

MAY 13, 2026 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Stanton School District Board of Directors met at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, in the STEM Room for the Regular Board meeting. President Cameron Lewellen called the meeting to order with Directors Ryan Hart, Cameron Lewellen, John McDonald present. Directors Jackie Hoyt and Zach Ward were absent. Additional attendees present were Superintendent David Gute, Principal Katie Elwood, and School Business Official Stephanie Burke.

At 5:30 p.m., President Lewellen opened the public hearing for the FY 2026-2027 school calendar. Superintendent Gute presented the proposed calendar for review. There were comments from Amanda Fleming, Lisa Smith and Lori Burton regarding Professional Development Days. Lewellen closed the public hearing.

At 5:40 p.m., President Lewellen opened the public hearing for the FY 2025-2026 school budget amendment. There were no oral or written comments. Lewellen closed the public hearing. Burke presented an overview of the FY 2025-2026 amendment. Increased expenditures were as follows: Total Other Expenditures increase of \$450,000 for the payments of Architecture, Engineering and Legal Services for the School Capital Project.

PUBLIC PRESENTERS/GUESTS/VISITORS ADDRESSING THE BOARD

Mrs. Lori Burton and students shared FCS class projects with the Board.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by McDonald, second by Hart to approve consent agenda of past minutes, financial reports, bills, and personnel. All in favor. Motion passed.

Under personnel, the Board approved the following hires for the summer and 2026-2027 school year: Mya Galley as Elementary Teacher, Jordan Perkins for summer mowing, Josh Porter for summer custodial, Alli Baker for summer custodial, and Jordan Perkins as baseball volunteer coach. The Board approved the resignation of Donnie Weis as Activities Director, Head Boys Basketball Coach and JH Boys Basketball Coach.

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

Superintendent Gute shared a construction update.

Principal Elwood reported on PTSO, Booster Club and student activities. Fundraisers approved were Dance Team asking for donations and Football Team peach sales.

NEW BUSINESS

There was discussion on the 2026-2027 school calendar. During negotiation work sessions, the district agreed to remove two professional development days from the teacher's contracted days. Motion by McDonald, second by Hart to approve 2026-2027 school calendar allowing Administration to determine what type of PD days to be removed. All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by Hart, second by McDonald to approve 2026 Seniors for graduation as presented. All in favor. Motion passed.

Principal Elwood presented proposed Elementary and MS/HS Student Handbook changes and Staff Handbook changes.

Motion by McDonald, second by Hart to approve Student Handbook changes as presented. All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by Hart, second by McDonald to approve changes to Staff Handbook as presented. All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by Hart, second by McDonald to approve textbook fee for 2026-2027 at \$90 per student with a family maximum of \$270. All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by McDonald, second by Hart to approve Amended Bond Council Agreement with Ahlers and Cooney. All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by Hart, second by McDonald to approve 2025-2026 Budget Amendment. All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by McDonald, second by Hart to approve Carpentry and Building Trades Contract with SWCC. All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by Hart, second by McDonald to award Food Service Management Company Contract for the 2026-2027 school year to OPAA. All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by McDonald, second by Hart to approve Negotiated Agreement with Stanton Education Association and 2026-2027 Teacher contracts. All in favor. Motion passed. The increase was 4.4%.

Motion by Hart, second by McDonald to approve Support Staff and Administrative Staff pay increases and 2026-2027 contracts. All in favor. Motion passed. The increase is either a 4.4% increase or \$1.00/hour increase, whichever is more. The Board directed Gute to determine increases for each staff member as those increases may not be across the board.

ADJOURNMENT

President Lewellen adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m. The next regular meeting for the Board is scheduled for June 10, 2026, at 5:30 PM in the STEM Room.

Cameron Lewellen, President

Stephanie Burke, School Business Official & Board Secretary