

## **APRIL 9, 2025, STANTON SCHOOL 2025-2026 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING**

The Stanton School District Board of Directors met at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, in the STEM Room for the 2025-2026 Budget Public Hearing and Regular Board meeting. President John McDonald called the meeting to order with Directors Travis Taylor, Cameron Lewellen, Amy Tibben, and John McDonald present. Director Zach Ward was absent. Additional attendees present were Superintendent David Gute, Principal Katie Elwood, Assistant Principal Jerry Hartman, and School Business Official Stephanie Burke.

At 5:30 p.m., President McDonald opened the public hearing for the FY 2025-2026 school budget. There were no oral or written comments. Burke presented an overview of the proposed budget with total expenditures in the amount of \$6,141,771 and property tax rate of \$12.24287. McDonald closed the public hearing.

Motion by Lewellen, second by Taylor to approve Resolution #2025-1 and read as follows:

**WHEREAS**, the Stanton Community School Board of Directors has considered the proposed FY 2025-2026 school budget, and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing concerning the proposed school budget was held on April 9, 2025, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED** by the Directors of the Stanton Community School District that the budget for the FY 2025-2026 as set forth in the budget summary, is hereby adopted and that the Stanton School Business Official is directed to file said budget. All in favor. Motion passed.

## **APRIL 9, 2025 REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Immediately following the 2025-2026 School Budget Public Hearing, the Stanton School District Board of Directors met at 5:40 PM on Wednesday, April 9, 2025, in the STEM Room for the regular board meeting. President John McDonald called the meeting to order with Directors Travis Taylor, Cameron Lewellen, Amy Tibben and John McDonald present. Director Zach Ward was absent. Additional attendees present were Superintendent David Gute, Principal Katie Elwood, Assistant Principal Jerry Hartman, and School Business Official Stephanie Burke.

## **PUBLIC PRESENTERS/GUESTS/VISITORS ADDRESSING THE BOARD**

There was a comment made by Shadae Palmer.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Under personnel, the Board approved the following resignations: Andrea Spencer as Ag Education and FFA Sponsor, and Tammy Magnuson as Kitchen Assistant effective at the end of the school year. The Board approved the termination of contract for Shadae Palmer as Custodian. The Board approved the hiring Morgan Brown as MS/HS Social Studies Teacher, Annie Brooke as MS/HS Ag Education and FFA Advisor, Lori Burton as FCS Teacher, and Kyle Wallace for the temporary Summer Mowing/Grounds position.

## **SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE**

Superintendent Gute reported that KPE has been working on developing infrastructure ideas for the Facility Committee. Gute shared the results and comments of the 4-day survey that was sent out to parents. He stated that 109 surveys were returned with 73.4% in favor of 4-day weeks, 15.6% are undecided, and 11% are

not in favor. Gute presented an example of a school calendar with Monday off and an example with Friday off. Gute suggested getting more feedback on the needs of transportation, meals and day care. The Board directed him to keep moving forward.

## **PRINCIPAL UPDATE**

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Principal Katie Elwood and Guidance Counselor Ashley McDonald presented the District Career and Academic Plan for Stanton School. They stated that the school had received a score of 19 out of 36 in 2024. They reviewed data from 2023-24, and shared goals and strategies for improvement for 2025. The goals were focused on work based learning, post-secondary readiness, and increasing the district score to a 29 out of 36.

Motion by Lewellen, second by Tibben to approve a Proposal for Professional Services from KPE for the Elementary HVAC renovation project in the amount of \$20,600. All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by Tibben, second by Lewellen to approve MOU with Green Hills AEA for July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026. All in favor. Motion passed.

Superintendent Gute distributed two quotes for replacement of teacher Chromebooks/PCs. Quotes received were from CDW-G in the amount of \$20,254.38 and from Boeye Tech and Design in the amount of \$20,035.86.

Motion by Lewellen, second by Taylor to award bid to Boeye Tech and Design in the amount of \$20,035.86. All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by Tibben, second by Lewellen to schedule 2024-2025 Budget Amendment Public Hearing for Wednesday, May 7, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by Lewellen, second by Taylor to approve Budget Adjustment (Guarantee) Resolution #2025-2 and read as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of Stanton Community School District, will levy property taxes for fiscal year 2025-2026 for the regular program adjustment as allowed under section 257.14, Code of Iowa. All in favor. Motion passed.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

President McDonald adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m. The next regular meeting for the Board is scheduled for May 7, 2025, at 5:30 PM in the STEM Room.

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John McDonald, President

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Stephanie Burke, School Business Official & Board Secretary