

Sturgis Public School District, St. Joseph County
Minutes of the Combined Study Session/Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Held in the Sturgis Central Commons Board Room
Monday, December 11, 2017 – 5:30 p.m.

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

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

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

<u>Absent:</u>	Gwen Donmyer
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Administration	Dr. Thomas Langdon, Superintendent
<u>Present:</u>	Nicole Airgood, Assistant Superintendent
	Ray Sterling, Business Manager

<u>Visitors</u>	Pete Palasinski, Allen Meyer, Lauri Pressly, Von Metzger, Michelle Patrick-Sturgis Journal, Heather George, Brian Tallmadge, Mark Adams, McKenzie Can, Sean Kosman, James Shoesmith, Stephanie Byler, Peter Larr, Mike Miller, Nick Herblet, Mike Stiles-WBET, Ron Ehlers
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<u>Sturgis Showcase:</u>	German Teacher Allen Meyer, Coordinator of the Sister City Student Exchange, gave a report on this year's trip with the help of students McKenzie Cain and Sean Kosman. There are currently 11 students signed up for the next trip, which will be the 50 th Anniversary of the Sister City Agreement with Wiesloch.
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<u>Public Comments:</u>	There were no public comments.
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<u>The Consent Agenda:</u>	Minutes were reviewed and it was noted that Mrs. Karen Stimson had made the suggested changes. Mr. Ray Sterling reviewed financial statements. Discussion followed on investments and timing for the budget amendment. Mr. Swihart made a motion to have a budget amendment by end of year. There was no support. Further discussion followed with Mr. Sterling saying that having the amendment ready by the second meeting in January is feasible. Mr. Swihart then made a motion to approve the budget amendment by the second meeting in January. There was support from Mrs. Halling. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.
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Mr. Gorsuch made a motion to approve the November minutes and financials. There was support from Dr. Millett. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

Discussion Items:

A. SJCSBA January Meeting

The meeting will be held Tuesday, January 16 in White Pigeon. RSVPs are due to Mrs. Stimson no later than January 8.

In administrative reports Mr. Sterling noted that all reports are in and the audit has been submitted.

Ms. Airgood talked about Wednesday afternoon professional development for teachers to be held this week. All SPS principals (with the exception of SHS principals) attended the MEMSPA Conference this week. January 15 will be the beginning of 7 Habits for Families. It will be a four week series.

Dr. Langdon reminded the board of the United Way fundraiser basketball game between SPS and Burr Oak Tool on Wednesday, December 13 at 7:00 pm. Discussions continue on the possibility of a strict discipline academy in the county.

In Board Comments Mr. Swihart thanked those representing the Wiesloch Student Exchange Program for the presentations and the book they shared, and thanked Athletic Director Mark Adams for the tour of athletic facilities earlier. Mrs. Halling thanked presenters. She was impressed with the exchange program. She shared great feedback received recently with staff and administrators. Mr. Gorsuch thanked presenters and said that the tour of the athletic facilities brought back lots of memories. Mr. Boland thanked presenters for the book, and thanked K-2 teachers who helped with Boots and Shoes. He noted the band concert will be Thursday, choir on Sunday, harp on Saturday and orchestra on Monday. Dr. Millett is looking forward to basketball season. Girls opened the season at home last Friday. The boys' home opener is this week. Mrs. Bird thanked Eastwood Principal Mike Miller for his weekly update.

Mrs. Bird adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m., after a motion by Mr. Swihart with support from Mr. Boland. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.



Ann Bird, President



Scott Boland, Secretary

NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD FACILITIES TOUR

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

DATE OF MEETING: Monday, December 11, 2017

PLACE OF MEETING: SHS Cafeteria

HOUR OF MEETING: 4:30 o'clock P.M.

TO CONSIDER: Tour of District Facilities

**TELEPHONE NUMBER OF
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**Scott Boland, Secretary
Board of Education**

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, December 11, 2017

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

HOUR OF MEETING: Immediately following
Combined Session

PURPOSE: Superintendent Search
Budget Review

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