

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 Cafeteria
Monday, February 10, 2020 – 5:30 p.m.

The Combined Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Scott Boland at 5:32 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Swihart with support from Mrs. Halling to approve the agenda as presented. 5 ayes – 0 nays, motion approved. Mrs. Donmyer arrived at 5:36 p.m.

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

Absent: Kerri Millett

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

Visitors Von Metzger, Stephanie Byler, Christine Pagels, Claire Propst, Alex Milton, Betsie Drumm, Zack Drumm, Pam Keeslar, Chloe Johnson, Mark Adams, Ava Albarran, Vincent LaPorte, Michelle Patrick-Sturgis Journal, Mary Johansen, Pandi Day, Kristin Sandberg, Lesli Zorn, Jesus, Zoey, Jon, Landen (with Lesli), Melissa Wagar, Melissa Burns, Mike Miller, Mike Stiles-WBET

Sturgis Showcase: Eastwood Principal Mike Miller introduced presenters. Claire Propst showcased the newspaper, Lesli Zorn introduced students who provide tea and coffee service as a fundraiser. The board members were treated to a beverage. Mrs. Byler and Mrs. Keeslar shared the process for becoming one of the few Lighthouse Schools in the state. Alex Milton showed tech projects including a banana keyboard! Alex worked with Pandi Day's students to show Mayan slides on 3D headsets. The board participated in that, too.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

The Consent Agenda: There were no questions on the January minutes. Mr. Sterling reviewed the January financials. There was a motion to approve the consent agenda by Mr. Gorsuch with support from Mrs. Halling. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

Action Items:

A. Budget Amendment

Mr. Sterling reviewed the amendment with the finance committee before the meeting, and highlighted changes during the meeting. He took questions relating to the fund equity, and approved vs. audited numbers. There was a motion to approve the amendment by Mr. Swihart with support from Mrs. Halling. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

Informational Item:

A. Daycare Application

Mr. Sterling reviewed the application. The Central Commons Daycare will close at the end of the school year. The new applications are for use in the 2020-2021 school year.

B. Wenzel Office Relocation and Playground Timelines

Mr. Sterling shared that the office relocation specs will be ready on Feb. 14. The bid opening will be on March 4 at 2:00 p.m. Interviews will take place March 9-13. The recommendation will come to the board on March 16. The work will begin June 8. The playground bid opening will be March 30. Interviews will be held April 13-17. The recommendation will come to the board on April 20. Work will begin June 8.

In administrative reports Mr. Sterling had nothing further.

Ms. Airgood continues to work on standards and special education for next year. The Celebrate What's Right committee will be meeting.

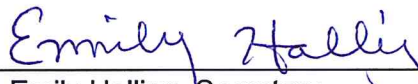
Dr. Ebert shared that this will be Michelle Patrick's last meeting covering the board for the Sturgis Journal. She is taking time for her family. We wish her all the best!

In Board Comments Mrs. Bird thanked Eastwood staff for their presentations, thanked Mr. Sterling for his work on the budget amendment, and mentioned that retired Superintendent Rob Olsen said hello. She saw him recently in Florida. Mr. Gorsuch thanked Eastwood staff and Mr. Sterling. He asked to borrow the banana keyboard! He added thanks to Michelle Patrick and asked that the district be more conservative with the headcount for budgeting. Mrs. Halling thanked Eastwood staff, Mr. Sterling, and Michelle Patrick. Mr. Swihart thanked Mrs. Airgood and all involved in the Lighthouse designation. Seven Habits training is awesome. Mrs. Donmyer thanked Eastwood staff, especially Mrs. Day. She thanked Mr. Sterling for the budget work and wished Michelle Patrick good luck. Mr. Boland added his thanks to Michelle Patrick, Mike Miller, Eastwood staff, and Mr. Sterling.

Mr. Boland adjourned the meeting at 6:39 p.m., after a motion by Mr. Swihart with support from Mrs. Halling. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.



Scott Boland, President



Emily Halling, Secretary