

Sturgis Public School District, St. Joseph County
Minutes of the Informational Meeting of the Board of Education
Held at Sturgis Central Commons
Monday, April 11, 2016 – 4:30 p.m.

The Informational Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Kerri Millett at 4:34 p.m.

Present:

Kerri Millett
Ann Bird
Gwen Donmyer

Scott Swihart
Emily Halling

Scott Boland
Paul Gorsuch

Administration

Dr. Thomas Langdon, Superintendent
Ray Sterling, Business Manager

Present:

Visitors:

Discussion items included BCBS insurance renewal rates, eight passenger vehicle bid opening, accounts payable, financial statements and investments.

Dr. Millett left the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

Discussion followed on debt funds, capital outlay, and cash flow projection.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.



Kerri Millett, President



Ann Bird, Secretary

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, April 11, 2016

**PLACE OF MEETING: Sturgis Central Commons
Superintendent's Office**

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

TO CONSIDER: Various Informational Topics

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

**BOARD MINUTES ARE
LOCATED AT THE PRINCIPAL
OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF
EDUCATION: 107 W. West St.**



**Ann Bird, Secretary
Board of Education**

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
Monday, April 11, 2016 – 5:30 p.m.

The Study Session of the Board of Education was called to order by President Kerri Millett at 5:33 p.m.

A motion was made by Mrs. Bird with support from Mr. Boland to approve the agenda as presented. 7 ayes – 0 nays, motion approved.

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

Absent:

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

<u>Visitors</u>	Von Metzger, Dan Root, Ron Ehlers, Lauri Schirk, Kris Crabill, Michelle Patrick-Sturgis Journal, Pete Palasinski, Kris Leach, Jeshua Campos, Dylan Kunce, Marty Kunce, Leah Campos, Angelo Campos, Nicole Airgood, Mike Miller, Brian Tallmadge, Aline Lopez, Mark Adams, Mike Stiles-WBET Radio, Jill Snyder
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<u>Sturgis Showcase:</u>	Dr. Langdon presented the Shining Star award to SHS junior Aline Lopez Perez for her efforts collecting donations of water and money to help with the Flint water crisis. Aline shared the story of her day in Flint. She hopes to inspire others, and she has! SHS Teacher and BPA Advisor Kris Leach introduced two of his students and recognized those unable to attend tonight. Dylan Kunce and Jeshua Campos of the Video Team shared part of their presentation for Nationals in Boston. The Topic is Underage Drinking: Trying to Get to the Root Cause.
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<u>Public Comments:</u>	There were no public comments.
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<u>The Consent Agenda:</u>	March 2016 minutes, financial statements and invoices were reviewed. Dr. Millett noted that board members attended an informational meeting before the study session and had no questions. Approval will be sought at the April 18 meeting.
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Action Item for April 18, 2016

A. Approval of CTE Welding for Fourth Math Related Credit

Assistant Superintendent Julie Evans and SHS Principal Ron Ehlers reviewed the information presented to the board and answered questions.

In administrative reports Mr. Sterling had nothing further.

Mrs. Evans noted that this is a big month with state assessments scheduled throughout the month, including MSTEP and PSAT/SAT.

Dr. Langdon offered that state tests are likely to change again. Dr. Langdon and Mr. Sterling will be attending Thrun Law Conference. We have had a few cases of chicken pox in the lower elementary schools and are keeping the health department and families updated. Dr. Langdon will present on Positive School Culture to MASA Legislative Conference on Wednesday. In the interest of time, we will delay School Advance snapshot until next week.

In Board Comments Mrs. Halling was impressed with Aline Lopez Perez helping others. Mr. Swihart would like to see the entire BPA video. Mr. Gorsuch had his faith in youth restored by Aline and the BPA students. Mrs. Bird made a donation to Books on the Bus and thanked Transportation Director Dan Root for starting the project. Mrs. Donmyer appreciated showing students how to apply math and thanked Aline.

At 6:35 p.m. there was a motion to adjourn to closed session for discussion on negotiations by Mrs. Donmyer, with support from Mr. Gorsuch. Roll call: Aye-Halling, Boland, Swihart, Gorsuch, Millett, Bird, Donmyer. There were no nay votes.

At 7:05 p.m. there was a motion to resume open session by Mrs. Bird with support from Mrs. Donmyer. Roll call: Aye-Halling, Boland, Swihart, Gorsuch, Millett, Bird, Donmyer. There were no nay votes.

In final comments, Dr. Langdon mentioned that Mr. Jim "Doc" Lioy is retiring. We will be looking at options for the Athletic Training Program. Dr. Langdon will be meeting with some SMS parents re: soccer options. The Policy Committee will meet at SHS on April 18 at 4:30 p.m. to review the second NEOLA Policy Update of the year.

Dr. Millett adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m. after a motion to adjourn by Mrs. Halling with support from Mr. Boland. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.



Kerri Millett, President



Ann Bird, Secretary

Sturgis Public School District, St. Joseph County
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Held in the Sturgis High School Media Center
Monday, April 18, 2016 – 5:30 p.m.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Gorsuch with support from Mrs. Donmyer to approve the agenda as presented. 7 ayes – 0 nays, motion approved.

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

Absent:

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

Visitors

Von Metzger, Michelle Patrick-Sturgis Journal, Pete Palasinski, Haley Rushford, Jane Hall, Karen Wegner, Tommy Cameron, Mariana Politi, Ekai Kawamura, Jordan Myers, Skyler McClish, Jake Wegner, Kyle Ulrich, Zach Goodman, Mari Campbell, Kittima Supaton, Kersten Heyer, Diego Serrano, Brookelyn Wheeler, Jessica Gonzalez, Juan Medina, Josue Gonzalez, Oliver Gonzalez, Ron Ehlers, Jessica Bucklin, Jill Snyder, Nicole Airgood, Nick Herblet, Claudia Pahls, Shawn Caldwell, Kris Leach, Dylan Kunce, Jeshua Campos, Allison Harker, Noah Kinsey

Sturgis Showcase:

SHS Principal Ron Ehlers welcomed the Board and presented staff and students. Career Prep Coordinator Claudia Pahls invited the Board members to the SHS Career Fair on Thursday, April 21, and to the Incoming Freshman Orientation on Monday, April 25. SHS Counselor Mari Campbell introduced six foreign exchange students, who discussed their extracurricular activities and differences between US schools and their country. Assistant Principal Jessica Bucklin introduced the students on the Positive School Culture Committee, showing a PowerPoint of their initiatives for the year. CTE teachers Kyle Ulrich and Zach Goodman introduced members of the group that competed in the First Robotics Competitions recently. They all put in many evening and weekend hours on the project and finished very well among those competing for the first time. BPA Advisor Kris Leach brought in the Video Production Team that will be competing

at Nationals in Boston. They presented their complete video and answered questions.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

The Consent Agenda: Board members had no further questions on March minutes, financial statements and invoices. There was a motion to approve the consent agenda by Mrs. Bird with support from Mrs. Donmyer. 7 ayes, 0 nays. Motion approved.

Action Item:

- A. Approval of CTE Welding for Fourth Math Related Credit
After brief discussion, there was a motion to approve by Mrs. Donmyer with support from Mr. Boland. 7 ayes, 0 nays. Motion approved.

Discussion Item:

- A. NEOLA Policy Update-First Reading
Dr. Langdon and the Policy Committee met before this meeting to review the update. There will be a second reading on May 9. Approval will be requested at the May 16 meeting.

In administrative reports Mr. Sterling shared a rough draft of the facilities assessment recently completed with the help of Tower Pinkster, including cost. Final decisions will be made by the Board.

Mrs. Evans had nothing further.

Dr. Langdon thanked Mr. Ehlers and Mrs. Bucklin for hosting the Board. He will be presenting to the Region VII Superintendents this week. The Governor has announced a 21st Century Schools initiative, and will not have representatives from the education community participating.

In Board Comments Mr. Gorsuch thanked Mr. Ehlers and Mrs. Bucklin. The student presentations were impressive. He added congratulations to Mr. Shawn Caldwell on his victory in the NCAA Tournament pool. Mr. Boland added his thanks to SHS staff and students, as did Mr. Swihart. Mrs. Halling agreed and is especially excited about robotics. Mrs. Bird was impressed by the student presentations. Mrs. Donmyer said it's obvious that the kids enjoy what they are doing, and congratulated our exchange student graduate. Dr. Millett said that SHS administration and staff are reaching lots of students with these initiatives.

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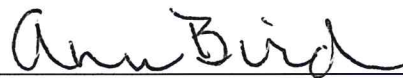
At 6:45 p.m. there was a motion to adjourn to closed session for discussion on negotiations by Mr. Swihart with support from Mrs. Halling. Roll call: Aye-Halling, Boland, Swihart, Gorsuch, Millett, Bird, Donmyer. There were no nay votes.

At 7:10 p.m. there was a motion to resume open session by Mr. Swihart with support from Mrs. Halling. Roll call: Aye-Halling, Boland, Swihart, Gorsuch, Millett, Bird, Donmyer. There were no nay votes.

Dr. Millett adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m. after a motion to adjourn by Mrs. Donmyer with support from Mr. Swihart. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.



Kerri Millett, President



Ann Bird, Secretary

NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING

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

DATE OF MEETING: Wed, April 18, 2016

PLACE OF MEETING: STURGIS HIGH SCHOOL

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

TO CONSIDER: Policy Revisions

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