

Sturgis Public School District, St. Joseph County  
Minutes of the Combined Study Session/Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
Held in the Eastwood Elementary School Cafeteria  
Monday, February 11, 2019 – 5:30 p.m.

The Combined Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Ann Bird at 5:31 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Swihart with support from Mrs. Donmyer to approve the agenda as presented. 7 ayes – 0 nays, motion approved.

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

Absent:

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

<u>Visitors</u>	Von Metzger, Kara Mathews, Ava Mathews, Alberto Nieves, Aileen Nieves, Karen Wegner, Nick Herblet, Debby Mathis, Barb Sobeski, Thomas Altimus, Kamela Peterson, Mary Dresser, Lindsay Saunders, Julianne Kent, Brandon Kent, Parker Altimus, Sydney Herblet, Ella, Sarah Herblet, Stephanie Byler, Christine Pagels, Michelle Patrick-Sturgis Journal, Pandy Day, Pam Keeslar, Heidi Wolfe, Beverly Larimer, Tricia Sobeski, Melissa Gales, Jim Whitehead, Patty Davidson, Jeannine Koeneke, Crystal Reynolds, Craig Pierce, Kendra Pierce, Ashley Hasbrouck, Melissa Brunt, Mike Stiles-WBET Radio, Katie, Walker, Emmett, Sydney and Angela Bir, Alex Milton, Kim Hamlin, Heather George, Teresa Belote, Matthew Pierce, Hunter Bright, Angela Cary
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<u>Sturgis Showcase:</u>	Mary Dresser and Lindsay Saunders of the Sturgis Area Community Foundation introduced this year's mini grant winners, who then gave short presentations of their projects to the board. Eastwood Principal Mike Miller welcomed the board and introduced students from each grade level who showed their projects developed with the new CKLA curriculum.
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<u>Public Comments:</u>	There were no public comments.
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<u>Discussion Item:</u>	St. Joseph County ISD Superintendent Teresa Belote shared information and answered questions about the proposed CTE millage. The board will take time to discuss the proposal.
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The Consent Agenda: Karen Stimson will make two changes to the minutes as requested by Mrs. Halling. The financials were reviewed by Mr. Sterling. The finance committee met prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Swihart with support from Mrs. Halling to approve the consent agenda with minutes as amended. 7 ayes – 0 nays, motion approved.

Action Item:

A. Budget Amendment

Mr. Sterling reviewed the amendment. The finance committee also reviewed it at the committee meeting prior to the full board meeting. Mrs. Bird thanked Mr. Sterling for his work on the binders of information for each board member. Mr. Gorsuch said it's the most thorough report he's seen and thanked Mrs. Halling for her questions during the week. There was a motion to approve the amendment by Mr. Boland with support from Mrs. Donmyer. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

In administrative reports Mr. Sterling is working on bi-monthly building reports and holds a bi-monthly budget overview with Dr. Ebert. He is beginning work on the 2019-2020 budget.

Mrs. Airgood has been working on the dashboard for test scores as discussed last month, and has submitted documentation for our onsite review taking place March 4-5.

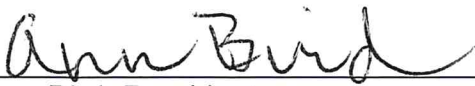
Dr. Ebert pointed out Mrs. Jeannine Koeneke in the audience and announced that she was presented with the first Trojan Horse Award at the admin meeting last week. He enjoyed the musical.


In Board Comments Dr. Millett said that the musical was wonderful and the cast is a very talented group. Mr. Swihart thanked Mike Miller and Eastwood staff for their hospitality. Mr. Gorsuch enjoyed the mini grant presentations. He thanked Eastwood staff. He would like to see a CTE campus in the middle of the county, but is it feasible? Mrs. Donmyer enjoyed the mini grant and the student presentations. She thanked Mr. Sterling for the budget binder and the work involved. Mr. Boland thanked Eastwood staff and also enjoyed the mini grant presentations. He thanked all for their support of the United Way this year. SPS is, once again a top 10 contributor. Mr. and Mrs. Boland were co-chairs for the year. Mrs. Halling agreed with the other board members comments and said that Eastwood is already getting kids interested in unique ideas. Mrs. Bird agreed with the other comments and thanked Mr. Gorsuch for taking over meetings in January and March. She will be available by phone and email.

At 7:20 p.m. there was a motion to go into closed session to consider the personnel evaluation of a public employee by Mr. Gorsuch with support from Mrs. Donmyer. Roll call: Aye- Swihart, Gorsuch, Halling, Boland, Millett, Bird, Donmyer. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

At 8:30 p.m. there was a motion to resume open session by Mrs. Halling with support from Mr. Boland. Roll call: Ayes- Swihart, Gorsuch, Halling, Boland, Millett, Bird, Donmyer. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

Mrs. Bird adjourned the meeting at 8:31 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