NOVEMBER 18, 2020, REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Stanton School District Board of Directors met at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, November 18, 2020, in the Board Room for a regular session. President Brian Bates called the meeting to order with Directors John McDonald, Sally Stoakes, and Travis Taylor present. Additional attendees were Superintendent David Gute, K-12 Principal Katie Elwood, and Board Secretary Tammy Boyer. Business Manager Shirley Maxwell joined by phone.

**PUBLIC PRESENTERS**

Mrs. Rachelle Focht and Mrs. Leanne Johnson reported the school is using SeeSaw and Google Classroom for students. They showed examples of what schoolwork can be done on both platforms and the things that students like about it.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Director Stoakes made a motion to approve the agenda with a second by Director McDonald. The motion carried unanimously.

**ANNUAL MEETING**

**ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS**

**ELECTION OF BOARD PRESIDENT**

Board Secretary Boyer took nominations for Board President.

Director Stoakes made a motion to elect Director Bates as President of the Board of Directors for the 2020-2021 school year with a second by Director McDonald. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was turned over to President Bates.

**ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT**

Director McDonald made a motion to elect Director Taylor as Vice President of the Board of Directors for the 2020-2021 school year with a second by Director Stoakes. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPOINTMENT OF BOARD SECRETARY**

Director Taylor made a motion to appoint Tammy Boyer as Board Secretary for the 2020-2021 school year with a second by Director Stoakes. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPOINTMENT OF TREASURER/SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICIAL**

Director Stoakes made a motion to appoint Shirley Maxwell as Treasurer/School Business Official for the 2020-2021 school year with a second by Director Taylor. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPOINTMENT OF NEWSPAPER FOR PUBLICATIONS**

Director Stoakes made a motion to approve Villisca Review/Stanton Viking as the newspaper for publications for 2020-2021 with a second by Director McDonald. The motion carried unanimously.

**DEPOSITORY RESOLUTION AND LIMITS**

Director Taylor made a motion to name Great Western Bank as the district’s financial depository and to set the depository limit at $4 million for 2020-2021 with a second by Director Stoakes. The motion carried unanimously.

**DESIGNATION OF LEGAL COUNSEL**

Director Stoakes made a motion to appoint Ahlers Law Firm as legal counsel for 2020-2021 with a second by Director Taylor. The motion carried unanimously.

**REGULAR MEETING DATES AND TIMES**

Director Stoakes made a motion to hold regular board meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 PM with a second by Director Taylor. The motion carried unanimously.

**BOARD COMMITTEES**

Director McDonald made a motion to appoint the board committees for 2020-2021 school year to be:

Technology – John McDonald and Sally Stoakes

Transportation – Brian Bates and Sally Stoakes

Budget & Finance –Amy Tibben and John McDonald

Personnel –Travis Taylor and Amy Tibben

Building & Grounds – Brian Bates and Travis Taylor

with a second by Director Stoakes. The motion carried unanimously.

**APPOINTMENT OF 504/EQUITY/HOMELESS COORDINATOR**

Director Taylor made a motion to approve Sheila Mainquist as At-Risk/504/Equity/Homeless Coordinator for the 2020-2021 school year with a second by Director Stoakes. The motion carried unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Director Taylor made a motion to approve the consent agenda of past minutes, reports, and bills with a second by Director Stoakes. The motion carried unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES**

**SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE**

Superintendent Gute reported that we had 3 student/staff out for Covid 19 which is 1% of our school population and 24 out for quarantine which is 8% of our school population.

**PRINCIPALS UPDATE**

Principal Elwood reported the Junior High Science Fair will be virtual this year. The students are recording their videos in the next few weeks. The Conference Winter Sports Guidance was sent out to parents and students this week. National Honor Society Induction will be November 24 and there will be Covid guidelines in place for the ceremony. There are 20 boys and 12 girls are out for high school basketball and 14 boys and 9 girls out for junior high basketball. The Book Fair was online this year and families were able to order books to be delivered to them. The 4th grade students are collecting items for veterans in Kansas City. Parent/Teacher Conferences were held virtually this year with 84% turnout in the elementary and 32% in the MS/HS. As the school reviewed our special education and intervention needs, a need for increased support was seen. A possible half or fulltime language arts or special education position to help at the K-12 level during 2nd semester will be advertised. Distancing at lunch is one of the things we are trying to work through currently. We are continuing to review our remote learning situation and consider attendance rates and academic progress. The Return to Learn Committee met on November 5 to look at changes to our current Hybrid Learning Plan as it does not meet the required 50% in-person learning. The school will be doing a 3-week trial of remote learning the 3 weeks after Thanksgiving break. Students will be in the building on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday and remote on Wednesday.

**GOOD NEWS**

Congratulations to the following:

**Football team** for making it to the second round of the playoffs. Great job to the coaches and athletes this season.

**Volleyball team** on their successful season and advancing to the regional finals. Great job to the coaches and athletes.

**All-Conference Volleyball:**

1st Team-Tara Peterson (Elite), Brooklyn Adams (Elite), Marleigh Johnson, and Jenna Stephens

2nd Team-Nicole Vorhies

**All-District Volleyball:**

Brooklyn Adams, Tara Peterson, Jenna Stephens, and Marleigh Johnson

**Mr. David Snyder and his Government class, Ms. Kelsie Schmidt and the band/choir, and Mr. Jeff Grebin and his classes** on helping to present a virtual Veteran’s Day Program last week.

**Thank you to:**

**Chris and Lacey Stephens** for interviewing with the senior class for the program.

**Stephanie Burke** for going over the voting process with our students.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTING MONTGOMERY COUNTY HAZARDOUS MITIGATION PLAN**

Director Stoakes made a motion to approve the Resolution for Adopting Montgomery County Hazardous Mitigation Plan with a second by Director Taylor. The motion carried unanimously.

**RESOUTION TO CONSIDER CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN THE INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPLRT PROGRAM AND TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING**

Director Stoakes made a motion approve the Resolution to Consider Continued Participation in the Instructional Support Program and to Schedule a Public Hearing with a second by Director McDonald. The motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER THE SELLING OF PROPERTY, MONTGOMERY COUNTY TAX PARCEL NO. 681104258009000, THE SOUTH 13.67 FEET OF LOT TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-SIX (266) AND THE NORTH 5 FEET OF LOT TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-SEVEN (267) IN THE TOWN OF STANTON, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, IOWA AND TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING**

Director Stoakes made a motion to approve the Resolution to Consider the selling of property, Montgomery County Tax Parcel No. 681104258009000, the South 13.67 feet of Lot Two hundred Sixty-Six (266) and the North 5 feet of Lot Two Hundred Sixty-Seven (267) in the Town of Stanton, Montgomery County, Iowa and to Schedule a Public Hearing with a second by Director McDonald. The motion carried unanimously.

**SBRC APPLICATION FOR OPEN ENROLLMENT OUT**

Director McDonald made a motion to approve the SBRC Application for approximately $120,520 for Increasing Enrollment with a second by Director Taylor. The motion carried unanimously.

**SCHOOL BOARD POLICY**

Director Taylor made a motion to approve School Board Policy Code No. 410.1 (Substitute Teachers), 410.2 (Summer School Licensed Employees), 410.3 (Truancy Officer), 410.4 (Education Associate), 411.1 (Classified Employee Defined), 411.2 (Classified Employee-Qualifications, Recruitment, Selection), 411.3(classified Employee Contracts), 411.4 (classified Employee Licensing/Certification), 411.5 (Classified Employee Assignment), 411.6 (Classified Employee Transfers), 411.7 (Classified Employee Evaluation), 411.8 (classified Employee Probationary Status), 412.1 (classified Employee Compensation), Classified Employee Wage and Overtime Compensation), 412.3 (Classified Employee Group Benefits), Classified Employee Tax Shelter Programs), 413.1 (Classified Employee Resignation), 413.2 (Classified Employee Retirement), 413.3 (Classified Employee Suspension), 413.4 (Classified Employee Dismissal), and 413.5 (Classified Employee Reduction in Force) with a second by Director Stoakes. The motion carried unanimously.

**OTHER**

Director Stoakes thanked Principal Elwood for the extra work she has been putting in to make this year go well and that she leads by example.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Bates adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Brian Bates, President Tammy Boyer, Board Secretary