

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 Boardroom  
Monday, December 9, 2019 – 5:30 p.m.

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

A motion was made by Dr. Millett with support from Mr. Swihart to approve the agenda with the addition of an additional closed session to discuss staff discipline. 6 ayes – 0 nays, motion approved.

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

<u>Absent:</u>	Gwen Donmyer
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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, Harmonie McCrea, Jeannine Koeneke, Mike Miller, Karen Wegner, Nick Herblet, Brian Tallmadge, Jimmy Lamb, Peter Larr, Mary Johansen, Mike Stiles-WBET Radio.
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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 on the November minutes. Mr. Sterling reviewed the November financials. There was a motion to approve the consent agenda by Mr. Swihart with support from Mrs. Bird. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.
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Action Items:

A. Superintendent Contract

Due to an oversight, the contract was not approved at the time of the superintendent's evaluation. There was a motion to approve the contract for 2019-2022 by Mrs. Bird with support from Mrs. Halling. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

B. eCademy Field Trip

Teacher Amber Meert shared details of a proposed field trip for eCademy students to Chicago to see a Shakespeare play. There was a motion to approve the field trip by Dr. Millett with support from Mr. Gorsuch. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

C. 403b/457 Recommendation

Mr. Sterling reviewed the process for choosing local vendor(s). There was a motion to approve the addition of Oakleaf Financial by Mr. Swihart with support

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from Dr. Millett. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved. Mr. Boland abstained as Mrs. Boland works for Oakleaf.

D. K-2 Wireless Project

Mr. Metzger reviewed the process and bids received. There was a motion to approve Moss Telecommunications as the contractor by Mr. Swihart with support from Mrs. Bird. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

Informational Item:

A. SJC School Board Association February Meeting

Mrs. Karen Stimson shared advance information with the board. The meeting will be held Tuesday, Feb. 4 at Mendon. RSVP's will be needed by January 15, 2020.

In administrative reports Mr. Sterling gave an update on the Trane Energy Conservation Project. They will be starting at SHS.

Ms. Airgood had nothing further.

Dr. Ebert congratulated Mrs. Koeneke, Mrs. Wegner, and Mrs. McCrea on their Bunko win at the Chamber of Commerce event. The annual Career Fair will be Thursday at SHS. We will have a table. The Holiday Orchestra Concert will be Monday, Dec. 16. The Choir Concert will be Tuesday, and the Band Concert will be Thursday. There will be scheduled school tours of all of the SPS buildings beginning in January.

In Board Comments Mrs. Halling passed. Mr. Gorsuch thanked Dr. Millett for the goodies, and thanked the finance committee for the extra work on the 403b addition. He wished all happy holidays. Mr. Swihart passed. Dr. Millett wished everyone happy holidays. Mrs. Bird commented that the MEMSPA report was good. Mr. Boland wished all happy holidays, and thanked Mr. Herblet and SHS staff for greeting everyone as they arrived at school on Tuesday.

At 6:14 p.m. the board moved into closed session to discuss student discipline with a motion by Mrs. Bird and support from Mr. Gorsuch. Roll vote: Aye-Gorsuch, Millett, Halling, Boland, Bird, and Swihart. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

At 6:57 p.m. there was a motion to resume open session by Mr. Gorsuch with support from Mrs. Bird. Roll vote: Aye-Gorsuch, Millett, Halling, Boland, Bird, and Swihart. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

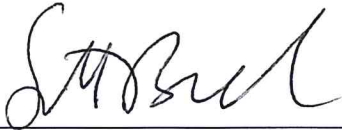
At 6:58 p.m. there was a motion by Mrs. Bird with support by Dr. Millett that Student A return to school with lesser interventions and restorative practices implemented as indicated during the closed session. 5 ayes, 1 nay (Swihart), motion approved.

At 7:00 p.m. there was a motion by Mr. Swihart with support from Mr. Gorsuch to move into closed session to discuss staff discipline. Roll vote: Aye-Gorsuch, Millett, Halling, Boland, Bird, and Swihart. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

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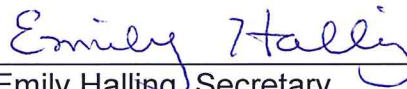
At 7:22 p.m. there was a motion to resume open session by Mr. Swihart with support from Mr. Gorsuch. Roll vote: Aye-Gorsuch, Millett, Halling, Boland, Bird, and Swihart. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

Mr. Boland adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m., after a motion by Mrs. Bird with support from Mr. Gorsuch. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.



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Scott Boland, President



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Emily Halling, Secretary