

Sturgis Public School District, St. Joseph County
Minutes of the Study Session of the Board of Education
Held in the Sturgis Central Commons Board Room
Wednesday, November 12, 2014 – 5:30 p.m.

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

A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Mr. Kalasky with support from Mr. Hamlin. 4 ayes – 0 nays, motion approved.

<u>Present:</u>	Frank Kalasky	Paul Gorsuch
	Geoff Smith	Dave Hamlin

<u>Absent:</u>	Dan Scott	Kerri Millett
	Ann Bird	

Administration	Dr. Thomas Langdon, Superintendent
<u>Present:</u>	Julie Evans, Assistant Superintendent
	Ray Sterling, Business Manager

<u>Visitors</u>	Michelle Patrick-Sturgis Journal, Janeht Carrasco, Courtney O'Brien, Jake Bundy, Brendan Sprowls, Trevor Sprowls, Brian Tallmadge, Dave Northrop, Mark Adams, Shawn Bell, Daniel Steele, Martin Calvillo, Terry Stahl, Taylor Williams, Allison Harker, Taylor Williams, Jessica Griffioen, Hannah Millard, Gwen Donmyer, Scott Swihart, JoJo and Bob Griffioen, Janene Kosman, Ken Schau, Nick Herblet
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<u>Sturgis Showcase:</u>	Athletic Director Mark Adams introduced student athletes representing the SHS Cross Country and Girls Golf teams along with Girls Golf Coach Ken Schau. Some highlights of the fall seasons were reviewed, including Boys CC-12 th at State, Academic All-State (3.41 GPA), Conference Champions, County Champions. Individually, Daniel Steele finished 3 rd at State and Shawn Bell finished 14 th . Emerson Green was named Wolverine Conference Cross Country Coach of the Year. That was the best finish ever for SHS. Girls Cross Country had a team GPA of 3.36 and several All-County athletes. Girls Golf- 14 th at State, Academic All-State (3.72 GPA), 3 rd at Regionals, Conference Runner-Up. Ken Schau was named Girls Golf Conference and Regional Coach of the Year. Volleyball was Conference Runner-Up, with an All-American, Rachel Anderson. Boys Tennis was Conference Champion, 2 nd at Regionals, 15 th at State, and Academic All-State with a team GPA of 3.65. George Earl was Boys Tennis Wolverine Conference Coach of the Year. Congratulations to the athletes and coaches!
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Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Consent Agenda: Business Manager Ray Sterling reviewed October financial statements and invoices. Board members should contact Mr. Sterling, or contact Mrs. Karen Stimson if they have any questions on October minutes. Approval of the Consent Agenda will be sought at the November 17 meeting.

Action Items for Consideration November 17, 2014:

- A. Best Practices Resolution
Ray Sterling reviewed the resolution and best practices met by SPS to qualify for an additional \$50.00 per pupil.
- B. Summer Tax Resolution
Ray Sterling reviewed the annual Summer Tax Resolution, requesting 100% collection of City of Sturgis tax levy with the summer tax bills.

In administrative reports Mr. Sterling had nothing further for the Board.

Mrs. Evans distributed sample iReady reports. iReady is used for diagnostic testing. Results are readily accessible, which teachers like. Parents are seeing data during conferences. Mr. Smith had attended his parent-teacher conference already and thought that the information shared was very useful.

Dr. Langdon offered Veteran's Day appreciation to all who served or are currently serving. WBET will begin a new feature called Trojan Talk on the second and fourth Mondays at 6:45 am with Mike Stiles. Please tune in and let Dr. Langdon know if you have anything you would like to share. The Senior Leadership class is working on a Junior Achievement project with Mr. Jeremy Gump. The class took a trip in to Chicago on Monday. Dr. Langdon thanked the Board for moving the meeting date to accommodate the trip. Oster Award nominations are due by December 1. Finally, congratulations to our two new Board members.

In Final Comments Mr. Gorsuch congratulated our athletes on their athletic and academic accomplishments. He noted the sad end to volleyball season, with Von Metzger retiring as coach. Parents were sad, too. Mr. Hamlin noted that he won't miss those all day volleyball tournaments! Mike Stiles of WBET hopes that all will listen and enjoy Trojan Talk. Newly elected Board member Gwen Donmyer also appreciated the iReady information at conferences. Mr. Smith congratulated Mrs. Donmyer and Mr. Scott Swihart on their election

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The Board adjourned to executive session at 6:07 p.m. to consider Emergency Operation Plans after a motion by Mr. Hamlin with support from Mr. Gorsuch. Roll call – Kalasky, Hamlin, Gorsuch and Smith voted aye. There were no nays. Motion approved.

At 6:45 p.m. there was a motion to resume open session by Mr. Kalasky with support from Mr. Hamlin. Roll call- Kalasky, Hamlin, Gorsuch and Smith voted aye. There were no nays. Motion approved.

There was a motion by Mr. Hamlin with support from Mr. Gorsuch to approve the Emergency Operation Plan. 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

Mr. Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m., after a motion by Mr. Kalasky with support from Mr. Gorsuch. 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.



Ann Bird – President



Frank Kalasky, Secretary

NOTICE OF CHANGE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE NOVEMBER MEETING SCHEDULE HAS BEEN CHANGED. THERE WILL BE NO MEETING ON NOVEMBER 10. **THE MEETING WILL NOW BE HELD WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2014.**

DATE OF MEETING: NOVEMBER 12, 2014

PLACE OF MEETING: STURGIS CENTRAL COMMONS
BOARD ROOM
107 W. WEST ST.

HOUR OF MEETING: 5:30 P.M.

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


Frank Kalasky, Secretary
Board of Education

Sturgis Public School District, St. Joseph County
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Held in the Congress Elementary Gym
Monday, November 17, 2014 – 5:30 p.m.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Vice President Geoff Smith at 5:30 p.m.

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

<u>Present:</u>	Frank Kalasky	Paul Gorsuch	Dan Scott
	Geoff Smith	Dave Hamlin	Kerri Millett

<u>Absent:</u>	Ann Bird
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Administration	Dr. Thomas Langdon, Superintendent
<u>Present:</u>	Ray Sterling, Business Manager

<u>Visitors</u>	Michelle Patrick-Sturgis Journal, Carol Brooks, Amanda Meek, Amanda Bobalik, Donnell Roberts, Nick Herblet, Bobbi Mettler, Dan Root, Kris Crabill, Janene Kosman, Lesly Starkey, Gretchen Cropsey, Stacey Yunker, Amanda Feyes, Mike Stiles – WBET, Scott Swihart, Bob Matkin, Karen Mullins, Mike Miller, Kalyn Pulling,
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<u>Sturgis Showcase:</u>	Congress Principal Nick Herblet introduced Math @ Congress. Teacher Amanda Bobalik introduced the program, with the help of Board volunteer Paul Gorsuch. Teacher Amanda Feyes thanked the Board for the funding to allow Consultant Shannon Samulski's help with strategies. She then reviewed a Pyramid of Layers in Development of Mathematical Thinking.
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<u>Public Comments:</u>	There were no public comments.
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<u>Consent Agenda:</u>	The October Meeting Minutes, Financial Statements and Invoices were approved after a motion by Mr. Gorsuch with support from Mr. Hamlin. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.
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<u>Action Items:</u>	A. Best Practices Resolution Business Manager Ray Sterling reviewed the resolution and best practices met by SPS to qualify for an additional \$50.00 per pupil.
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There was a motion to adopt the resolution by Dr. Millett with support from Mr. Scott. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

B. Summer Tax Resolution

Business Manager Ray Sterling reviewed the annual Summer Tax Resolution, requesting 100% collection of City of Sturgis tax levy with the summer tax bills. There was a motion to adopt the resolution by Mr. Scott with support from Mr. Kalasky. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

C. Professional Leave Request

There was a motion by Mr. Kalasky with support from Mr. Scott to approve the request. Discussion followed. The item was tabled for consideration at the December 8 meeting.

Discussion Item:

A. Neola Policy Update

Dr. Langdon advised the Board that the proposed update is now available for review and asked for a Policy Committee Meeting. The committee will meet at 4:30 pm on Monday, December 8 in advance of the full Board meeting.

In administrative reports Mr. Sterling had nothing further for the Board.

Dr. Langdon congratulated SHS Senior Cleanna Crabill on being named a National Merit Semi-Finalist. The county Superintendents will be addressing the sub teacher shortage at their meeting this week. We may want to consider raising sub pay. More to follow in December.

In Final Comments Mr. Scott wished Transportation Supervisor Dan Root good luck with the expected storms this week. Mr. Gorsuch thanked Mr. Herblet and the Congress staff for their hard work and hospitality. Mr. Kalasky recently attended a meeting of the Sturgis Area Business Education Alliance, where they discussed business visits and potential for expanded programs. Dr. Millett reminded all that the Band and Orchestra Pie Sale is this Saturday at SMS. Mr. Smith added his thanks to Mr. Herblet and the Congress staff.

Mr. Smith adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m., after a motion by Mr. Hamlin with support from Mr. Scott. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.



Ann Bird – President



Frank Kalasky, Secretary

Annual Resolution

The Sturgis Public School District, St. Joseph County, Michigan (the "District")

A regular meeting of the board of education (the "Board") of the District was held in the Congress Elementary, in the District, on the 17th day of November, 2014, at 5:30 o'clock in the pm.

The meeting was called to order by Geoff Smith, Vice, President.

Present: Members Geoff Smith, Frank Kalasky, Kerri Millett, Dave Hamlin,
Paul Gorsuch and Dan Scott

Absent: Members Ann Bird

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member
Scott and supported by Member Kalasky:

WHEREAS, this Board previously adopted a resolution to impose a summer tax levy to collect 100%¹ of annual school property taxes, including debt service, upon property located within the school district and continuing from year to year until specifically revoked by the Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. This Board, pursuant to 1976 PA 451, as amended (the "Revised School Code"), hereby invokes for 2015 its previously adopted ongoing resolution imposing a summer tax levy of 100%¹ of annual school property taxes, including debt service, upon property located within the District and continuing from year to year until specifically revoked by this Board and requests each city and/or township in which this District is located to collect those summer taxes.

2. The Superintendent or designee is authorized and directed to forward to the governing body of each city and/or township in which this District is located a copy of this Board's resolution imposing a summer property tax levy on an ongoing basis and a copy of this resolution requesting that each such city and/or township agree to collect the summer tax levy for 2015 in the amount as specified in this resolution. Such forwarding of the resolutions and the request to collect the summer tax levy shall be performed so that they are received by the appropriate governing bodies before January 1, 2015.

3. Pursuant to and in accordance with Section 1613(1) of the Revised School Code, the Superintendent or designee is authorized and directed to negotiate on behalf of

100%

¹ Insert "50%" or "100%", as applicable.

located for the reasonable expenses for collection of the District's summer tax levy that the city and/or township may bill under MCLA 380.1611 or MCLA 380.1612. Any such proposed agreement shall be brought before the Board for its approval or disapproval.

4. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

Ayes: Members Smith, Kalasky, Millett, Hamlin, Gorsuch, and Scott

Nays: Members None

Motion declared adopted.


Secretary, Board of Education

The undersigned, duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education of (The Sturgis Public School District, St. Joseph County, Michigan) hereby certifies that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by said Board of Education at a meeting held on November 17, 2014, the original of which is part of the Board's minutes. The undersigned further certifies that notice of the meeting was given to the public pursuant to the provisions of the "Open Meetings Act" (Act 267, PA 1976, as amended).


Secretary, Board of Education

Best Practices Incentive
School Board Resolution

WHEREAS, Section 22f of the State School Aid Act provides \$50 per pupil one-time grants to districts that satisfy at least 7 of 9 best practices criteria not later than June 1, 2015 [MCL 388.1622f].

WHEREAS, the board of education of Sturgis Public Schools desires to receive the \$50 per pupil incentive payment.

WHEREAS, the Sturgis Public Schools has satisfied at least 7 of 9 best practices criteria.

WHEREAS, eligibility for the incentive payment is contingent upon adopting a resolution that states the district has complied with the following 7 of 9 best practice criteria.

Now, therefore, be it resolved as follows:

1. The board of education of Sturgis Public Schools certifies that the district has complied with the following requirements:

[LIST only the Best Practice requirements the district has met. STRIKE THROUGH OR REMOVE requirements the district has not met]

- a) The district is the designated policy holder for medical benefit plan(s) pursuant to Section 22f(1)(a).
- b) The district has obtained a competitive bid on non-instructional services pursuant to Section 22f(1)(b).
 - o Snow Removal Services and Lawn Services were competitively bid for 2014-2015.
- c) The district accepts applications for enrollment by non-resident applicants under Section 105 or 105c (MCL 388.1705) pursuant to Section 22f(1)(c). A Public School Academy is considered to have met this requirement.
- d) The district offers online courses or blended learning opportunities to all eligible pupils, and publish course syllabi pursuant to Section 22f(1)(d).
- e) The district provides a link on the district's home page to the URL for the MiSchoolData Portal which will contain the required dashboard indicators pursuant to Section 22f(1)(e). If certain data elements for our district are unavailable from state data collections, we agree to provide those data in the form and manner determined by MDE.
- ~~f) The district includes Teacher and Administrator job performance as a significant factor in compensation determination.~~
- g) The district's collective bargaining agreements do not include provisions contrary to prohibited subjects as outlined in section 15(3) of 1947 PA 336, MCL 423.215.
- h) The district implements a comprehensive guidance and counseling program.
- i) The district offers opportunities to complete 1 credit worth of non-English language learning experiences.

2. The board of education of Sturgis Public Schools authorizes and directs its secretary to file this resolution with the State Aid and School Finance Office of the Michigan Department of Education.
3. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution are hereby rescinded.

Resolved this 17th day of November, 2014.

Roll Call Vote: Passed: 6 Failed: 0
Voting For: Millett, Smith, Kalasky, Hamlin, Gorsuch, Scott

Frank J. Kalasky, Secretary

Board Representative Name


Board Representative Signature

Please email a copy of the signed resolution to John A. Hayner at haynerj1@michigan.gov