

FEBRUARY 14, 2024 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Stanton School District Board of Directors met at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, at the High School Library for a regular session. President John McDonald called the meeting to order with Directors Cameron Lewellen, John McDonald, Travis Taylor and Zach Ward present. Director Amy Tibben was absent. Additional attendees present were Superintendent David Gute, Principal Katie Elwood, and School Business Official Stephanie Burke.

PUBLIC PRESENTERS

Stanton Viking Center Director, Justin Miller, was present. He updated the Board that the Viking Center and the Stanton Community Foundation have obtained quotes for making improvements to the school's softball field to bring it to regulation. He shared that the estimate cost with lights was \$288,000 and \$188,000 without lights. The Board thanked him for their time and effort for bringing this information back to the Board.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Lewellen to approve the agenda, second by Ward. All in favor. Motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Ward, second by Lewellen to approve consent agenda of past minutes, reports and bills. All in favor. Motion passed.

Under transportation, Gute shared that the new van is expected to be delivered in a couple of weeks.

Under personnel, the Board approved the following resignations: Darla Brooke as FCS Teacher at the end of the 2023-2024 school year, Ann Zaiger as MS/HS Science Teacher at end of the 2023-2024 school year, and Charles McCusker as Paraeducator effective February 19, 2024. The Board approved the hiring of Lisa Whigham as TLC Mentor for second semester, John Mainquist as High School Girls Track Coach, Brianna Nowlin as Preschool Paraeducator, Carla Auffert as Paraeducator and Kitchen Assistant, and Brooklyn Adams as Dance Team Volunteer. Lisa Smith was also hired as the additional 1st Grade Teacher for the 2024-2025 school year.

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

Superintendent Gute shared with the Board that he has been working on securing a \$100,000 Safety Grant. Beau Boeye is looking into getting quotes for an updated camera system. \$50,000 will be designated to the elementary and \$50,000 will be designated to the high school. Plans for the Safety Grant will need to be finalized before December 31, 2024.

Gute also gave a legislative update.

PRINCIPAL UPDATE

Principal Elwood reported on PTSO, Booster Club and student activities. The following fundraisers were approved. A Class of 2026 Pie the Face Contest. A Weight Room Fundraiser selling healthy snacks before and after school weight lifting. The Class of 2026 also wants to look into doing a fundraiser during RAGBRAI.

Elwood distributed the 2023-2024 FAST Reading results.

NEW BUSINESS

Gute distributed the STEM/Science Room Renovation Bids. The bids received were as follows: Badding Construction in the amount of \$611,800; Cormaci Construction in the amount of \$739,808; Graphite Construction Group in the amount of \$622,000; and Kingery Construction Company in the amount of \$580,000.

Motion by Lewellen, second by Taylor to award bid for the STEM/Science Room Renovation Project to Kingery Construction in the amount of \$580,000. All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by Ward, second by Lewellen to set Public Hearing for Proposed Tax Levies for Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025, for Wednesday, April 3, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in the Stanton Jr.-Sr. High School Library. All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by Lewellen, second by Ward to approve Student Teacher Action Research Project conducted by Kindergarten Student Teacher, Lisa Smith. All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by Ward, second by Taylor to approve Stanton Community School Policies, Codes (410.1-414.9). All in favor. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

President McDonald adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m. The next regular meeting for the Board is scheduled for March 13, 2024, at 5:30 PM in the High School Library.

John McDonald, President

Stephanie Burke, School Business Official & Board Secretary