

## **NOVEMBER 8, 2023, REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

The Stanton School District Board of Directors met at 5:45 PM on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, at the High School Library for a regular session. President John McDonald called the meeting to order with Directors John McDonald and Zach Ward present. Director Amy Tibben was present via telephone. Directors Travis Taylor and Cameron Lewellen were absent. Additional attendees present were Superintendent David Gute 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 been working on updating and expanding the Little League Field at Danny Anderson Park. He asked the Board if the school would be interested in having them also do research and bring back information on costs and concepts for making improvements to the school's softball field to bring it to regulation.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Under personnel, the Board approved the hiring of Lacey Stephens as Assistant Girls Basketball Coach, Noel Bogdanski and Kelsi Bruce as Driver's Education Teachers, and Rene Zenor as Kindergarten Teacher while Lisa Smith student teaches in the classroom.

Director Cameron Lewellen was present at 6:13 p.m. Director Tibben left the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

### **SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE**

Under facilities update, Gute updated the Board that there will be a Strategic Planning Committee meeting on Thursday, November 9, 2023 for the STEM/Science Room renovation project.

Gute stated that Jake Ashley is still getting quotes for an HVAC system for the locker rooms. Gute indicated that he would like to have carpet replaced in the hall ways in the near future.

Under Stanton School softball field discussion, the consensus of the Board was to collaborate with the Stanton Viking Center and Stanton Community Foundation in the research of making improvements to the school's field. Miller stated that he will bring back more information to the Board for further discussion.

### **PRINCIPAL UPDATE**

Principal Elwood was absent. Gute distributed the monthly report from her. He stated that Elwood would give an Iowa School Performance Profile report next Board meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Motion by Ward, second by Lewellen to set Driver's Education Fees in the amount of \$325 for in school district and \$380 for out of school district. All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by Lewellen, second by Ward to set Driver's Education Instructor pay in the amount of \$250 per pupil. All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by Lewellen, second by Ward to approve Candidate Murray Fenn as Director for District 3 for the Green Hills Area Education Agency Board of Directors. All in favor. Motion passed.

Gute distributed two bids for a new utility tractor. The bid from John Deere was in the amount of \$33,845. The bid from Whipps Sales and Service was in the amount of \$25,450. After discussion, motion by Ward, second by Lewellen to purchase a Kubota L2501HST (tractor) with an LA526 loader, a STB0560 (front mount snow blade), and a PFL1242(front mount pallet forks) in the total amount of \$25,450 from Whipps Sales and Service. All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by Lewellen, second by Ward to approve the Sharing Agreement between Stanton Community School District and Fremont-Mills Community School District for Guidance Counselor for 2023-2024 school year. All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by Lewellen, second by Ward to approve the Sharing Agreement between Stanton Community School District and Fremont-Mills Community School District for Curriculum Director for the 2023-2024 school year. All in favor. Motion passed.

Gute distributed School Policies (402.3-405.9 & 503.7) for the first reading, revisions and review.

Motion by Lewellen, second by Ward to approve Stanton Community School Policies, (400-402.2 & 705.2). All in favor. Motion passed.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

President McDonald adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m. The next regular meeting for the Board is scheduled for December 13, 2023, at 5:45 PM in the High School Library.

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John McDonald, President

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Stephanie Burke, School Business Official & Board Secretary