

Sturgis Public School District, St. Joseph County
Minutes of the Study Session of the Board of Education
Virtual Meeting Due to Covid19
Monday, April 13, 2020 – 5:30 p.m.

The Study Session of the Board of Education was called to order by President Scott Boland at 5:34 p.m.

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

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

<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, Tracy Sterling, Chris Gerbers, Jeannine Koenek, Morgan Pueschel, Mike Stiles-WBET, Heather George, Amber Peters
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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 March financial statements. Any board member with questions on the March 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 April 20 meeting.
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Action Items for Immediate Consideration:

A. New Hires

Nicole Airgood introduced new teaching hires Morgan Pueschel and Amber Peters. There was a motion to approve the hiring of teachers by Mr. Swihart with support from Mrs. Halling. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

B. SEA/SPS Collective Bargaining Agreement

Dr. Ebert reviewed the process and thanked the bargaining team for their hard work. The agreement includes a 1% increase and two years of school year calendars. He added that the first semester will now end with the winter break. There was a motion to approved the agreement by Mr. Swihart with support from Mrs. Bird. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

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C. English Language Arts Curriculum Resources

Ms. Airgood reviewed the recommendation and noted that the 30-day window for public comment has passed. There was a motion to approve the request by Mrs. Bird with support from Mrs. Halling, who commented that she hopes to see more technology in the future. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

Action Items for April 20:

A. SHS HVAC Repairs Recommendation

The system needed a thorough review for repairs and a bid. There was only one bid received.

B. Wenzel Playground Vendor Recommendation

Mr. Sterling asked if a board member might be interested in participating in interviews of potential vendors later in the week. Wenzel staff will also be included. There will be a recommendation by end of day Friday.

C. Transportation Recommendation

Mr. Sterling shared options with the board and offered the recommendation to purchase two buses.

In administrative reports Mr. Sterling is working on the monthly review for projections and the 2020-2021 budget. Repairs on Wenzel bathrooms and the pool project have been moved up to May due to the shutdown.

Ms. Airgood thanked all who are learning new ways with distance learning. Kudos to Robert Taylor, Doug Camburn, Patti Miller, the EA's, and tech department in addition to the teaching staff.

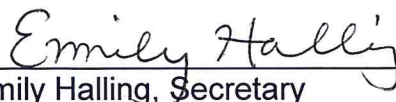
Dr. Ebert noted that today was the first day of distance learning and commented that so many have stepped up. We are distributing approximately 2,000 meals per day and have distributed 1,300 ChromeBooks to students/families who requested them.

In Board Comments Mrs. Bird congratulated Dr. Ebert and Ms. Airgood on the document prepared for online learning. Mrs. Halling expressed gratitude to all for adapting to the drastic changes. Today was a little overwhelming as she began homeschooling her children but smoother as the day went on. Mr. Swihart is currently quarantined from his son, but asked about his day. It was an "amazing day" and assignments were clear and challenging. Mrs. Donmyer echoed comments by Mrs. Halling as she is also suddenly homeschooling several students. Mr. Boland is proud of everyone's efforts and heard that his daughter's day went well.

Mr. Boland adjourned the meeting at 6:14 p.m., after a motion by Mr. Swihart with support from Mrs. Donmyer. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.



Scott Boland, President



Emily Halling, Secretary

NOTICE OF CHANGE SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE APRIL MEETING SCHEDULES
HAVE BEEN CHANGED. THERE WILL BE VIRTUAL MEETINGS
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF STURGIS, MICHIGAN:**

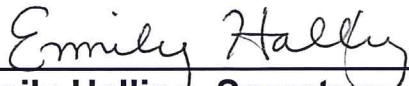
**DATE OF MEETING: APRIL 13, 2020 AND FORWARD
UNTIL NOTIFIED OTHERWISE**

**PLACE OF MEETING: VIRTUAL MEETING DUE TO
GOVERNOR'S EMERGENCY
ORDER**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: AVAILABLE
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CALENDAR
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HOUR OF MEETING: 5:30 P.M.

**TELEPHONE NUMBER OF
PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF
BOARD OF EDUCATION: (269) 659-1502**



**Emily Halling, Secretary
Board of Education**

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Monday, April 20, 2020 – 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 Mr. Swihart to approve the agenda as presented. Roll call vote: Ayes Gorsuch, Boland, Millett, Donmyer, Bird, Halling, and Swihart. 0 nays, motion approved.

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

Absent:

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

<u>Visitors</u>	Von Metzger, Alejandra Garrett, Mike Miller, Doug Camburn, Patti Miller, Brian Tallmadge, Jeremy Bosman, Ed Dickenson, Karen Wegner, Mike Stiles-WBET
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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 changes to the minutes, financial statements or invoices presented last week. There was a motion to approve the consent agenda by Mrs. Bird with support from Mrs. Halling. Roll call vote: Ayes Gorsuch, Boland, Millett, Donmyer, Bird, Halling, and Swihart. 0 nays, motion approved.
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Action Items:

A. SHS HVAC Repairs Recommendation

The system needed a thorough review for repairs and a bid. There was only one bid received. After Dr. Ebert and Mr. Sterling answered a few questions there was a motion to approve by Dr. Millett with support from Mr. Gorsuch. Roll call vote: Ayes Gorsuch, Boland, Millett, Donmyer, Bird, Halling, and Swihart. 0 nays, motion approved.

B. Wenzel Playground Vendor Recommendation

Mr. Sterling reviewed bids received and the selection process. There was a motion to award the Wenzel Playground Project to Sinclair Recreation by Mrs. Donmyer with support from Mrs. Bird. Roll call

vote: Ayes Gorsuch, Boland, Millett, Donmyer, Bird, Halling, and Swihart. 0 nays, motion approved.

C. Transportation Recommendation

Mr. Sterling reviewed the information on buses recommended for purchase. After Mr. Sterling and Director of Transportation Doug Camburn answered a few questions there was a motion to approve the purchase by Dr. Millett with support from Mrs. Bird. Roll call vote: Ayes Gorsuch, Boland, Millett, Donmyer, Bird, Halling, and Swihart. 0 nays, motion approved.

Informational Item:

A. Fiber Network for County:

Dr. Ebert announced that the ISD is looking into a consortium of districts to purchase a fiber network. They would transition from lease to ownership. The cost would be less and the quality better. Repairs would be the only unknown. More in May.

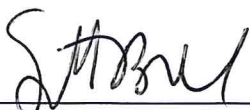
In administrative reports Mr. Sterling thanked those who participated on the Wenzel Playground committee. He has begun holding budget meetings for 2020-2021. The pool work will take place in May rather than July, due to the shutdown.

Ms. Airgood has a meeting tomorrow re PD for the rest of the year. She is working on sp ed contingency plans.

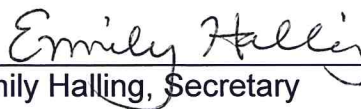
Dr. Ebert thanked Patti Miller for her work and those in the food service department who are currently preparing 2,000 meals a day. Thanks to those delivering meals, those who worked on the Chromebook distribution, and thanks to students and families for their patience.

In Board Comments Dr. Millett thanked all staff for the teamwork. Mr. Swihart is glad that Dr. Ebert, Ms. Airgood, Mr. Sterling, Mr. Metzger, Mr. Camburn, Mr. Northrop, and Mrs. Stimson are all here and doing what's best for the district. Mrs. Bird echoed thanks, and added to Dr. Ebert and Ms. Airgood for the calls today. Thanks to Mr. Sterling for all his work on the projects. Mrs. Donmyer echoed all those sentiments. Mr. Gorsuch thanked all for not saying bad things last week when he was muted for the meeting. Welcome to the new hires, and congratulations to the bargaining team. Thanks to Mr. Sterling for the Power Point presentations and the individual calls with updates. Mrs. Halling added thanks to staff reaching out to students and sp ed teachers making individual calls today, and thanks to the district leaders.

Mr. Boland adjourned the meeting at 6:14 p.m., after a motion by Mr. Swihart with support from Mr. Gorsuch. Roll call vote: Ayes Gorsuch, Boland, Millett, Donmyer, Bird, Halling, and Swihart. 0 nays, motion approved.



Scott Boland, President



Emily Halling, Secretary