

Sturgis Public School District, St. Joseph County
Minutes of the Informational Meeting of the Board of Education
Held at Sturgis High School
Monday, April 10, 2017 – 4:30 p.m.

The Informational Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Ann Bird at 4:36 p.m.

Present: Paul Gorsuch Scott Swihart Ann Bird
Scott Boland

Administration Dr. Thomas Langdon, Superintendent
Present: Mr. Ray Sterling, Business Manager
Mr. Von Metzger (at 4:50 p.m.)

Discussion items included sinking fund millage, accounts payable, financials, and trust and agency account. Specific discussion centered on debt fund payments due on May 1. Mr. Swihart asked about capital outlay funding and if the district should look at allocating general fund dollars to capital outlay on an annual basis. Technology Director Von Metzger presented information on the SMS wireless infrastructure project bids.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.



Ann Bird, President



Scott Boland, Secretary

Sturgis Public School District, St. Joseph County
Minutes of the Combined Study Session/Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Held in the Sturgis High School Media Center
Monday, April 10, 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 Mrs. Halling with support from Mr. Boland to approve the agenda as presented. 6 ayes – 0 nays, motion approved.

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| <u>Present:</u> | Paul Gorsuch | Scott Swihart | Ann Bird |
| | Scott Boland | Emily Halling | Kerri Millett |
| | Gwen Donmyer (5:40 p.m.) | | |

Absent:

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

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| <u>Visitors</u> | Nicole Airgood, Shawn Caldwell, Jessica Bucklin, Michelle Patrick-Sturgis Journal, Dan Root, Brian Tallmadge, Ron Ehlers, Melissa Frye, Casey Haywood, Anayeli Quiroz Bucio, Dana Dunkel, Gabby Burton, Nick Herblet, Zach Goodman, Jay Wright, Alex Young, Skyler McClish, Kyle Ulrich, Mary Johansen, Mike Miller, Anita Schlabach –SJCISD, Mike Stiles-WBET Radio. |
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| <u>Sturgis Showcase:</u> | SHS Principal Ron Ehlers introduced teachers and students from three different programs at SHS. They included Mrs. Melissa Frye with the Work Based Learning group of special education juniors and seniors. Mr. Zach Goodman and Mr. Kyle Ulrich introduced students participating in the STEAM program and their robot, RoboTrojo. Mrs. Anita Schlabach of the St. Joseph County ISD talked about the Early Middle College program. There are currently eight SHS students participating in the program, which offers the opportunity to obtain a high school diploma and a GOCC associate degree or certificate in five years. |
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| <u>Public Comments:</u> | There were no public comments. |
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| <u>The Consent Agenda:</u> | March meeting minutes, financial statements and invoices were reviewed. In addition, board members had attended the finance meeting held prior to the board meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Gorsuch with support from Mrs. Halling to approve the Consent Agenda. 7 ayes – 0 nays, motion approved. |
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| <u>Action Items:</u> | <u>A. SMS Wireless Bids</u> Mr. Metzger reviewed the bids and his recommendation at the board informational meeting and recapped for those in attendance. There |
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was a motion to award the bid SMS wireless infrastructure project to Moss Telecommunications Services by Dr. Millett with support from Mrs. Donmyer. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.

In Administrative Reports Mr. Sterling reminded all that the sinking fund proposal is on the May 2 ballot. Mr. Sterling and Dr. Langdon have been attending meetings at all the buildings to present information. There will be a community forum on April 25. Budget discussions with principals will begin this week.

Mrs. Evans presented a PowerPoint presentation on iReady testing results and reminded all that the MSTEP window comes next.

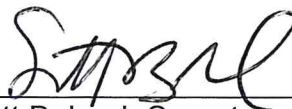
Dr. Langdon thanked Mr. Ehlers and SHS staff for their presentations. The Kindergarten Kickoff will be the next two weeks. We are waiting for approval from Lansing for an early start in 2017-2018. Board members and administrators will be attending the interviews for ISD Superintendent on April 17.

In Board Comments Mrs. Donmyer congratulated the STEAM team and Mr. Metzger. Dr. Millett announced that her son, Matt Polzin has been accepted to the Air Force Academy! Mr. Gorsuch thanked SHS staff for their hospitality and congratulated Mr. Boland on his NCAA March Madness win. He is hopeful re: sinking fund passage. Mr. Boland thanked SHS staff and Mr. Gorsuch. Mrs. Halling thanked SHS staff. She wanted to thank a SMS student who was very helpful one day when their buzzer was not working. Mr. Swihart thanked SHS staff and Mr. Metzger. Mrs. Bird thanked the SHS staff for their hospitality and thanked Mrs. Airgood and Mr. Miller for their help with iReady.

Mrs. Bird adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m., after a motion by Mrs. Halling with support from Mr. Gorsuch. 7 ayes, 0 nays, motion approved.



Ann Bird, President



Scott Boland, Secretary