

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 12 2022 - 5:30 p.m.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions

A motion was made by Mr. Myers with support from Dr. Millett to approve the agenda as presented. 6 ayes – 0 nays, motion approved.

<u>Present:</u>	Emily Halling	Ben Myers	Scott Boland
	Lynn Brand	Betsie Drumm (5:32)	Kerri Millett
	Gwen Donmyer		

Absent: --

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

Visitors Heather George, Michelle Patrick-Sturgis Journal, Mike Stiles-WBET

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Informational Items:

- A. Review of Board Policy - 5421 Grading
Mrs. Halling reviewed policy 5421 regarding grading.
- B. Continuous Improvement Update
Dr. Ebert provided information on the SPS Continuous Improvement Implementation plan. Each building selected their goal and then created the strategy they plan to use to reach that goal within their building.

Action Items:

- A. New Hire
Mrs. Gittinger introduced Whitney Bast-SMS Art Teacher and shared some information about her. Mrs. Halling made a motion to approve the new hire with support from Ms. Drumm. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

B. Exterior Door Bid

Mr. Sterling provided information on the grant that was awarded to SPS in the amount of \$71,350 which will allow the replacement of some exterior doors and locks in our school buildings. The only bid for this project was from SAHR for \$61,200. Mrs. Donmyer made a motion with support from Dr. Millett to have SAHR do this project for \$61,200. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

C. MASB Fall Conference Voting Delegates

Mrs. Halling and Mrs. Donmyer volunteered to attend and take on the task of voting delegates for the MASB Fall Conference. A motion was made by Ms. Drumm with support from Mr. Myers to appoint Mrs. Halling and Mrs. Donmyer as MASB Voting Delegates. 7 ayes - 0 nays. Motion approved.

The Consent Agenda: Mr. Sterling reviewed the August financial statements. Any board member with questions on the August minutes should contact Mrs. Toni Andrews within the week. Questions on financial statements and invoices should be directed to Mr. Sterling. Approval will be sought at the September 19th meeting.

Action Item for September 19th:

A. 10 Passenger Van

Mr. Sterling provided details on the 10-passenger van recommended for purchase.

In administrative reports:

Mr. Sterling shared an update on the audit. Mrs. Gittinger thanked the special education staff and teachers as SPS met the special education accountability requirements as a district per the State of Michigan. Dr. Ebert shared that Homecoming will be on September 30th and the dance will be on October 1st.


Board Comments:

Mr. Myers is hosting, at last minute, a foreign exchange student from Belgium. He thanked the SHS staff for all the support during this process. Ms. Drumm's boys love the Eastwood playground and they all enjoyed the tailgate party. Dr. Millett shared that many of our extracurricular activities are doing very well this fall. Mrs. Halling feels that it has been a good start to the school year. Mrs. Donmyer echoed Mrs. Halling's comment. Mrs. Brand will work on setting a date for the board to work the concession stand. Mr. Boland welcomed Ms. Whitney Bast as a new teacher.

Mr. Boland adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m., after a motion by Mr. Myers with support from Mrs. Donmyer. 7 ayes – 0 nays, motion approved.



Scott Boland, President



Gwen Donmyer, Secretary

Sturgis Public School District, St. Joseph County
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Held in the Sturgis Central Commons Boardroom
Monday, September 19, 2022 - 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.

Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions

A motion was made by Ms. Drumm with support from Mrs. Brand to approve the agenda as presented. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

<u>Present:</u>	Emily Halling	Ben Myers (5:37)	Scott Boland
	Lynn Brand	Betsie Drumm	
	Gwen Donmyer		

<u>Absent:</u>	Kerri Millett
----------------	---------------

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

<u>Visitors</u>	Allen Meyer, Leyton Meyer, Sarah Meyer, Michelle Frost-Baker, Michelle Patrick-Sturgis Journal, Mike Stiles-WBET.
-----------------	--

Sturgis Showcase

- A. SHS Yearbook Presentation
Mr. Allen Meyer presented each board member a 2021-2022 SHS Yearbook.
- B. 31 N Therapist
Mrs. Gittinger provided information on the duties of the 31 N Therapist, Ms. Paula Berchaitti. Ms. Berchaitti was unable to attend.

<u>Public Comments:</u>	There were no public comments.
-------------------------	--------------------------------

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

Action Items:

- A. 10 Passenger Van
Mr. Sterling provided additional information on this purchase. There was a motion to approve the purchase of the 10 Passenger Van from Gorno Ford, not to exceed \$53,000, by Mrs. Donmyer with support from Mr. Myers. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

Regular Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2022
P.2

In administrative reports:

Mr. Sterling shared updates on some of the current projects happening in the district. Eastwood playground will hopefully be done in the next couple of weeks. Mrs. Gittinger spoke about the second professional development day for staff. Dr. Ebert appreciated the work done by Mrs. Gittinger and Mr. Sterling in using the gym for the professional development.

Board Comments:

Ms. Drumm shared that the Eastwood playground is wonderful and appreciated the complimentary SHS yearbook. Mrs. Halling had no comments. Mrs. Donmyer loved the yearbook. Mrs. Brand echoed Mrs. Donmyer's comment. Mr. Myers shared information he had read in the Sturgis Journal regarding voting. Mr. Boland thanked Mr. Meyer for the yearbook.

Mr. Boland adjourned the meeting at 6:02 p.m., after a motion by Mr. Myers with support from Mrs. Brand. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.



Scott Boland, President



Gwen Donmyer, Secretary