Mr. Swihart. Roll call: Aye- Swihart, Gorsuch, Donmyer, Boland, Millett, Halling. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

At 7:59 p.m. there was a motion to resume open session by Mrs. Donmyer with support from Mr. Swihart. Roll call: Ayes- Swihart, Gorsuch, Donmyer, Boland, Millett, Halling. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

There was a motion to authorize Dr. Ebert to appeal a decision against the district by Mr. Boland with support from Mrs. Donmyer. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

Mr. Gorsuch adjourned the meeting at 8:02 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 Congress Elementary Gym
Monday, November 19 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 Mr. Swihart with support from Mrs. Halling to approve the agenda as presented. 4 ayes – 0 nays, motion approved.

Present: Emily Halling Scott Swihart
Scott Boland Ann Bird
Gwen Donmyer (arrived 5:35 p.m.)

Absent: Paul Gorsuch, Kerri Millett

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

Visitors Michelle Patrick-Sturgis Journal, Von Metzger, Gretchen Cropsey, Karen Mullins, Jeri Tetzloff, Nick Herblet, Stacey Yunker, Luanna Evans, Laura Vahovick, Mike Stiles-WBET Radio, Bev Larimer, Molly Vahovick, Chloe Vahovick, Matt Sutter

Sturgis Showcase: Congress Principal Nick Herblet introduced teachers presenting on the new CKLA curriculum with student help. Mrs. Gretchen Cropsey and students talked about writing on ancient myths. Mrs. Stacey Yunker showed a first grade assignment re the human body. Kindergarten teacher Mrs. Jeri Tetzloff focused on skills and knowledge.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

The Consent Agenda: The consent agenda was approved after a motion by Mr. Swihart with support from Mrs. Donmyer. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

Action Items: A. Real Estate Sale Preparation
Dr. Ebert discussed the overall condition of the Arden Park building. He noted that it was appraised for \$58,000 in 2010 and it sits on 1.4 acres. There was a motion to approve preparation by Mrs. Donmyer with support from Mr. Swihart. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

Informational Item: A. Facility Needs Assessment Presentation
Dr. Ebert showed the board his presentation on the Facility Needs Assessment. Feedback will be shared after the last presentation and then the results will be presented in January. Dr. Ebert asked board members to complete the feedback sheet and return it to him.

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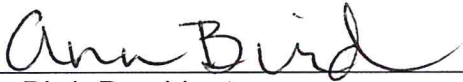
In administrative reports Mr. Sterling had nothing further. Mrs. Halling asked if bank reconciliations had been reviewed. Mr. Sterling will be processing the October reconciliation this week.

Ms. Airgood met with parent Holly Carmichael and City Manager Mike Hughes re accessible playgrounds at school and in the city. There are Thanksgiving events in the buildings this week.

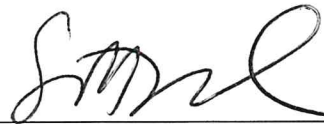
Dr. Ebert had nothing further.

In Board Comments Mrs. Donmyer loved the Congress staff presentation. Mr. Boland thought the changes in process were interesting and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Mrs. Halling is impressed with CKLA and the enthusiasm of the staff. She has received good feedback from the community on the facility needs presentations. Mr. Swihart thanked Congress staff and Principal Nick Herblet. Mrs. Bird thanked everyone for the presentation and is impressed with the hard work being done. She reminded the nominating committee of their meeting on Friday.

Mrs. Bird adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m., after a motion by Mr. Swihart with support from Mr. Boland. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.



Ann Bird, President



Scott Boland, Secretary