

FEBRUARY 12, 2025 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Stanton School District Board of Directors met at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, in the STEM Room for a regular session. President John McDonald called the meeting to order with Directors John McDonald, Cameron Lewellen, Travis Taylor, Amy Tibben and Zach Ward present. Additional attendees present were Superintendent David Gute, Principal Katie Elwood, and School Business Official Stephanie Burke.

PUBLIC PRESENTERS

There were none.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Under personnel, the Board approved the resignation from Lacey Stephens as Assistant Basketball Coach effective at the end of the current season.

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

Stanton teachers Leanne Johnson, Ashley McDonald and Lacey Stephens were present. They presented information on four-day school weeks. They collected information from other Iowa schools that have implemented this schedule regarding proficiency data, behavioral changes, staff retention, challenges, etc. They also shared staff retention data from Stanton School during the last 10 years along with responses from current teachers regarding four-day school weeks.

Superintendent Gute gave a Strategic Planning Committee update. The public meeting that was scheduled to follow the Board meeting is postponed due to the weather. The meeting will be rescheduled to be held in the next couple of weeks. Gute shared a tentative agenda for the upcoming community meeting to go over the results of the facility survey.

PRINCIPAL UPDATE

An update by Principal Elwood was distributed. She reported on fundraisers, PTSO, Booster Club and student activities. The fundraisers approved were a plant sale for the Ag Business Class and a Dance Showcase for the Dance Team. Elwood also presented FAST Winter Testing data.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Lewellen, second by Tibben to set Public Hearing for Proposed Tax Levies for Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026, for Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the STEM Room. All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by Ward, second by Tibben to set Public Hearing to Adopt Fiscal Year 2025 – 2026 Budget for Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the STEM Room. All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by Ward, second by Lewellen to approve Stanton School Board Policies 103 and 605.3r1. All in favor. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

President McDonald adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m. The next regular meeting for the Board is scheduled for March 12, 2025, at 5:30 PM in the Stanton School STEM Room.

John McDonald, President

Stephanie Burke, School Business Official & Board Secretary