

## **SEPTEMBER 10, 2025 REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

The Stanton School District Board of Directors met at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, in the STEM Room for a regular session. President John McDonald called the meeting to order with Directors John McDonald, Cameron Lewellen, Amy Tibben and Zach Ward present. Director Travis Taylor was absent. Additional attendees present were Superintendent David Gute, Principal Katie Elwood, 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 Lewellen, 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 Josh Porter as Kitchen Assistant, Kristina Skalberg as Dishwasher, Amber Wilson as Paraeducator, and Lisa Smith as Basketball Cheer Sponsor. The Board approved the resignations from Brianna Nowlin as Paraeducator and from Deanna Hegar as Kitchen Assistant.

### **SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE**

Superintendent Gute gave an update.

### **PRINCIPAL UPDATE**

An update by Principal Elwood was distributed. She reported on PTSO, Booster Club and student activities. The following fundraisers were approved: the Sophomore Class selling concessions at a youth volleyball tournament; the Junior Class selling cookie dough; the Junior and Senior Classes selling hot chocolate in November and December at the OLY; and the Volleyball team selling pastries.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The President declared the Resolution adopted as follows:

#### **RESOLUTION ORDERING AN ELECTION ON THE ISSUANCE OF \$5,325,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS**

WHEREAS, there has been filed with the President of this Board a Petition of eligible electors of this School District asking that an election be called to submit the question of contracting indebtedness and issuing bonds of the School District in an amount not to exceed \$5,325,000 to provide funds to build, furnish, and equip a secure entry addition to the existing educational facility, including related improvements to the building and site; and to remodel, repair, and improve the existing educational facility, including data, intercom, fire alarm, HVAC, and restrooms; and

WHEREAS, this Board has examined the Petition and finds that it is signed by eligible electors of the School District numbering at least 25% of those voting at the last election of school officials and that the purposes set forth in the petition cannot be accomplished within the limit of one and one-quarter percent of the assessed value of the taxable property in the School District; and

WHEREAS, the proposal for the issuance of Bonds or any other proposal incorporating

any portion of it has not or will not have been submitted to the qualified electors of the School District for a period of at least six months prior to the date of election being called in these Proceedings;

WHEREAS, this Board has also determined it is necessary to submit at the school election the public measure of authorizing the Board of Directors to levy annually a tax exceeding Two Dollars and Seventy Cents (\$2.70) per Thousand Dollars (\$1,000), but not exceeding Four Dollars and Five Cents (\$4.05) per Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) of the assessed value of the taxable property to pay the principal of and interest on bonded indebtedness; the Board acknowledges that approval of this public measure does not limit the source of payment of the Bonds and interest but only restricts the amount of Bonds which may be issued: NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED BY 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, be authorized to contract indebtedness and issue General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$5,325,000 to provide funds to build, furnish, and equip a secure entry addition to the existing educational facility, including related improvements to the building and site; and to remodel, repair, and improve the existing educational facility, including data, intercom, fire alarm, HVAC, and restrooms?

Section 2. Because it is necessary to approve a tax levy for the payment of principal and interest on the above public measure, the following question also will be submitted to the qualified electors at the election held on Tuesday, November 4, 2025:

PUBLIC MEASURE \_\_\_\_

Shall the Board of Directors of the Stanton Community School District in the Counties of Montgomery and Page, State of Iowa, be authorized to levy annually a tax exceeding Two Dollars and Seventy Cents (\$2.70) per Thousand Dollars (\$1,000), but not exceeding Four Dollars and Five Cents (\$4.05) per Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) of the assessed value of the taxable property within said school corporation to pay the principal of and interest on bonded indebtedness of said school corporation, it being understood that the approval of this public measure shall not limit the source of payment of the bonds and interest, but shall only operate to restrict the amount of bonds which may be issued?

[END OF BALLOT LANGUAGE]

Section 3. 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 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 Section 49.53(2), Code of Iowa.

Section 6. The Commissioner of Elections for each county conducting an election is requested and directed to mail, to each registered voter in the District, a Notice of Election that includes the full text of the public measures to be voted on, not less than ten days nor more than twenty days prior to the election. Montgomery County, Iowa is the Controlling County for this election.

Section 7. Montgomery County, Iowa is the Controlling County for this election.

Section 8. 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 9. 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 to the County Commissioner of Elections of the election date, required to be given by the governing body under the provisions of Chapter 47, Code of Iowa.

Motion by Tibben, second by Lewellen to approve Resolution Ordering an Election on the Issuance of \$5,325,000 General Obligation Bonds. All in favor. Motion passed and approved this 10th day of September, 2025.

Motion by Lewellen, second by Ward to approve Driver's Education Coursework/Instructor. All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion by Ward, second by Tibben to approve SBRC request for Modified Allowable Growth and State Supplemental Aid for 24-25 Special Education balance. 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 October 8, 2025, at 5:30 PM in the STEM Room.

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John McDonald, President

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Stephanie Burke, School Business Official & Board Secretary