

Sturgis Public School District, St. Joseph County  
Minutes of the Study Session of the Board of Education  
Held in the Sturgis Central Commons Boardroom  
Monday, September 13, 2021

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 Mr. Swihart with support from Dr. Millett to approve the agenda as presented. 7 ayes – 0 nays, motion approved.

<u>Present:</u>	Scott Swihart	Scott Boland	Kerri Millett
	Lynn Brand	Betsie Drumm	Emily Halling
	Gwen Donmyer		

Absent: None

Administration	Dr. Arthur Ebert, Superintendent
<u>Present:</u>	Mrs. Nicole Gittinger, Assistant Superintendent

<u>Visitors</u>	Von Metzger, Patti Miller, Darlene Netke, Carl Flowers, Paula Berchiatti
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Public Comments: There were no public comments.

The Consent Agenda: Consent agenda items were discussed. Any board member with questions on the August minutes should contact Mrs. Toni Andrews within the week. Dr. Ebert presented the August financial statements. Questions on financial statements and invoices should be directed to Mr. Sterling. Approval will be sought at the September 20th meeting.

Action Items for Immediate Consent

A. Edmentum Online Learning Program

Mrs. Gittinger reviewed the program. This will be used for elementary students needing to still be in an online setting. A motion was made by Mr. Swihart with support from Mrs. Donmyer. 7 ayes - 0 nays. Motion approved.

B. New Hires

Mrs. Gittinger introduced the new hires, Darlene Netke-GSRP and Paula Berchiatti-Therapist, then shared a little information about them. A motion was made by Mrs. Donmyer with support from Mrs. Brand. 7 ayes - 0 nays. Motion approved.

Action Items for September 20th:

A. Shared Services Pay Scale

Dr. Ebert explained that we missed the shared service teachers when pay was increased for other groups. This proposal would give them the same percentage increase as other groups.

B. HS Marching Band Tower RFP

Dr. Ebert gave a recap of the bid received for the HS Marching Band Tower including a change the facilities committee proposed to replace some of the wood with composite.

C. 3-12 Interactive Whiteboards/Projector RFP

Dr. Ebert and Mr. Metzger gave an overview of the bids received for the 3-12 Interactive Whiteboards/Projector RFP. They gave a demonstration of the whiteboard/projector and reviewed some add ons recommended by the facilities committee.

In Administrative Reports Dr. Ebert shared notes from Mr. Sterling about the current projects taking place in the district as well as projects that will go out for bid in the near future.

Mrs. Gittinger had no additional report.

Dr. Ebert presented board members with the Performing Arts Calendar for the year.

In Board Comments Dr. Millet expressed her excitement for the new whiteboards.

Mrs. Drumm is glad to have the new staff and interactive whiteboards.

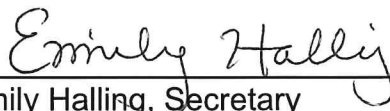
Mrs. Brand said the Eastwood tour was awesome and asked some questions about how we arrived at having the 31N counselor at Central Commons.

Mr. Boland agreed that the Eastwood tour was fantastic.

Mr. Boland adjourned the meeting at 6:22 p.m., after a motion by Mr. Swihart with support from Mrs. Halling. 7 ayes – 0 nays, motion approved.



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Scott Boland, President



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Emily Halling, Secretary

Sturgis Public School District, St. Joseph County  
Minutes of the Regular Session of the Board of Education  
Held in the Sturgis Central Commons Boardroom  
Monday, September 20, 2021

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

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

<u>Present:</u>	Scott Boland	Gwen Donmyer	Emily Halling
	Lynn Brand	Betsie Drumm	Scott Swihart

<u>Absent:</u>	Kerri Millett
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Administration	Dr. Arthur Ebert, Superintendent
<u>Present:</u>	Mrs. Nicole Gittinger, Assistant Superintendent
	Mr. Ray Sterling, Director of Finance

<u>Visitors</u>	Von Metzger, Harmonie McCrea, Karen Wegner, Audrey Green, Emerson Green, Connie Batten, Deb Hochstetler, Alex Milton, Brooke Moses, Amy Albarran, Heather George, Elizabeth Clark, Allen Meyer, Michelle Patrick-Sturgis Journal, Mike Stiles-WBET
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<u>Sturgis Showcase</u>	<u>SCC Programs</u> - Mrs. Elizabeth Clark shared about the ECSE program, Mr. Andy Hatt and Dr. Ebert shared about the eCademy program.
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Trojan Heroes - Art Ebert/Nicole Airgood  
This month's heroes were Alondra Caballero-Wall Office Clerk, Audrey Green-SHS Teacher, Heather George-SMS Assistant Principal. Dr. Ebert shared comments from nominations and presented each with a framed certificate.

Senior Portfolios - Brooke Moses and Alex Milton spoke about changes to the Business Partner program and Senior Portfolios.

<u>Public Comments:</u>	Allen Meyer expressed his concern regarding experienced teachers leaving our district recently. He is hoping this will be looked into if it hasn't already been.
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Mike Stiles shared his appreciation for all the work Von Metzger has done in regards to helping SPS and WBET set things up for streaming SPS sports programs on the NFHS Network.



The Consent Agenda: There was a motion to approve the consent agenda by Mr. Swihart with support from Mrs. Halling. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

Action Items:

A. Shared Services Pay Scale

Dr. Ebert explained that the shared services staff are receiving the same increase as all other SPS staff. A motion was made to approve by Mrs. Halling with support from Mrs. Donmyer. 6 ayes - 0 nays, motion approved.

B. HS Marching Band Tower RFP

Mr. Sterling shared there was one bid. The goal is to have the project completed by this fall. A motion was made to approve by Mrs. Donmyer with support from Mrs. Brand. 6 ayes - 0 nays, motion approved

C. 3-12 Interactive Whiteboards/Projectors RFP

Mr. Sterling and Mr. Metzger provided information about the project. A motion was made to approve by Mrs. Halling with support from Mr. Swihart. 6 ayes - 0 nays, motion approved

In administrative reports Mr. Sterling provided project updates. They have started installing the metal roof on Eastwood. Working on a plan to store the materials for the SHS roof and set a start date. Post and panel signs all approved and moving forward. Looking into when the new line can be installed for the new Eastwood fire panel. We are waiting for boring sample results before moving forward with SMS tennis courts.

Mrs. Gittinger congratulated the Trojan Heroes. District professional development took place focusing on curriculum instruction and Thoughtful Classroom.

Mr. Metzger informed board members that they will have their own SPS email.

Dr. Ebert stated that there will be a Back To School Meeting Tuesday. He thanked Mr. Meyer for sharing his concern and expressed that our staff is a huge asset.

In Board Comments Ms. Drumm enjoyed the meeting and thanked those who presented along with congratulating the Trojan Heroes. She wished the 4H kids the best of luck at the fair this week and appreciation for the Ascension clinic at Eastwood.

Mr. Swihart congratulated the Trojan Heroes and thanked the public for attending.

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Mrs. Halling echoed the congratulations to Trojan Heroes and shared how wonderful the ECSE program is by providing extra support for children. Discussion was held regarding how much disruption Eastwood is experiencing with the roof project. She thanked Allen Meyer and agreed that it would be a great conversation to have.

Mrs. Donmyer also echoed the congratulations and thanked Von Metzger for all he does along with Mike Stiles and Allen Meyer for sharing.

Mrs. Brand taught Adult Ed and understands the challenges. Happy to hear we are continuing these programs. She also congratulated the Trojan Heroes.

Mr. Boland thanked Allen Meyer for sharing his concern. Congratulations to Trojan Heroes. He is excited about Homecoming and shared that his daughter will be on Homecoming Court.

Mr. Boland adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m., after a motion by Mrs. Donmyer with support from Mrs. Brand. 6 ayes – 0 nays, motion approved.



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Scott Boland, President



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Emily Halling, Secretary