**APRIL 12, 2023, REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

The Stanton School District Board of Directors met at 5:45 PM on Wednesday, April 12, 2023, at the High School Library for a regular session. President John McDonald called the meeting to order with Directors Travis Taylor, Cameron Lewellen, John McDonald, and Zach Ward present. Director Amy Tibben was absent. Additional attendees were Superintendent David Gute, Principal Katie Elwood, and Activities Director John Mainquist. School Business Officials Stephanie Burke and Shirley Maxwell were also present.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL BUDGET**

At 5:45 p.m., President McDonald opened up the public hearing for the 2023-2024 budget. There were no written or oral comments. School Business Official, Stephanie Burke, presented the budget. At 5:55 p.m., McDonald closed the public hearing.

**PUBLIC HEARING for the 2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

At 5:55 p.m., President McDonald opened up the public hearing for the 2023-2024 school calendar. There were no written or oral comments. Superintendent Gute presented the proposed calendar. At 6:00 p.m., McDonald closed the public hearing.

**PUBLIC PRESENTERS**

There were none.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Lewellen, second by Ward to approve consent agenda of past minutes, reports, bills and personnel. All in favor. Motion carried. Under personnel, the following resignations were approved; Jana McCunn as Football Cheerleading Sponsor, Karen Subbert as PE Teacher effective May 26, 2023, and Carrie Bruce as kitchen help/dish washer effective March 9, 2023. The Board approved the hiring of Charmla Carpenter as MS/HS English-Language Arts Teacher and Yearbook Sponsor for the 2023-2024 school year.

Under transportation, Gute stated that Stanton’s recent bus inspection passed.

Under finances, John Mainquist informed the Board that he is looking into purchasing new football uniforms. These uniforms do not include helmets.

**SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE**

Superintendent Gute gave a Legislative update. He also informed the Board that Iowa Western Community College will be establishing a Career Academy in the old East Mills School elementary building. This program is designed for skilled trades courses. Gute was contacted to see if there was any interest from Stanton School. They requested a Memorandum of Agreement which included a prior financial obligation from the school. Gute responded that he would approve an agreement if there was no financial commitment. He will keep the Board updated.

**PRINCIPAL UPDATE**

Principal Katie Elwood gave an administrative update. She reported on a fundraiser request from the Class of 2024 and 2025 that will consist of selling food and refreshments at summer concert events in Stanton. She informed the Board that the Iowa Statewide Assessments of Student Progress were completed and will know the results by the end of the school year. A SIAC meeting was held on March 27, 2023. She also shared the District Career and Academic Plan update. Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. McDonald, and Mrs. Elwood attended a workshop on Monday, February 27, 2023. This workshop assisted the school to update the district career and academic plan. This plan ensures that all 8th-12th grade students are working through college and career readiness information and considering future plans. There are new components this year, including a FAFSA component and a Work Based Learning component. There will be meetings with team members to complete the plan and submit it to the state for review. Team members include an administrator, school counselor, CTE teacher, general education teacher, and work based learning coordinator or intermediary.

Elwood also reported on PTSO, Booster Club and student activities.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Motion by Ward, second by Taylor to approve the 2023-2024 School Year Budget as presented with total expenditures in the amount of $4,992,112, with a property tax levy rate of $12.17051. All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by Lewellen, second by Ward to approve the 2023-2024 school year calendar as presented. All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by Ward, second by Lewellen to approve Budget Adjustment (Guarantee) Resolution and read as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of Stanton Community School District, will levy property taxes for fiscal year 2023-2024 for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed under section 257.14, Code of Iowa.

This is a resolution the district passes every year IN CASE the district qualifies for any funds through the budget guarantee.  At this time, it does not appear the Stanton School District will be receiving any additional funds through the Budget Guarantee for the 2023-2024 school year but since the legislators are still in session and changes could be made it is always the recommendation for the districts to approve the resolution.  All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by Lewellen, second by Ward to approve Negotiated Agreement with Stanton Education Association. All in favor. Motion passed. The agreement consists of a $1,000 increase on the base pay and a 3% supplemental increase for the teachers. This is a 3.29% increase on salaries and a 2.76% increase on the total package.

Gute shared that there was informal discussion on health insurance. Gute stated to the Board that the school district will pay for the health insurance increase for the 2023-2024 school year.

Motion by Ward, second by Lewellen to approve the Education Services Contracts between Southwestern Community College and Stanton School District for College Credit Jointly Administered Courses for the 2023-2024 Academic Year as presented. All in favor. Motion passed.

Gute distributed quotes from 2NDGEAR and from CDW for new student Chromebooks along with a survey completed by the students.

Motion by Lewellen, second by Ward to approve the purchase of seventy-five (75) 12” Chromebooks in the amount of $20,700. All in favor. Motion passed. This purchase was the lowest quote provided.

Gute distributed Stanton Community School Policies, Codes 709-712, for review and the first reading.

Gute also distributed Stanton School Policies, Codes 700-708. There was discussion on Code 706.1, Payroll Periods. Currently, the employees are paid on the 20th day of each month. McDonald shared that there were comments and suggestions made by staff members to change the pay date from the 20th day of the month to the 10th day.

After much discussion, a motion was made by Lewellen, second by Ward to approve Stanton Community School Policies, Codes 700-708, as presented, with no change to the current payroll periods. Ward, Taylor, and Lewellen all in favor. McDonald against. Motion passed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President McDonald adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m. The next regular meeting for the Board is scheduled for May 10, 2023, at 5:45 PM in the High School Library.

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John McDonald, President Stephanie Burke, School Business Official & Board Secretary