

## **DECEMBER 10, 2025, REGULAR BOARD MEETING AND ANNUAL BOARD MEETING**

The Stanton School District Board of Directors met at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, December 10, 2025, in the STEM Room for a regular session and annual meeting. The meeting was called to order with Directors John McDonald, Cameron Lewellen, Jackie Hoyt, Ryan Hart and Zach Ward present. Additional attendees were Superintendent David Gute, School Business Official Stephanie Burke, Principal Katie Elwood, and Assistant Principal Jerry Hartman.

### **PUBLIC PRESENTERS/GUESTS**

There was a public comment made by Stanton Community Development Director Jenna Rhamsey. She shared Committee goals with the Board.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Ward to approve the agenda, second by Lewellen. 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 Hoyt to nominate Cameron Lewellen as President of the Stanton School Board. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting was turned over to President Lewellen.

Motion by Hart, second by Hoyt to nominate Zach Ward as Vice-President. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by McDonald, second by Ward to appoint Stephanie Burke as Board Secretary. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Ward, second by Hart to appoint Stephanie Burke as Treasurer/School Business Official. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by McDonald, second by Hoyt to designate Red Oak Express as the official newspaper for publications. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Ward, second by Hart to name First Interstate Bank as the district's financial depository and to set depository limit at \$4 million. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Ward, second by McDonald to designate Ahlers & Cooney as legal counsel. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Hart, second by Hoyt to set regular school board meetings on the second Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. All in favor. Motion carried.

There was discussion on appointing Directors to various committees. McDonald and Hoyt on the Technology Committee; Hart and McDonald on the Finance Committee; Lewellen and Ward on the Personnel Committee; Lewellen and Hart on the Strategic Planning Committee; and Ward and Hoyt on the Buildings/Grounds Committee. No action was taken.

Motion by Hart, second by Ward to appoint Ashley McDonald as the 504/Homeless/Equity Coordinator. Yes: Ward, Hoyt, Hart, Lewellen. McDonald abstained from the vote due to relation to Ashley McDonald. Motion carried.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Under personnel, the Board approved Seana Norris as a volunteer girls basketball coach.

### **SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE**

Superintendent Gute gave a construction project update.



## **PRINCIPAL UPDATE**

Principal Katie Elwood gave a Principal update. She reported on PTSO, Booster Club and student activities. Fundraisers approved were pie in the face for Student Council; bake sales, fundraiser for Daddy/Daughter Dance, hosting a Dance Showcase, and letters to businesses for donations; and a calendar fundraiser for dance and all athletic activities in the future.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Motion by McDonald, second by Hart to approve the Application for Modified Supplemental in the amount of \$36,785 for the At-Risk/Dropout Program. All in favor. Motion carried.

Director McDonald left the meeting at 6:45 P.M.

Gute shared that Stanton School is transporting SPED students to the SWITCH Building. Stanton is picking up students of the Red Oak School District. Motion by Ward, second by Hoyt to approve the Hold Harmless Transportation Agreement. All in favor. Motion passed.

Gute distributed lunch rates from area school districts. There was discussion on increasing lunch prices due to the continued increase in food and milk. Motion by Ward, second by Hart to increase breakfast and lunch meals by .10 cents and ala carte milk by .05 cents effective January 1, 2026. All in favor. Motion passed.

Gute shared that Kevin Schluckebier has submitted a Construction Request for Qualifications document and a Construction Request for Proposal document for review. Gute stated that Ahlers and Cooney is currently reviewing the documents.

Motion by Ward, second by Hoyt to approve Construction Request for Qualifications document pending review by Ahlers and Cooney and allowing revisions by the attorney to be made. All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by Ward, second by Hart to approve Construction Request for Proposal document pending review by Ahlers and Cooney and allowing revisions by the attorney to be made. All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by Hart, second by Hoyt to approve School Policy 402.3. All in favor. Motion passed.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

President Lewellen adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m. The next regular meeting for the Board is set for January 14, 2026, at 5:30 PM in the STEM Room.

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Cameron Lewellen, President

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Stephanie Burke, School Business Official & Board Secretary