

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 11, 2019 – 5:30 p.m.

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

A motion was made by Dr. Millett with support from Mrs. Halling to approve the agenda with the postponement of item IX. 6 ayes – 0 nays, motion approved.

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

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, Michelle Patrick-Sturgis Journal, Mark Adams, Nick Herblet, Jimmy Lamb, Mike Stiles-WBET Radio, Barry Cox, Jeannine Koeneke, Pete Palasinski, Mike Golden, Bethan Hamilton, Niki Tulley
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<u>Public Comments:</u>	Niki Tulley and Bethan Hamilton of Explicit CrossFit presented information on the upcoming Sweat-a-Thon fundraiser to benefit St. Joseph County Teen Suicide Prevention. United Way is a sponsor. They would like help to get the word out at SMS and SHS. Mr. Boland mentioned that they will be sponsoring a team.
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<u>The Consent Agenda:</u>	Mr. Sterling reviewed the October financial statements. Any board member with questions on the October minutes should contact Mrs. Karen Stimson within the week. Questions on financial statements and invoices should be directed to Mr. Sterling. Approval will be sought at the November 18 meeting.
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Action Item for November 18:

A. New Hires

Ms. Airgood presented a brief bio of two recent hires, Mr. Vince Royer for SMS shop class, and Ms. Elaine Miller for GSRP.

B. SMS Swimming

There is interest in starting a coed swim team at SMS. Mrs. Kari Hatt has volunteered to coach. If approved the team will participate in five meets during December and January. Athletic Director Mark Adams feels that this is good preparation for the high school format.

C. Authorization to Transfer Jurisdiction of Vinewood Avenue Properties

Mr. Barry Cox of the City of Sturgis explained the plan to incorporate school-owned properties on Vinewood Avenue into the city. This would help with road conditions and maintenance. There would be no tax burden for the schools. Dr. Millett asked if there will be a meeting with property owners. Mr. Cox said that Fawn River Township and the City of Sturgis recently held open sessions.

Discussion Item:

A. Local 403B/457 Vendor Application Process

Dr. Ebert explained that a committee was formed to add three local vendors for 403B/457 investments in addition to the five offered through a consortium already.

In administrative reports Mr. Sterling had nothing further.

Ms. Airgood will have meetings next Monday and Tuesday dealing with Continuous Progress.

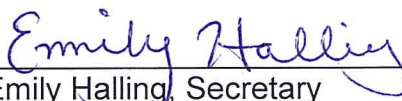
Dr. Ebert offered congratulations to the SHS Fall Play staff and cast. The Annual United Way Basketball Game will be November 19 at SHS.

In Board Comments Mrs. Halling passed. Mr. Gorsuch welcomed everyone to winter! He noted the number of millages that passed last week and wished all who served a Happy Veterans' Day. Mr. Swihart passed. Dr. Millett thanked all of the veterans present for their service. She noted that the next St. Joseph County School Board Association meeting will be in February. Mrs. Bird thanked all for coming out in the bad weather. Mr. Boland also attended the SHS play "Our Town" and thought they did a great job. He thanked veterans, including Mr. Swihart. He feels the suicide prevention event is a good thing.

Mr. Boland adjourned the meeting at 6:07 p.m., after a motion by Mr. Gorsuch with support from Mrs. Bird. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.



Scott Boland, President



Emily Halling, Secretary

Sturgis Public School District, St. Joseph County
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Held in the Congress Elementary School Media Center
Monday, November 18, 2019 – 5:30 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Scott Boland at 5:30 p.m.

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

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

<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>	Von Metzger, Michelle Patrick-Sturgis Journal, Vince LaPorte, Mary Johansen, Jeri Tetzloff, David Northrop, Karen Wegner, Mike Miller, Heather George, Nick Herblet, Erin Muse, Bev Larimer, Carol Brooks, Mike Stiles-WBET, Gretchen Cropsey, Vince Royer and Mrs. Royer.
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<u>Sturgis Showcase:</u>	Congress Principal Vince LaPorte introduced kindergarten teachers Jeri Tetzloff and Bev Larimer who described the CKLA program they are using and the hands on projects that go along with it. They shared a video of students' field trip to Cook's Bison Ranch.
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<u>Public Comments:</u>	There were no public comments.
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<u>The Consent Agenda:</u>	There were no questions over the last week on the October minutes and financials. There was a motion to approve the consent agenda by Mrs. Donmyer with support from Mrs. Halling. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.
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Action Items:

A. New Hires

Ms. Airgood introduced new teacher Vince Royer, who was in attendance. There was a motion to approve new hires by Mr. Swihart with support from Mrs. Donmyer. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

B. SMS Swimming

There was a motion to approve the formation of a coed middle school swim team with volunteer coach Kari Hatt by Mr. Swihart with support from Dr. Millett. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

C. Authorization to Transfer Jurisdiction of Vinewood Avenue Properties

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

In administrative reports Mr. Sterling had nothing further.

Ms. Airgood will be in Lansing Monday, Tuesday and Thursday for Continuous Improvement work. The program will expand into mental health.

Dr. Ebert reminded all of the United Way Basketball Game Tuesday night. Next week there will be many Thanksgiving events in the district, including food drives and clothing drives.

In Board Comments Mrs. Donmyer welcomed Mr. Royer back to SPS. Dr. Millett agreed. Mr. Gorsuch thanked the Congress staff and welcomed Mr. Royer. Mr. Swihart echoed those comments and mentioned that he attended kindergarten in the room! Mrs. Halling also attended kindergarten in the room. She is glad the state is doing more to look at the whole child, and thanked the Congress staff. Mr. Boland thanked Congress staff, welcomed Mr. Royer and reminded all of the upcoming CrossFit Event for Suicide Prevention.

At 5:58 p.m. the board moved into closed session to discuss material exempt by State or Federal Statute with a motion by Mr. Swihart and support from Mrs. Halling. Roll vote: Aye-Gorsuch, Millett, Halling, Boland, Donmyer, and Swihart. Nay-0. Motion approved.

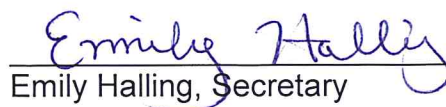
At 6:50 p.m. there was a motion to resume open session by Mrs. Halling with support from Mr. Gorsuch. Roll vote: Aye-Gorsuch, Millett, Halling, Boland, and Donmyer. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved. Mr. Swihart left the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

At 6:51 p.m. there was a motion by Dr. Millett with support from Mrs. Donmyer to approve the emergency response template presented by Mr. David Northrop – Director of Safety and Security. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

Mr. Boland adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m., after a motion by Mr. Gorsuch with support from Mrs. Halling. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.



Scott Boland, President



Emily Halling, Secretary

REQUEST FOR TRANSFER

Date of Request:

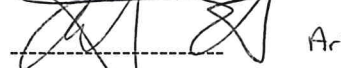
Fawn River Township
31194 Fawn River Road
Sturgis, MI. 49091

City of Sturgis
130 N. Nottawa
Sturgis, MI. 49091

I (We) hereby request that the following described property, which I (we) own, be transferred to the City of Sturgis pursuant to the provisions of Section 2.1 of Amendment #1 to Agreement #5 for Conditional Transfer of Property entered into between the City of Sturgis and Fawn River Township on the 14th day of August, 2019.

Attach Exhibit "A" or insert legal description here

Sincerely,


Art Ebert - Superintendent
Property Owner

Sincerely,


Raymond A. Sterling
Director of Finance
Property Owner

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) SS
COUNTY OF ST. JOSEPH)

On the 21st day of November, 2019 personally appeared before me Dr. Arthur Ebert, Mr. Ray Sterling who certifies that he/she/ they are the owners of the above-described property and request a transfer of the property to the City of Sturgis.



Notary Public
St. Joseph County, Michigan
My Commission expires: 10/10/2022

KAREN STIMSON
Notary Public, St. Joseph County, MI
My Commission Expires 10/10/2022

Fawn River P.A. 425 Agreement #5 – School District Parcel Descriptions

Parcel #1

005-120-110-00

School District of the City of Sturgis - Northeast corner of Ivanhoe and Vinewood

Mailing Address: 216 Vinewood Avenue

Lots 7, 8, & S 14.3 feet of Lot 6, Block 10 Maplecrest, except the parcel beginning at Southeast Corner of Lot 8, Block 10: Thence North 89 degrees 21minutes 14 seconds West 119.84 feet; thence North 00 degrees 40 minutes 03 seconds East 25.95 feet; Thence South 44 degrees 15 minutes 31seconds East 21.24 feet; Thence South 89 degrees 11 minutes 05 seconds East 104.85 feet; Thence South 00 degrees 41 minutes 41 seconds West 10.60 feet to the point of beginning of the excluded parcel.

Parcel #2

005-120-156-00

School District of the City of Sturgis - Southeast corner of Ivanhoe and Vinewood

Mailing Address: 216 Vinewood Avenue

Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 of Block 14, Maplecrest. Except the parcel beginning at the Northeast corner of Lot 1 thence South 00 degrees 41 minutes 41 seconds West 5.40 feet thence North 89 degrees 11 minutes 05 seconds West 104.82 feet thence South 45 degrees 44 minutes 29 seconds West 21.19 feet thence North 00 degrees 40 minutes 03 seconds East 20.40 feet thence South 89 degrees 11 minutes 05 seconds East 119.82 feet to the point of beginning.

Parcel #3

005-120-165-00

School District of the City of Sturgis – Block 14, NE corner of Ivanhoe and Cornelia

Mailing Address: 216 Vinewood Avenue

Lots 7 and 8 of Block 14, Maplecrest, according to the plat of record in the office of the Register of Deeds for St. Joseph County, Michigan in Liber 2 of Plats on Page 9.

Parcel #4

005-120-189-00

School District of The City of Sturgis

Mailing Address: 216 Vinewood Avenue

Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of Block 18, Maplecrest, according to the plat of record in the office of the Register of Deeds for St. Joseph County, Michigan in Liber 2 of Plats on Page 9.

Parcel #5

005-120-219-00

School District of The City of Sturgis

Mailing Address: 216 Vinewood Avenue

Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5, Block 22, Maplecrest, according to the plat of record in the office of the Register of Deeds for St. Joseph County, Michigan in Liber 2 of Plats on Page 9.

EXHIBIT B

