

JUNE 11, 2025 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Stanton School District Board of Directors met at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, June 11, 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, Assistant Principal Jerry Hartman, and School Business Official Stephanie Burke.

PUBLIC PRESENTERS

There were none.

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 Lewellen to approve consent agenda of past minutes, reports and bills. All in favor. Motion passed.

Under personnel, the Board approved the hiring of Jasmine Osher as Temporary Summer Custodial Assistant and Logan French for summer mowing. The Board also approved the hiring of Laura Bollinger as Co-Junior Class Sponsor.

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

Superintendent Gute gave an update on facility improvements. He shared with the Board that carpet is currently being installed in the elementary. There will be a Strategic Planning Committee meeting on June 20, 2025, with KPE present. They will provide information and plans for building improvements. Gute presented financing capacity and debt limits from Piper Sandler and the process and timeline for a 2025 G.O. School Bond Election. Gute and President McDonald suggested that the Board do research on grant opportunities to apply for building improvements.

PRINCIPAL UPDATE

An update by Principal Elwood was distributed. She reported on PTSO, Booster Club and student activities. The following fundraisers were approved: Flag Corps will be selling root beer floats and sundaes at baseball/softball games; cheerleaders will be selling spirit beads, under-eye stickers, glow items and pom-poms at football games on September 5th, 19th, 26th and October 17th. Cheerleaders will also be selling old cheer uniforms/jackets. Elwood also shared FastBridge scores.

NEW BUSINESS

Superintendent Gute stated that KPE only received one bid for the Elementary HVAC Renovation Project. Motion by Lewellen to award contract to John's Heating & A/C for the amount of \$196,480, second by Tibben. All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by Ward to approve IT Agreement with Boeye Tech & Design LLC for FY 2025-2026, second by Lewellen. All in favor. Motion passed.

Gute shared that new federal guidelines were released for nutrition pricing after the Board set prices for 2025-2026 school year. Motion by Ward to set rates for adult lunch in the amount of \$4.97 and milk in the amount of \$0.40, second by Tibben. All in favor. Motion passed.

Principal Elwood presented changes to staff and student handbooks for 2025-2026 school year. Motion by Lewellen to approve updated student handbook policies, second by Ward. All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by Tibben to approve Staff Handbook for 2025-2026, second by Lewellen. All in favor. Motion passed.

Gute distributed quotes received for painting the boy's locker rooms. Quotes received were from Avis Painting in the amount of \$10,875, and from Larsen Painting in the amount of \$9,095. Motion by Lewellen to award the project to Larsen Painting, second by Ward. All in favor. Motion passed.

School Business Official Burke shared that the athletic fund has a negative balance of -\$30,377.36. She stated that this largely stems from the cost of officials and the decline of revenue collected from gate fees. The consensus of the Board was to pay official fees from this point forward from the General Fund.

Motion to approve Resolution FY25 Protective/Safety Equipment and Referees' Fees by Ward, second by Tibben and read as follows:

WHEREAS, participation in extracurricular athletics furthers the skills, development, character and growth of our students, and

WHEREAS, safety of our student athletes is a paramount importance to the District, and

WHEREAS, Student Activity Funds are insufficient to cover the costs of protective and safety equipment required by the Athletic Associations for students participating in those activities

WHEREAS, Student Activity Funds are insufficient to cover the costs of referees' fees

WHEREAS, the Iowa Legislature authorizes school boards to transfer funds from the General Fund to the Student Activity Fund for these purposes.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Board of Directors of the Stanton Community School District approves the transfer of \$27,089.50 from the General Fund to the Student Activity Fund for expenditures that occurred between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025 for purchases of protective and safety equipment and referees required for extracurricular athletics. All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by Tibben to direct Burke to pay any FY 2025 outstanding bills, second by Lewellen. All in favor. Motion passed. Bills will be brought forth to the Board in July, 2025.

Motion by Ward to transfer remaining fund balances from the Class of 2023, 2024 and 2025 to the athletic fund balance, second by Lewellen. All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by Lewellen to approve Superintendent Contract with David Gute for a three-year term commencing on July 1, 2025, second by Ward. All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by Ward to approve Superintendent Sharing Agreement with Fremont-Mills CSD for 2025-2026, second by Tibben. All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by Lewellen to approve Agreement for Sharing Interscholastic Activity with Red Oak CSD for high school dance, second by Ward. All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by Tibben to approve Contract for Transfer of State Funding to Green Hills AEA, second by Ward. All in favor. Motion passed.

Superintendent Gute presented the following School Policies for review: 102, 206.3, 302.1, 303.2, 401.1, 401.5, 402.2, 501.8, 501.9, 503.9 506.1, 600, 603.4, 605.1, 708, 710.1, 804.2, 804.6 and 901.

ADJOURNMENT

President McDonald adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m. The next regular meeting for the Board is scheduled for July 9, 2025, at 5:30 PM in the STEM Room.

John McDonald, President

Stephanie Burke, School Business Official & Board Secretary