

AUGUST 13, 2025 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Stanton School District Board of Directors met at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, August 13, 2025, in the STEM Room for a regular session. President John McDonald called the meeting to order with Directors John McDonald, Amy Tibben and Zach Ward present. Directors Cameron Lewellen and Travis Taylor were absent. 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 Ward to approve consent agenda of past minutes, reports and bills. All in favor. Motion passed.

Under personnel, the Board approved the hiring of Drew Whigham as Assistant Football Coach, Jody Druivenga as Assistant Volleyball Coach, and Kristin King as Art Teacher. Volunteer coaches Dan Case, Mike Dreyer and Andrew Norris were also approved.

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

Superintendent Gute gave an update on summer projects. Gute shared board and district goals set by principals, board and teachers.

PRINCIPAL UPDATE

An update by Principal Elwood was distributed. She reported on PTSO, Booster Club and student activities.

NEW BUSINESS

Director Cameron Lewellen joined the meeting at 5:55 p.m. via telephone.

Superintendent Gute informed the board that he has been working with the attorneys on the potential GO Bond. If the bond is called for an election, there will be two questions on the ballot. This is different than past discussion. The public measure will consist of the amount not to exceed \$5,325,000.

Gute shared the petition language prepared by the attorneys. Motion by Ward, second by Tibben to approve language as presented. Motion passed. President McDonald abstained.

Quotes for student chromebooks were distributed. Quotes received were from CDW-G in the amount of \$19,440, and from Boeye Tech and Design in the amount of \$22,229.28.

Motion by Tibben, second by Ward to approve quote from CDW-G. All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by Tibben, second by Ward to approve Master Contract between Stanton CSD and Stanton Education Association for July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2027. All in favor. Motion passed.

President McDonald declared the Resolution to be adopted and read as follows:

RESOLUTION ORDERING ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF CONTINUING TO LEVY AND IMPOSE A VOTER APPROVED PHYSICAL PLANT AND EQUIPMENT PROPERTY TAX AND INCOME SURTAX

WHEREAS, this Board has determined that an election should be called on the question of continuing to levy and impose a voter approved physical plant and equipment property tax and

income surtax.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE STANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTIES OF MONTGOMERY AND PAGE, STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. That an election is called of the qualified electors of the Stanton Community School District, in the Counties of Montgomery and Page, State of Iowa, on Tuesday, November 4, 2025. The following public measure is approved, and the Secretary is authorized and directed to submit and file the public measure for the Ballot with the Montgomery County Commissioner of Elections no later than 12:00 noon on the day following the last day on which nomination petitions can be filed.

PUBLIC MEASURE

Shall the Board of Directors of the Stanton Community School District, in the Counties of Montgomery and Page, State of Iowa, for the purpose of purchasing and improving grounds; constructing schoolhouses or buildings and opening roads to schoolhouses or buildings; purchasing of buildings; purchase, lease or lease-purchase of technology and equipment; paying debts contracted for the erection or construction of schoolhouses or buildings, not including interest on bonds; procuring or acquisition of libraries; repairing, remodeling, reconstructing, improving, or expanding the schoolhouses or buildings and additions to existing schoolhouses; expenditures for energy conservation; renting facilities under Iowa Code Chapter 28E; purchasing transportation equipment for transporting students; lease purchase option agreements for school buildings or equipment; purchasing equipment authorized by law; or for any purpose or purposes now or hereafter authorized by law, be authorized for a period of ten (10) years to levy and impose a voter-approved physical plant and equipment tax of not exceeding One Dollar Thirty-Four Cents (\$1.34) per One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) of assessed valuation of the taxable property within the school district, and be authorized annually, in combination, as determined by the board, to levy a physical plant and equipment property tax upon all the taxable property within the school district commencing with the levy of property taxes for collection in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, and to impose a physical plant and equipment income surtax upon the state individual income tax of each individual income taxpayer resident in the school district on December 31 for each calendar year commencing with calendar year 2026, or each year thereafter?

[END OF BALLOT LANGUAGE]

Section 2. That the notice of the election and ballot form used at the election shall be prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Iowa Code and Iowa Administrative Rules.

Section 3. Montgomery County, Iowa is the Controlling County for this election.

Section 4. That the Election Board for the Voting Precinct or precincts be appointed by the County Commissioner of Elections for each County conducting an election, not less than 15 days before the election.

Section 5. The Commissioner of Elections for each County conducting an election is requested and directed to make publication of the Notice of Election at least once, not less than four days nor more than twenty days prior to the election, in a newspaper that meets the requirements of Iowa Code Section 49.53(2).

Section 6. That the County Commissioner of Elections for each County conducting an election shall prepare all ballots and election registers and other supplies as necessary for the proper and legal conduct of this election and the Secretary of the Board is authorized and directed to cooperate with these Commissioners of Elections in the preparation of the necessary proceedings.

Section 7. That the Secretary is directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution in the Office of the County Commissioner of Elections of the Controlling County to constitute the "written notice" to the County Commissioner of Elections of the election date, required to be given by the governing body under the provisions of Iowa Code Chapter 47.

Motion by Tibben, second by Ward to approve Resolution Ordering Election on the Question of Continuing to Levy and Impose a Voter Approved Physical Plant and Equipment Property Tax and Income Surtax. All in favor. Motion passed and approved this 13th day of August, 2025.

President McDonald declared the resolution to be adopted as read as follows:

RESOLUTION APPROVING REVENUE PURPOSE
STATEMENT, ORDERING AN ELECTION ON A REVENUE
PURPOSE STATEMENT TO AUTHORIZE EXPENDITURES
FROM REVENUE RECEIVED FROM THE STATE SECURE
AN ADVANCED VISION FOR EDUCATION FUND, AND
ORDERING THE PUBLICATION OF A NOTICE OF
ELECTION

WHEREAS, the School District receives revenue from the State of Iowa Secure an Advanced Vision for Education Fund (“SAVE Revenue”) pursuant to Iowa Code Section 423F.2, as amended; and

WHEREAS, by operation of law, the School District’s current Revenue Purpose Statement governing the use of SAVE Revenue will expire on January 1, 2031; and

WHEREAS, all public schools are required to implement radon testing and mitigation as required by Iowa Code Section 280.32; and

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 423F.3(3)(a) provides that boards of directors may adopt a resolution to use SAVE Revenue to pay for radon testing and may approve a Revenue Purpose Statement for that purpose; and

WHEREAS, the School District wishes to adopt a Revenue Purpose Statement that includes all proposed uses of SAVE Revenue, will take immediate effect upon voter approval, and will extend beyond the expiration of the current Revenue Purpose Statement; and

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Chapter 47 requires that the District submit this election resolution to the County Commissioner of Elections no later than 12:00 noon on the day following the last day on which nomination petitions can be filed:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STANTON COMMUNITY
SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTIES OF MONTGOMERY AND PAGE, STATE OF
IOWA:

Section 1. That the Board wishes to authorize spending SAVE Revenue for the following purposes and, in doing so, must approve the following Revenue Purpose Statement.

Section 2. That the Board hereby authorizes spending SAVE Revenue to pay for radon testing and mitigation mandated pursuant to Iowa Code Section 280.32.

Section 3. That the following Revenue Purpose Statement shall be approved, and the Secretary is authorized and directed to submit and file the Revenue Purpose Statement with the Montgomery County Commissioner of Elections no later than 12:00 noon on the day following the last day on which nomination petitions can be filed.

Revenue Purpose Statement

Stanton Community School District

Pursuant to the provisions of Iowa Code Section 423F.3, the Stanton Community School District hereby adopts and submits to the Commissioner of Elections of Montgomery County, Iowa, this Revenue Purpose Statement to be submitted to the electors at an election to be held November 4, 2025. Money received by the Stanton Community School District from the State of Iowa Secure an Advanced Vision for Education Fund may be spent for any one or more of the following purposes: To provide funds to acquire or install information technology infrastructure (including improving buildings or sites for the purpose of accessing broadband digital telecommunications) and school safety and security infrastructure. To provide funds to build and furnish a new school building or buildings; to build and furnish addition(s) to school buildings in

the District; to remodel, reconstruct, repair, expand, and improve the school buildings in the District; to purchase and improve grounds; for demolition work; to furnish and equip district facilities. To provide funds for the purchase, lease or lease-purchase of buildings, equipment (including transportation and recreation equipment), or technology and to repair transportation equipment for transporting students as authorized by law, to implement energy conservation measures, sharing or rental of facilities including a joint infrastructure project for the purposes of offering classes under district-to-community college programs as authorized in Iowa Code Section 423F.3(3)(c), procuring or acquisition of libraries, or opening roads to schoolhouses or buildings. To provide funds to purchase land as part of start-up costs for new student construction program or if the sale of the previous student construction was insufficient to purchase land, and to purchase construction materials and supplies for a student-constructed building or shed intended to be retained by and used by the District. To provide funds to make payments to a municipality or other entity as required under Iowa Code Section 403.19(2). To provide funds for demolition, cleanup, and other costs if such costs are necessitated by, and incurred within two years of, a disaster. To provide funds for radon testing and mitigation. To provide funds to establish and maintain public recreation places and playgrounds; provide for supervision and instruction for recreational activities; or for community education purposes. To provide funds for the payment of principal and interest or retirement of general obligation bonds issued for school infrastructure purposes, energy improvement loans, loan agreements authorized by Iowa Code Section 297.36, sales, service and use tax revenue bonds issued under Iowa Code Section 423E.5 or Iowa Code Section 423F.4. To provide funds for property tax relief; and To provide funds for other authorized expenditures and purposes as now or hereafter permitted by law and designated by the Stanton Community School District.

Section 4. That an election is called of the qualified electors of the Stanton Community School District, in the Counties of Montgomery and Page, on Tuesday, November 4, 2025. The following public measure is approved, and the Secretary is authorized and directed to submit and file the following public measure for the Ballot with the Montgomery County Commissioner of Elections no later than 12:00 noon on the day following the last day on which nomination petitions can be filed:

PUBLIC MEASURE

Summary: To adopt a Revenue Purpose Statement specifying the use of revenues the Stanton Community School District will receive from the State of Iowa Secure an Advanced Vision for Education Fund.

In the Stanton Community School District, the following Revenue Purpose Statement which specifies the use of revenues the Stanton Community School District will receive from the State of Iowa Secure an Advanced Vision for Education Fund shall be adopted. To provide funds to acquire or install information technology infrastructure (including improving buildings or sites for the purpose of accessing broadband digital telecommunications) and school safety and security infrastructure. To provide funds to build and furnish a new school building or buildings; to build and furnish addition(s) to school buildings in the District; to remodel, reconstruct, repair, expand, and improve the school buildings in the District; to purchase and improve grounds; for demolition work; to furnish and equip district facilities. To provide funds for the purchase, lease or lease-purchase of buildings, equipment (including transportation and recreation equipment), or technology and to repair transportation equipment for transporting students as authorized by law, to implement energy conservation measures, sharing or rental of facilities including a joint infrastructure project for the purposes of offering classes under district-to-community college programs as authorized in Iowa Code Section 423F.3(3)(c), procuring or acquisition of libraries, or opening roads to schoolhouses or buildings. To provide funds to purchase land as part of start-up costs for new student construction program or if the sale of the previous student construction was insufficient to purchase land, and to purchase construction materials and supplies for a student-constructed building or shed intended to be retained by and used by the District. To provide funds to make payments to a municipality or other entity as required under Iowa Code Section 403.19(2). To provide funds for demolition, cleanup, and other costs if such costs are necessitated by, and incurred within two years of, a disaster. To provide funds for radon testing and mitigation. To provide funds to establish and maintain public recreation places

and playgrounds; provide for supervision and instruction for recreational activities; or for community education purposes. To provide funds for the payment of principal and interest or retirement of general obligation bonds issued for school infrastructure purposes, energy improvement loans, loan agreements authorized by Iowa Code Section 297.36, sales, service and use tax revenue bonds issued under Iowa Code Section 423E.5 or Iowa Code Section 423F.4. To provide funds for property tax relief; and To provide funds for other authorized expenditures and purposes as now or hereafter permitted by law and designated by the Stanton Community School District.

It being understood that if this public measure should fail to be approved by the voters, such failure shall not be construed to terminate or restrict authority previously granted by the voters to expend receipts from the Secure an Advanced Vision for Education Fund. If approved, this Revenue Purpose Statement shall remain in effect until replaced or amended by the Stanton Community School District.

[END OF BALLOT LANGUAGE]

Section 5. That the notice of the election and ballot form used at the election shall be prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Iowa Code and Iowa Administrative Rules.

Section 6. That the Election Board for the Voting Precinct or precincts be appointed by the County Commissioner of Elections for each County conducting an election, not less than 15 days before the election.

Section 7. The Commissioner of Elections for each County conducting an election is requested and directed to make publication of the Notice of Election at least once, not less than four days nor more than twenty days prior to the election, in a newspaper that meets the requirements of Iowa Code Section 49.53(2). That, in addition to the full text of the public measure, the Notice of Election must include the following statement: If a majority of eligible electors voting on the question fail to approve this Revenue Purpose Statement, then upon expiration of the current Revenue Purpose Statement, revenues received by the School District from the Secure an Advanced Vision for Education fund shall be expended in the following order: The payment of bonds for which SAVE Revenue has been pledged; Reduction of bond levies under Iowa Code Sections 298.18 and 298.18A and all other debt levies; Reduction of the regular and voter-approved physical plant and equipment levy under Iowa Code Section 298.2; Reduction of the public educational and recreational levy under Iowa Code Section 300.2; For any authorized infrastructure purpose of the school district as defined in Iowa Code Section 423F.3(6); and For the payment of principal and interest on bonds issued under Iowa Code Sections 423E.5 and 423F.4.

Section 8. That the Secretary is authorized and directed to publish the Notice of Election on the Stanton Community School District's internet site at least once, not less than four days nor more than twenty days prior to the election.

Section 9. Montgomery County, Iowa is the Controlling County for this election.

Section 10. That the County Commissioner of Elections for each County conducting an election shall prepare all ballots and election registers and other supplies necessary for the proper and legal conduct of this election and the Secretary of the Board is directed to cooperate with these Commissioners of Elections in the preparation of the necessary proceedings.

Section 11. That the Secretary is directed to file a certified copy of this Resolution in the Office of the County Commissioner of Elections of the Controlling County to constitute the "written notice" to the County Commissioner of Elections of the election date, required to be given by the governing body under the provisions of Iowa Code Chapter 47.

Motion by Ward, second by Lewellen to approve Resolution Approving Revenue Purpose Statement, Ordering an Election on a Revenue Purpose Statement to Authorize Expenditures from Revenue Received from the State Secure an Advanced Vision for Education Fund, and Ordering the Publication of a Notice of Election. All in favor. Motion passed and approved this 13th day of August, 2025.

Bids for milk were received. Bids were from Anderson Erickson Dairy and Hiland Dairy Foods. Motion by Lewellen, second by Tibben to award bid to Anderson Erickson Dairy for the 2025-2026 school year. All in favor. Motion passed.

School Business Official, Stephanie Burke, distributed the 2023-2024 Audit. She shared the findings and responses. Motion by Ward, second by Tibben to accept 2023-2024 Audit. All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by Lewellen, second by Tibben to approve the agreement between Stanton CSD and Stanton Viking Center for 2025-2026 school year. All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by Tibben, second by Ward to approve contract agreement between Stanton CSD, South Page CSD, and Clarinda CSD for shared Business Official for the 2025-2026 school year. All in favor. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

President McDonald adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m. The next regular meeting for the Board is scheduled for September 10, 2025, at 5:30 PM in the STEM Room.

John McDonald, President

Stephanie Burke, School Business Official & Board Secretary