

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, December 10, 2018 – 5:30 p.m.

The Combined 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. 6 ayes – 0 nays, motion approved.

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

Absent: Gwen Donmyer

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

<u>Visitors</u>	Von Metzger, Lauri Pressly, Harmonee McCrea, Michelle Patrick-Sturgis Journal, Natalie Kasten, Anthony Wolbert, Jeannine Koenke, Heather George, Kris Crabill, Mike Stiles-WBET
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Public Comments: There were no public comments.

The Consent Agenda: There were no questions on the November meeting minutes as submitted. The financials were reviewed by Mr. Sterling. The finance committee met prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Gorsuch with support from Mr. Swihart to approve the consent agenda. 6 ayes – 0 nays, motion approved.

Action Items for January:

A. NEOLA Policy Update-First Reading

The update is posted for review. The policy committee will meet before the January meeting. The date to be determined.

Informational Items:

A. MASB/ISD Present Fundamentals of School Board Service

Preliminary details were shared on the meeting for new board members, scheduled for Saturday, January 19.

B. SJC School Board Association January Meeting

The meeting will be held January 29 in Colon. RSVP's are due in January. Board members should review their calendars.

C. Possible Change to January Meeting Schedule

We may not have a quorum for the January 21 meeting. There was a motion by Mr. Swihart with support from Dr. Millett to reschedule the January regular meeting to Monday, January 28, 2019. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

In administrative reports Mr. Sterling is working on binders for board review of the budget amendment, which will be presented in January or February.

Mrs. Airgood attended the Suicide Task Force meeting on Wednesday. The Literacy Team met to plan February training. She is working on a review of the 504 handbook, and the School Improvement agenda for next week.

Dr. Ebert shared preliminary fall count information and reviewed factors that have led to a slight decrease in enrollment. He reviewed plans for the Capital Improvement Tour, and shared the timeline for the SMS Principal Interview and selection process.

In Board Comments Mrs. Halling congratulated Mrs. Lauri Pressly on her retirement and wished all a Merry Christmas. Mr. Swihart congratulated Mrs. Pressly. Mr. Gorsuch believes it is wise to address the shortfall due to student enrollment now. He also wished Mrs. Pressly well on her retirement and Happy Holidays to all. Mr. Boland echoed congratulations to Mrs. Pressly and thanked all who helped with the Elks Club Boots and Shoes Event. Dr. Millett thanked Mrs. Pressly for her years with SPS and wished all a Merry Christmas. Mrs. Bird thanked Dr. Millett for her gifts to the board and thanked Mrs. Pressly for her years at SPS.

At 5:59 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 Mr. Boland. Roll call: Aye- Swihart, Gorsuch, Halling, Boland, Millett, Bird. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

At 6:10 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.

There was a motion by Dr. Millett with support from Mr. Gorsuch to approve extended leave for teacher A until March 15. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

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



Ann Bird, President



Scott Boland, Secretary