

FEBRUARY 18, 2026 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING

The Stanton School District Board of Directors met at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, in the STEM Room for a special session. President Cameron Lewellen called the meeting to order with Cameron Lewellen, John McDonald, Ryan Hart, Jackie Hoyt, and Zach Ward present. Additional attendees present were Superintendent David Gute and School Business Official Stephanie Burke.

PUBLIC PRESENTERS

There were none.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Hart to approve the agenda, second by Hoyt. All in favor. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

President Lewellen opened the Public Hearing on Proposed Resolution to Continue Participation in the Instructional Support Program. There were no written or oral comments. Lewellen closed the Public Hearing.

Motion to approve Resolution to Consider Continued Participation in the Instructional Support Program by Ward, second by McDonald and read as follows:

RESOLUTION TO CONTINUE PARTICIPATION IN THE INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has determined that to continue the current level of services and to fund the ongoing programs of the School District, continuation of participation in the Instructional Support Program for a period of five years is necessary and in the best interests of the District and its residents and students; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has given consideration to continue participation in the Instructional Support Program as provided in Sections 257.18 through 257.21, Code of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, the Board has published notice of the time and place of a public hearing on the Resolution; and

WHEREAS, a hearing has been held upon the proposal to continue participation in the Instructional Support Program and any objections are overruled:

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED:

1. The Board of Directors determines that it is consistent with the five year finance plan to fund the ongoing programs and services of the School District and it is in the best interest of the School District to continue participation in an Instructional Support Program as provided in Sections 257.18 through 257.21, Code of Iowa, and to provide additional funding therefor for a period of five (5) years commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027.

2. The additional funding for the Instructional Support Program for a budget year will be determined annually and will not exceed ten percent (10%) of the total regular program district cost for the budget year and moneys received under Section 257.14, Code of Iowa, as a budget adjustment for the budget year.

3. Moneys received by the District for the Instructional Support Program may be used for any general fund purpose.

4. The Instructional Support Program shall be funded by instructional support state aid and a combination instructional support property tax levied annually upon 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 an instructional support income surtax imposed annually, the percent of income surtax to be determined by the Board for each budget year to be imposed upon the state individual income tax of each individual income taxpayer resident in the School District on December 31, 2026, and each year thereafter.

5. Unless, within twenty-eight days following the adoption of this Resolution, the Secretary of the Board receives a petition containing the signatures of eligible electors equal in number to not less than one hundred or thirty percent of the number of voters at the last preceding regular school election, whichever is greater, asking that an election be called to approve or disapprove this action of the Board adopting the Instructional Support Program, this action of the Board is final and the Secretary is authorized and directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the Department of Management.

In the event a petition containing the required number of signatures is filed with the Secretary of the Board within twenty-eight days of the adoption of this Resolution, the President shall call a meeting of the Board to consider rescission of this Resolution, or to direct the county commissioner of elections to submit the following question to the qualified electors of the School District at a special election.

If the Board determines to submit the question to the electors, the public measure to be submitted shall be as follows:

Shall the Board of Directors of the Stanton Community School District, in the Counties of Montgomery and Page, State of Iowa, be authorized for a period of five (5) years to continue to levy and impose an instructional support tax in an amount (after taking into consideration instructional support state aid) of not exceeding ten percent (10%) of the total of regular program district cost for the budget year and moneys received under Section 257.14, Code of Iowa, as a budget adjustment in the budget year, and be authorized annually, in combination, as determined by the Board, to levy an instructional support 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 an instructional support 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, the percent of income surtax to be determined by the Board for each fiscal year, to be used for any general fund purpose?

All in favor, PASSED AND APPROVED this 18th day of February, 2026.

Motion by Hart, second by Hoyt to set Public Hearing to Adopt Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget for April 8, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the STEM Room. All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by Ward, second by McDonald to approve resignation from Lisa Smith as Football and Basketball Cheerleading Sponsor. All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by Ward, second by Hart to approve Stanton School Board Policy 507.9. All in favor. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

President Lewellen adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Cameron Lewellen, President

Stephanie Burke, School Business Official & Board Secretary