

Sturgis Public School District, St. Joseph County
Minutes of the Combined Study Session/Regular Session of the Board of Education
Held in the Eastwood Cafeteria
Monday, February 21, 2022 - 5:30 p.m.

The Combined Session 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 Ms. Drumm to approve the agenda as presented. 6 ayes – 0 nays, motion approved.

<u>Present:</u>	Scott Boland	Gwen Donmyer	Kerri Millett
	Lynn Brand	Betsie Drumm	Ben Myers

<u>Absent:</u>	Emily Halling
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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, Mike Miller, Karen Wegner, Katie Wooten, Melissa Gales, Kristen Sandberg, Doug Pagels, Chris Pagels, Sabrina Lindsley, Mary Johansen, Stephanie Byler, Ashley Mostrom, Renee Souva, Mindy Cardiel, Brooke Moses, Amanda Langworthy, Gavin Yates, Li Post, Nikita Milliman, Bev Larimer, Alex Milton, Caitlin Burdett, Stacey Richardson, Allen Meyer, Mike Stiles-WBET.
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Sturgis Showcase

Eastwood Staff

Mrs. Karen Wegner, Mrs. Katie Wooten, and Mrs. Caitlin Burdett shared about the social emotional learning going on at Eastwood. A video of a classroom's morning meeting was shown.

Sturgis Area Community Foundation Mini Grant Recipients

Dr. Art Ebert shared information on the classroom grants that were requested and fully funded by the Sturgis Area Foundation. These were awarded to Melissa Gales (Eastwood) – Novel Studies Project, Sunshine Gonzalez (Wall) – Creating a Calming Environment for Special Education, Ashlin Heller (Wall) – Classroom Calm Down Kits, Beverly Larimer & Alex Milton (Congress) – Outstanding Osmo Operations, Peter Larr (SHS) – New Resources for World History, Katelyn Lopez (Wall) – Busy Binders, Nikita Milliman (SMS) – Modern Classroom with Distraction-Free Learning, Brooke Moses (SHS) – Positive School Culture Club, Ashley Mostrom (Eastwood) – Classroom Auction Project, Morgan Pueschel (SMS) – New Books and Literacy Units, Stacey Richardson (SMS) – Special Education Life Skills Cooking Program, Kristin Sanberg (Eastwood) – Supplies for Success.

Trojan Heroes - Art Ebert/Nicole Gittinger

This month's heroes were Gavin Yates-Sturgis High School Teacher, Chris Pagels - Eastwood Teacher, Sabrina Lindsley- Eastwood Long Term Substitute Teacher. Dr. Ebert introduced them and shared praise and comments from those who nominated them. They each were presented with a framed certificate.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

The Consent Agenda:

Mr. Sterling reviewed the January Financials. There were no questions on the January minutes. There was a motion to approve the consent agenda by Mrs. Donmyer with support from Dr. Millett. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

Action Items:

A. Senior Trip to Cedar Point

Mrs. Brooke Moses, Mrs. Amanda Langworthy, and Mrs. Mindy Cardiel shared information on the Senior Trip to Cedar Point. A motion was made to approve the Senior Trip to CedarPoint by Mrs. Donmyer with support from Mr. Myers 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

B. Districtwide Wireless Upgrade

Mr. Von Metzger spoke about the final part of the district wireless upgrade. Some of this project will be paid for with E-rate funds. A motion was made to approve the Districtwide Wireless Upgrade by Ms. Drumm with support from Dr. Millett. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

C. EW Flooring RFP

Mr. Sterling reviewed flooring bids for Eastwood. A motion was made by Mrs. Donmyer with support from Mrs. Brand to award the bid to Continental Flooring in the amount of \$436,414 with a 10% project contingency of \$43,641 and a paint adhesion contingency of \$67,996. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

Action Items for March 14th

A. Transportation Department Recommendation

Dr. Ebert and Mr. Doug Camburn reviewed the request to purchase 3Dezrouting program to use for bus routing, communication with families, and attendance. There was a decision to go ahead and vote on this project. Mr. Myers made a motion to approve the purchase of 3Dezrouting for \$7,362.00 with support from Mrs. Donmyer. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

Reviewed Board Policy 0166 - Agendas:

Ms. Drumm reviewed Policy 0166 regarding Agendas.

Pledge of Allegiance

Discussion took place on adding the Pledge of Allegiance to the monthly agenda. This will be considered.

Informational Items

A. Content Filtering Rules

Mr. Von Metzger reviewed the Content Filtering Rules. He shared details about these filters and answered questions.

Discussion Items:

A. SCC Gymnasium

Board members shared comments and concerns briefly and how to collect input from the public and stakeholders.

B. EW Playground Finalized Design

The final Eastwood playground design was shared. Dr. Ebert and Mr. Sterling answered questions regarding the setup.

In Administrative Reports, Mr. Sterling shared updates on many of the projects happening in the district.

Mrs. Gittinger is working with truancy inconsistencies within the district.

Dr. Ebert demonstrated where to find the Sturgis Volunteer Partners information on Sturgisps.org. This can be utilized by those who want to volunteer and staff to enter volunteer requests.

In Board Comments, Mr. Myers appreciated attending the county board meeting.

Dr. Millett thanked Mr. Metzger for the information on filtering, Mr. Camburn for work on the routing program, and Mr. Mike Miller, Eastwood Principal, for hosting the meeting.

Ms. Drumm congratulated the Trojan Heroes. She thanked Mr. Camburn for getting our kids to school and likes the new routing program.

Mrs. Donmyer echoed thanks to Eastwood for hosting.

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Mrs. Brand thanked the Eastwood staff for providing some of the new furniture for the board to try out.

Mr. Boland echoed thanks to Eastwood and congratulations to the Trojan Heroes.

Mr. Boland adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m., after a motion by Mr. Myers with support from Dr. Millett. 6 ayes – 0 nays, motion approved.



Scott Boland, President



Gwen Donmyer, Secretary

NOTICE OF BOARD RETREAT

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THERE WILL BE A RETREAT OF
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF STURGIS, MICHIGAN:**

DATE OF MEETING: Thursday, February 17, 2022

PLACE OF MEETING: 107 W. West St.
Sturgis, MI 49091

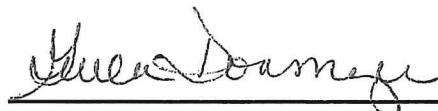
HOUR OF MEETING: 5:30 p.m.

PURPOSE: Planning

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**Gwen Donmyer, Secretary
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