

DECEMBER 11, 2023, REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Stanton School District Board of Directors met at 5:50 PM on Monday, December 11, 2023, at the High School Library for a regular session. School Business Official/Board Secretary called the meeting to order with Directors Travis Taylor, Amy Tibben, John McDonald, and Zach Ward present. Director Cameron Lewellen was absent. Additional attendees were Superintendent David Gute, and Principal Katie Elwood. School Business Officials Stephanie Burke and Shirley Maxwell were also present.

PUBLIC PRESENTERS

There were none.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ANNUAL MEETING

Stephanie Burke, School Board Official/Board Secretary, called the Annual Meeting to order. Motion by Ward, second by Tibben to nominate John McDonald as President for the 2023-2024 school year. All in favor. Motion carried. Burke administered the oath of office to elected President McDonald and Board Director Zach Ward. The meeting was turned over to President McDonald.

Motion by Ward, second by Taylor to nominate Cameron Lewellen as Vice-President for the 2023-2024 school year. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Tibben, second by Ward to appoint Stephanie Burke as Board Secretary for the 2023-2024 school year. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Ward, second by Tibben to appoint Stephanie Burke as Treasurer/School Business Official for the 2023-2024 school year. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Ward, second by Taylor to designate Red Oak Express as the official newspaper for publications for the 2023-2024 school year. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Tibben, second by Ward to name First Interstate Bank as the district's financial depository and to set depository limit at \$4 million for the 2023-2024 school year. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Tibben, second Ward to designate Ahlers & Cooney as legal counsel for 2023-2024 school year. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Ward, second by Tibben to set regular school board meetings on the second Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. for the 2023-2024 school year. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Tibben, second by Ward to appoint the following Directors to committees: McDonald and Tibben on the Technology Committee; Ward and McDonald on the Finance Committee; Taylor and Ward on the Personnel Committee; Taylor and Lewellen on the Building/Grounds Committee; and Lewellen and Ward on the Strategic Planning Committee. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Tibben, second by Ward to appoint Ashley McDonald as the 504/Homeless/Equity Coordinator. All in favor. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Under transportation, Gute shared with the Board that the van is tentatively arriving at the end of January. The van will be purchased with COVID-19 funding. Gute is also looking into trade-in options.

Under personnel, motion by Tibben, second by Ward to approve the hiring of Charles McCusker as Paraeducator. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Ward, second by Taylor to approve the resignation from Josh Porter as Kitchen Assistant and Paraeducator effective December 22, 2023. All in favor. Motion carried.

Director Cam Lewellen arrived at 6:30 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

Superintendent Gute gave an Administrative update. There was a zoom meeting with KPE Architecture Engineering Forensics. They gave a project update. They informed the Board that the estimated cost of the project was between \$435,000 - \$475,000. Gute shared that he has met with Mr. Grebin about the sound room equipment. There is a possibility that the equipment that the school currently has would be adequate. Grebin is also working on a STEM grant for a drone safety net.

PRINCIPAL UPDATE

Principal Katie Elwood gave a Principal update. She reported on PTSO, Booster Club and student activities.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Tibben, second by Ward to set public hearing on the matter of adoption of plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimate of cost for the construction of the STEM/Science Rooms Renovation Project on January 10, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the Stanton High School Library. All in favor. Motion passed.

Burke distributed the 2021-2022 Audit. Maxwell gave an overview of financial highlights of the audit. Motion by Ward, second by Lewellen to approve the Audit. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Tibben, second Taylor to approve the Agreement for E-Rate Managed Services between Green Hills AEA and Stanton School. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Lewellen, second by Ward to appoint McDonald to the Montgomery County Conference Board. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Tibben, second by Ward to approve the SBRC Application for Modified Supplemental Amount of \$15,541. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Lewellen, second by Ward to approve the Application for Modified Supplemental Amount for At-Risk/Dropout Program in the amount of \$31,634. All in favor. Motion carried.

Gute distributed carpet quotes from Alan's Carpet and Floors and J & A Flooring for carpet in the hallways in the High School. There was discussion about color and product type along with the STEM/Science Rooms project. There was no action taken.

Gute distributed School Policies (406.1-409.8) for the first reading, revisions and review.

Motion by Ward, second by Tibben to approve Stanton Community School Policies, (402.3-405.9 & 503.7). All in favor. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

President McDonald adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m. The next regular meeting for the Board is set for January 10, 2024, at 5:30 PM in the High School Library.

John McDonald, President

Stephanie Burke, School Business Official & Board Secretary