

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, May 13, 2019 – 5:30 p.m.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Gorsuch with support from Mrs. Halling 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

<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, Jodie Scheid, Jacki Veldkamp, Tracie Pueschel, Adam Miller, Nick Herblet, Kris Crabill, Sarah Arreola, Jeannine Koeneke, Brian Tallmadge, Allen Meyer, Alicia Wilber, Ron Ehlers, Preston Ferry, Mike Stiles-WBET, Tammi Preston
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<u>Sturgis Showcase:</u>	Dr. Ebert introduced members of the Student Behavior Supports and Services Committee. They presented their 3 phase plan with a PowerPoint for the board.
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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. Authorization of RFP for Energy Savings Program</u> Mr. Sterling reviewed the program. There was a motion to authorize an RFP by Mr. Swihart with support from Mrs. Halling. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.
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	<u>B. Student Behavior Supports and Services</u> Dr. Ebert thanked the committee members for their efforts on behalf of students. There was a motion to approve the supports and services outlined by Mrs. Donmyer with support from Mrs. Halling. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.
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C. Congress School Accessible and Inclusive Playground RFP
Mr. Sterling reviewed the plans. This is a part of the sinking fund request. There was a motion of support by Mrs. Donmyer with support from Mr. Boland. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

D. 2019-2020 Shared Services Agreement
Dr. Ebert reviewed the expansion to include two more schools beginning with the 2019-2020 school year. There was a motion by Mr. Boland with support from Mrs. Donmyer to approve the plans. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

Action Items for May 20:

A. SJC ISD Board Election
Mrs. Stimson reviewed details on the candidates and need for a volunteer to represent the district at the June 3rd meeting.

B. Fawn River Property
Mr. Sterling reviewed the plan to not renew the lease that expires June 30th and to explore the sale of the building.

C. SJC ISD 2019-2020 Budget
The finance committee had a presentation of the ISD budget at their meeting by Ms. Kelli Dechnik and Dr. Teresa Belote. Mr. Sterling reviewed the details.

Action Item for June 17:

A. Foreign Language Curriculum Resource Adoption
Ms. Airgood reviewed details. SHS language teachers Sarah Arreola and Allen Meyer presented the materials requested. There will be a 30-day public review window.

Discussion Items:

A. BOE Email Settings Clinic
Director of Technology Von Metzger tested the system to be sure that all members are receiving email to the boe@sturgisps.org address.

B. School of Choice Participation
Dr. Ebert announced that the district will be going to an unlimited K-12 School of Choice program effective with the 2019-2020 school year.

In administrative reports Mr. Sterling reminded the board that he will be bringing a final budget amendment to them in June for the 2018-2019 year. Board members are to bring their budget binders with them to the June 10 meeting. They will receive a new binder for the 2019-2020 school year. He thanked the community for their support of the sinking fund millage.

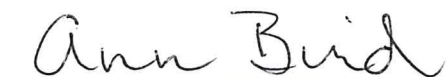
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Ms. Airgood said that the middle school will present their ELA curriculum request after more review. She announced that our onsite plan was approved from the audit. She is now working on scheduling professional development for next year.

Dr. Ebert thanked Ms. Airgood for her leadership on the onsite review. He thanked the community for supporting the sinking fund millage. He asked the board to consider holding two meetings during July and August instead of the usual one meeting during the summer months. Tentative meeting dates will be July 15 and 22, August 12 and 19. A complete schedule will be presented at the July organizational meeting.

In Board Comments Mrs. Halling thanked the community for the support of the sinking fund millage, thanked the behavior committee for their work, thanked district staff for the creative help with students, and said that more recess time in the elementary schools would be great. Mr. Swihart believes that the behavior committee work is one of the most important initiatives underway. Mr. Gorsuch said that Mrs. LeeAnn McConnell sent the Depot Museum flyers he passed out. He helped with portfolio presentations at SHS today and was very impressed with the students. He congratulated Mrs. Jeannine Koeneke on the eCademy graduation. He thanked Dr. Ebert and the committee for the sinking fund work, and wished all a Happy Mother's Day. Mr. Boland echoed thanks re the sinking fund and behavior committee. Mrs. Donmyer asked if the behavior committee could use any help from the board. She stated that we are lucky to have such a caring staff. Mrs. Bird believes that the collaborative process is appreciated on several things. She invited retiring SHS Principal Ron Ehlers to attend the July and August meetings.

Mrs. Bird adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m., after a motion by Mrs. Halling 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 Middle School Media Center
Monday, May 20, 2019 – 5:30 p.m.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Swihart with support from Dr. Millett to approve the agenda as presented. 5 ayes – 0 nays, motion approved.

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

<u>Absent:</u>	Gwen Donmyer	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>	Karel Gundlach, Heather George, Mike Miller, Owen Brewer, Dave Macarrone, Evelyn Cruz, Alexie Lyle, Maria B, Chris Gerbers, Von Metzger, Sarah Herblet, Justin Herblet, Sydney Herblet, Anaiz Martinez, Trey Pant, Michelle Patrick-Sturgis Journal, Emma Zimmerman, Jordan Lipscomb, Morgan Baumeister, Kimmy Denys, Tracy Sterling, Kendra Lipscomb, Matt Henningsen, Mary Bogart, Nick Herblet, Brooke Davis, Harmonie McCrea, Theresa Camburn, Doug Camburn, Steffany McConn, Anthony Wolbert, Alison Idriss, Tammy Oliver Lacey, Karen Wegner, Mark Adams, Ellen Eisele, Nathan Smith, Sarah Ebert, Ron Ehlers, Mike Stiles-WBET, Sang Park, Nolan Park, Ali Belote, Eliot Gitelman, Andy Hatt and family, Jimmy Lamb, Elijah Bates
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<u>Sturgis Showcase:</u>	SMS Principal Chris Gerbers introduced staff who presented on various events and projects. Orchestra Director Eliot Gitelman introduced student Elijah Bates, who played the harp as everyone entered the building. Teacher Karel Gundlach and ISD staff Steffany McConn discussed the Peer to Peer Program with student participants. Art Teacher Paula Macarrone and students showed projects. Teacher Kimmy Deny and the Student Lighthouse Team presented info on fundraisers and events. Teacher Sang Park discussed the recent Clue Me In competition and students talked about the months of preparation. Teacher Nate Smith discussed the recent Math Meet held at Southwest Michigan College. Sturgis places 4 th as a district.
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<u>Public Comments:</u>	Mike Stiles of WBET Radio reminded all present of the United Way RadioThon taking place Thursday from 6:00 am – midnight.
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The Consent Agenda: There were no questions on the minutes and financials reviewed last week. They were approved after a motion from Mrs. Halling with support from Mr. Boland. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

Action Items: A. SHS Principal
Dr. Ebert thanked retiring principal Ron Ehlers for his dedication and read the press release announcing Nick Herblet as the new SHS principal. There was a motion to approve by Mr. Swihart with support from Dr. Millett. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

B. SJC ISD Board Election Resolution
Mr. Boland volunteered to represent the district at the election meeting on June 3. Mr. Gorsuch will serve as alternate. Votes will be cast for Geoff Smith and Michele Bush. There was a motion to approve by Mr. Swihart with support from Dr. Millett. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

C. Fawn River Property
There was a motion to approve the plan by Mr. Swihart with support from Mr. Boland. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

D. SJC ISD 2019-2020 Budget Resolution
Mr. Sterling reviewed the information that was presented to the finance committee last week. There was a motion to adopt the resolution supporting the budget by Mr. Boland with support from Mr. Swihart. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

E. Architect for Consultation on Sinking Fund RFPs
Prior to the meeting Mr. Sterling, Mrs. Halling (representing the finance committee), Dr. Ebert and Mr. Craig Casault met with representatives from two firms and recommended Tower Pinkster. There was a motion to approve by Dr. Millett with support from Mr. Swihart. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

In administrative reports Mr. Sterling reminded the board to bring their 2018-2019 budget binders to the June 10 meeting.

Ms. Airgood and SHS Assistant Principal Jimmy Lamb are working on PLCs. Eastwood Assistant Principal Karen Wegner and Ms. Airgood are working on curriculum review. The request for secondary level ELA will come next year.

Dr. Ebert will be a guest DJ at the United Way RadioThon on Thursday.

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In Board Comments Mr. Boland thanked SMS staff and students for their presentations to the board. Mr. Swihart congratulated Mr. Herblet on being named SHS Principal. Dr. Millett congratulated Mr. Herblet. She helped with portfolios last week and had a great experience. She congratulated 32 graduates from the eCademy. Mrs. Halling congratulated Mr. Herblet and thought the eCademy graduation was remarkable. Thanks to SMS for hosting the board. She found the Peer to Peer presentation awesome. Mr. Gorsuch echoed the eCademy graduation feedback and thought SMS kids did a great job. He also congratulated Mr. Herblet.

At 6:44 pm there was a motion to adjourn to closed session to discuss attorney/client privileged information by Mr. Swihart with support from Mrs. Halling. Roll call – Aye – Gorsuch, Halling, Swihart, Boland, and Millett. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

At 7:11 pm there was a motion to resume open session by Mr. Swihart with support from Dr. Millett. Roll call – Aye – Gorsuch, Halling, Swihart, Boland, and Millett. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

There was a motion by Mr. Swihart with support from Mrs. Halling to authorize the superintendent to leverage the previously approved amount during the mediation process for ongoing federal litigation. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

Mr. Gorsuch adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m., after a motion by Mr. Swihart with support from Mr. Boland: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.



Paul Gorsuch, Vice President



Scott Boland, Secretary

RESOLUTION ~ ST. JOSEPH COUNTY ISD BOARD ELECTION

A regular meeting of the Board of Education ("Board") of the Sturgis Public School District ("District") was held in the District, on May 20, 2019 at 5:30 pm.

The meeting was called to order by Paul Gorsuch, Vice President.

Present: Gorsuch, Millett, Halling, Boland, Swihart

Absent: Bird, Donmyer

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Member Swihart and supported by Member Millett:

WHEREAS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH REVISED SCHOOL CODE SECTION 380.614:

1. The biennial election of the Board of St. Joseph County ISD (the "ISD") will be held on Monday, June 3, 2019 from 5:30 to 5:45 p.m.; and
2. The members of the ISD Board will be elected by an electoral body composed of one (1) person designated by the board of each of the constituent school districts; and
3. This Board must now adopt a resolution which designates its representative to the electoral body and direct said representative to vote on behalf of this Board for the specific candidates this Board supports for each position to be filled on the ISD Board, at least on the first ballot taken by the electoral body.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. This Board does hereby approve the designation of Scott Boland as the representative of this Board for the electoral body, which body will elect two (2) candidates to the ISD Board on Monday, June 3, 2019 between 5:30 and 5:45 p.m. and Paul Gorsuch as an alternate representative in the event the designated representative is unable to attend.
2. The designated representative, or the alternate representative, is further directed to cast a vote on the first ballot on behalf of this Board for the following candidates: Geoff Smith and Michele Bush.
3. An officer of this Board is hereby further directed to cause a certified copy of this resolution to be filed with the Superintendent of the St. Joseph County ISD by June 2, 2019.
4. All resolutions and parts of the resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

Ayes: Gorsuch, Millett, Halling, Boland, Swihart

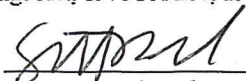
Nays: None

Motion declared adopted.



Scott Boland, Secretary, Board of Education

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education of Sturgis Public School District, St. Joseph County, Michigan, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board at a regular meeting held on May 20, 2019, the original of which resolution is a part of the Board's minutes and further certifies that notice of the meeting was given to the public under the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended.



Scott Boland, Secretary, Board of Education

ISD GENERAL FUND BUDGET RESOLUTION ~ SUPPORT FOR BUDGET 2019-20

A regular meeting of the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Sturgis Public Schools (the "District") was held in the District, on May 20, 2019 at 5:30 pm.

The meeting was called to order by Paul Gorsuch, Vice President.

Present: Gorsuch, Millett, Halling, Boland, Swihart

Absent: Bird, Donmyer

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Member Boland and supported by Member Swihart:

WHEREAS:

1. Section 624 of the Revised School Code requires the St. Joseph County ISD (the "ISD") Board to submit its proposed General Fund Budget not later than May 1 of each year to the board of each constituent district for review; and
2. Not later than June 1 of each year, the board of each constituent district shall review the proposed ISD General Fund Budget, shall adopt a board resolution expressing its support for or disapproval of the proposed budget, and shall submit to the ISD Board any specific objections and proposed changes the constituent district board has to the budget.


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. This Board of Education has reviewed the proposed 2019-20 ISD General Fund Budget in accordance with Section 624 of the Revised School Code and, by the adoption of this resolution, expresses its support for the proposed budget.
2. The District Superintendent is hereby directed to submit a certified copy of this resolution to the ISD Superintendent no later than June 1, 2019.
3. All resolutions and parts of the resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

Ayes: Gorsuch, Millett, Halling, Boland, Swihart


Nays: None

Motion declared adopted.



Scott Boland, Secretary, Board of Education

The undersigned duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education of Sturgis Public Schools, St. Joseph County, Michigan, hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board at a regular meeting held on May 20, 2019, the original of which resolution is a part of the Board's minutes and further certifies that notice of the meeting was given to the public under the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended.



Scott Boland, Secretary, Board of Education