

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, April 8, 2019 – 5:30 p.m.

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

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

<u>Present:</u>	Paul Gorsuch	Gwen Donmyer	Scott Swihart
	Scott Boland	Emily Halling	Ann Bird (remotely)

<u>Absent:</u>	Kerri Millett
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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>	Von Metzger, Michelle Patrick-Sturgis Journal, Doug Camburn, Jeannine Koeneke, Mike Stiles-WBET Radio, Ben Cunningham
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<u>Sturgis Showcase:</u>	Assistant Superintendent Nicole Airgood introduced new SMS Special Education Teacher Ben Cunningham.
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<u>Public Comments:</u>	There were no public comments.
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<u>The Consent Agenda:</u>	Mr. Sterling reviewed the financial statements, and the finance committee met before this meeting. 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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<u>Action Items:</u>	<u>A. Bus Bids</u> Mr. Sterling and Director of Transportation Doug Camburn reviewed bids for bus purchases and offered their recommendation. The board will take action at the April 15 meeting.
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In administrative reports Mr. Sterling had nothing further.

Ms. Airgood will be working on follow up from the onsite review this month. There will be a Title III review at the end of May.

Dr. Ebert thanked Mr. Camburn for his research on the bus bids. He thanked the Sturgis Journal for their recent stories on the programs housed at Sturgis Central Commons. He reviewed the Sinking Fund Frequently Asked Questions that are available on the website.

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In Board Comments Mrs. Halling thanked Mr. Camburn for his work on the bus quotes. Mr. Swihart thanked Mr. Camburn and welcomed Mr. Cunningham to SPS. Mr. Gorsuch commented on the quiet meeting with the small crowd. He welcomed Mr. Cunningham, and mentioned the SMS traffic study that is underway with the state and city involved. He welcomed Mrs. Bird back to Michigan! Mr. Boland also welcomed Mr. Cunningham and congratulated Mrs. Darcy Wynes on winning the March Madness pool. Mrs. Donmyer welcomed Mr. Cunningham. Mrs. Bird thanked all in attendance for being there.


At 5:56 pm there was a motion to adjourn to closed session to discuss collective bargaining strategy by Mrs. Donmyer with support from Mrs. Halling. Roll call – Aye – Gorsuch, Halling, Swihart, Boland, Donmyer and Bird. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

At 6:04 pm there was a motion to resume open session by Mr. Swihart with support from Mrs. Halling. Roll call – Aye – Gorsuch, Halling, Swihart, Boland, Donmyer and Bird. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

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



Ann Bird, President



Scott Boland, Secretary

Sturgis Public School District, St. Joseph County
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Held in the Sturgis High School Media Center
Monday, April 15, 2019 – 5:30 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Ann Bird at 5:32 p.m.

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

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

<u>Absent:</u>	Emily Halling
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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>	Michelle Patrick-Sturgis Journal, Ron Ehlers, Lennon Sterling, Mary Bogart, Laura Penner, Natalie Saunders, Paige Pattison, Mike Miller, Von Metzger, Adam Donmyer, Reese Gruver, Cathie Thomasma, Gail Suess Brandow, Anne Bowen, Kristen Dinsmore, Wendy Jenks, Jessica Brandow, Allison Carter, Kimmy Denys, Laura Losinski, Adam Miller, Tracie Pueschel, Patty Rutenbar, Stephen Erts, Annette Wolf, Katelynd Dreger, Christine Earl, Ellen Eisele, Brian Barry, Carol Brooks, Christy DeYoung, Jeaneen Hall, Karen Mullins, Barbara Dinsmore, Sherri Wheeler, Lisa Tisdell, Kyleen Stark, Heidi Wolfe, Mari Campbell, Jimmy Lamb, Lance Goodlock, Christine Burke, Brandon Hendrix, Scarlett Hendrix, Kris Crabill, Sherry Hibbard, Tina Barnell, Kamela Peterson, Amy Schultz, Rachel Schultz, Ryan Schultz, Andrea Littlefield, Karel Gundlach, Kim Lytle, Sue Cropsey, Aaron Claybaugh, Connie Metzger, Jennifer Burg, Alex Milton, Linda Parker, Tim Peterson, Doug Brandow, Sarah Kalasky, Jennifer Robare, Mary Johansen, Katherine Svoboda, James Yunker, Dough Camburn, Heather George, Claudia Pahls, Lynn Brand, Jimena Carmona, Tyler Swett, Jami Myers, Anmolpreet Singh, Madalyn Easterday, and several illegible signatures
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<u>Sturgis Showcase:</u>	Assistant Superintendent Nicole Airgood presented a PowerPoint of the work to be done to meet the Title I Onsite Review requirements. There are changes required in several areas.
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SHS Principal Ron Ehlers introduced staff members who highlighted SHS events with the help of participating students. Science Teacher Lance Goodlock thanked the board for the new science curriculum and had students demonstrate the "Egg Project". Mrs. Laura Penner

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and Ms. Roxanne Persing talked about the BPA year, including events, and results at regionals and state. The annual Blood Drive

was cut short, but donations were good. Mrs. Lynn Brand and Mrs. Claudia Pahls presented cast members from the spring play, *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*. The cast performed a musical number. The Marketing II class had the board participate in a taste test project of BBQ potato chips. Mrs. Natalie Saunders talked about Youth in Government at the State Capital. SPS Student Paige Pattison was elected Governor at the conference!

Public Comments:

There were no public comments.

The Consent Agenda:

There was a motion to approve the consent agenda by Mr. Swihart with support from Mrs. Donmyer. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

Action Items:

A. Bus Bids

There was a motion to approve the bids on two buses as recommended by Mr. Doug Camburn, Mr. Ray Sterling, and Dr. Art Ebert by Mrs. Donmyer with support from Mr. Boland. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

B. Vacation Days Transfer Request

There was a motion by Mrs. Donmyer with support from Dr. Millett to allow Dr. Ebert to carry over vacation days from 2018-2019 for use in July. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

In administrative reports Mr. Sterling reminded the finance committee they have a meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 18 at the Central Commons.

Ms. Airgood had nothing further.

Dr. Ebert had Ms. Airgood describe the assemblies held today at SMS and SHS by the real members of the McFarland USA track team. It was a great experience and the presenters were impressed by our students.

In Board Comments Mr. Swihart thanked Mr. Ehlers and SHS for hosting. The presentations were very impressive! Mr. Gorsuch thanked Ms. Airgood for her presentation. It's good to see what is involved to get funding. He was very impressed by the students, who showed poise and character. Mr. Boland thanked SHS staff. The activities presented were amazing. Mrs. Donmyer, Dr. Millett, and Mrs. Bird echoed thanks to SHS.

At 6:47 p.m. there was a motion to adjourn to closed session to discuss a response to a complaint by Mrs. Donmyer with support from Mr. Gorsuch. Roll call – Aye – Gorsuch, Millett, Swihart, Boland, Donmyer and Bird. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

At 8:27 p.m. there was a motion to resume open session by Mrs. Donmyer with support from Dr. Millett. Roll call – Aye – Gorsuch, Millett, Swihart, Boland, Donmyer and Bird. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

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Mrs. Bird adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m., after a motion by Mr. Gorsuch with support from Mr. Swihart. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.



Ann Bird, President



Scott Boland, Secretary