

Sturgis Public School District, St. Joseph County
Minutes of the Informational Meeting of the Board of Education
Held at Eastwood Elementary School
Monday, February 8, 2016 – 4:30 p.m.

The Informational Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Vice President Paul Gorsuch at 4:33 p.m.

Present: Paul Gorsuch Scott Swihart Scott Boland
Emily Halling Gwen Donmyer (4:57 p.m.)

Administration Dr. Thomas Langdon, Superintendent
Present: Ray Sterling, Business Manager

Visitors:

Discussion included trust and agency accounts and invoices. Mr. Swihart asked for details on invoice 16039.


Mrs. Donmyer arrived at 4:57 p.m.

Board financial reports including cash, investments, general fund, community services, food service, debt funds and capital outlay were discussed and will be reviewed again at the meeting to follow. Mr. Swihart asked for more detail on investments in and out during the school year.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m. after a motion to adjourn by Mr. Swihart with support from Mrs. Halling. 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.



Kerri Millett, President



Ann Bird, Secretary

Sturgis Public School District, St. Joseph County
Minutes of the Combined Study Session/Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Held at Eastwood Elementary School
Monday, February 8, 2016 – 5:30 p.m.

The Combined Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Vice President Paul Gorsuch at 5:30 p.m.

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

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

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

<u>Visitors</u>	Nicole Airgood, Peter Larr, Von Metzger, Michelle Patrick-Sturgis Journal, Drew Rutenbar, Nathan Schwartz, Chris Pagels, Mary Johansen, Karen Wegner, Sue Ann Johnson, Braydon Gaspelin, Debra Swartz, Jayne Henricks, Gretchen Cropsey, Lauri Schirk, Jill Snyder, Kim Krantz, Todd Krantz, Kris Crabill, Dan Root, Patti Miller, Pete Palasinski, Toni Andrews, Mary Hahn, Kimberly Annis, Robin Schuler, Kamela Peterson, Stephanie Ortmann, Kristin Reed, Lauren Howell, Kyleen Harris, Andrew Stark, Stephanie Byler, Mike Miller, Sheldon Hewitt, Kolleen LaPorte, Marjorie Wisler Kim Annis, Jessica Bucklin, Shawn Caldwell, Ron Ehlers, Gina Crespo, Pandy Day, Eric Cadena, Andrew Stark, Mike Stiles-WBET Radio, Ryan Stevens, Wendy Stevens, Sue Cropsey, approx.. 30 students and many more parents.
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<u>Sturgis Showcase:</u>	Eastwood Principal Nicole Airgood introduced the Eastwood Singers, who performed their Leader in Me Song re: Seven Habits, and answered questions from the Board members. Mr. Gorsuch commented that he loved their special shirts for the occasion.
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<u>Public Comments:</u>	There were no public comments.
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<u>The Consent Agenda:</u>	January meeting minutes were approved with one correction to change the time of the January 5 Informational Meeting from 10:00 p.m. to a.m. Financial statements and invoices were reviewed by Business Manager Ray Sterling. Finance committee had met prior to this meeting. There were no questions. A motion was made by Mr.
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Boland with support from Mr. Swihart to approve the Consent Agenda.
6 ayes – 0 nays, motion approved.

Action Items for immediate consideration:

A. New Hires

Mrs. Julie Evans presented new SHS Social Studies teacher Peter Larr. There was a motion to hire by Mrs. Bird with support from Mrs. Donmyer. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

B. MASB Board of Directors

There are two candidates in our region running this year. After discussion, Mr. Gorsuch recommended that the Board vote for Mr. Alan Koenig. There was a motion to approve by Mrs. Bird with support from Mr. Swihart. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

In administrative reports Mr. Sterling had nothing further.

Mrs. Evans reviewed a summary of results from a recent parent survey. The response was less than hoped for. This will be used to develop an action plan for next time.

Dr. Langdon would like to set up a facilities committee meeting by mid-March. There will be a Board of Ed retreat on Monday, February 29. There is now an injunction against PA 269, which imposed "gag orders" prior to elections. Thanks to Julie Evans and Nick Herblet for their efforts on the parent survey.

In Board Comments Mrs. Donmyer thanked Eastwood students and staff for a fabulous job. Mr. Boland also thanked Eastwood students and staff. He congratulated SPS on Top 5 United Way finish. Mr. Swihart and Mrs. Bird echoed thanks to Eastwood students and staff. Mrs. Bird added that there was a great turnout last week for the St. Joseph County School Board Association meeting at GOCC. She attended the District Leadership meeting on Thursday. Mrs. Halling loved the program and welcomed Mr. Larr. Mr. Gorsuch noted the energy the kids brought to their presentation. He thought the meeting at GOCC was great.

At 6:20 p.m. there was a motion to adjourn to executive session by Mr. Swihart with support from Mrs. Bird. Roll call – Ayes: Gorsuch, Donmyer, Boland, Bird, Swihart and Halling. Motion approved.


At 6:55 p.m. there was a motion to resume open session by Mrs. Donmyer with support from Mr. Swihart. Roll call – Ayes: Gorsuch, Donmyer, Boland, Bird, Swihart and Halling. Motion approved.

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



Kerri Millett, President



Ann Bird, Secretary

NOTICE OF SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL
MEETING (CLOSED SESSION) OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF STURGIS, MICHIGAN:**

DATE OF MEETING: Monday, February 1, 2016

PLACE OF MEETING: Office of the Superintendent
107 W. West St.
Sturgis, MI 49091

HOUR OF MEETING: 12:00 o'clock Noon

TO CONSIDER: Negotiations (Closed Session)

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

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Ann Bird, Secretary
Board of Education

NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD INFORMATIONAL MEETING

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THERE WILL BE AN
INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF STURGIS, MICHIGAN:**

DATE OF MEETING: Monday, February 8, 2016

PLACE OF MEETING: Eastwood Elementary
Art Room (Around the corner
from the office, on the right.)

HOUR OF MEETING: 4:30 o'clock p.m.

TO CONSIDER: Various Informational Topics

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NOTICE OF BOARD RETREAT

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

DATE OF MEETING: Monday, February 29, 2016

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

HOUR OF MEETING: 5:30 p.m.

PURPOSE: Quarterly Retreat

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