

Stockbridge School District

Board of Education

Regular Meeting

April 16, 2025

Minutes

1. The Regular Meeting of the Stockbridge Board of Education was called to order by President Bill Parsons at 5:00pm. Bill Parsons, Jennifer Funk, Tracy Hanke, Rachel Parsons, Joanne Propson, Ann Holzer, and Amanda Cullen were present. Mr. Marx and Mr. Meshak were also in attendance. Guests present include: Ms. Lori Knoespel, Nikki Olson, Jenny Jorstad, Kelly Phillips, Liam Gruetzmacher, Malaree Gruetzmacher, Liz Bartel, Elaine Ver Voort, Laura Shea, Katie Warner, Will Blackburn, Leah Blackburn, Gina Meshak, Mrs. Stephanie Adamietz, Will Cummings, Kayla Ecker, Matt Ecker, and Kate Schneider.
2. Mr. Marx noted this meeting was posted in three public places per Wisconsin Statute 19.84(1) and on-line.
3. Board of Canvassers Election Results & Recount: The original April 1st election canvas results were: Will Cummings – 482, Rachel Parsons – 280, Julie Grebe – 357, Will Blackburn – 359, and Scattering – 4. A recount petition was received from Julie Grebe. The recount was held on April 8th at Calumet County Courthouse with the following results (same as initial canvas): Will Cummings – 482, Rachel Parsons – 280, Julie Grebe – 357, Will Blackburn – 359, and Scattering – 4.
4. Oath of Office: Ann Holzer, Board Clerk, administered oaths of office to Will Cummings and Will Blackburn.
5. Ann Holzer moved and Amanda Cullen seconded to approve the Consent Items including the Agenda, Minutes of the 03/20/2025 Regular Meeting and 04/04/2025 Special Meeting, vouchers totaling \$90,145.12 and the March Treasurer's Report with revenue of \$192,758.65 and expenditures of \$260,967.83. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote.
6. Forum Issues: Ms. Lori Knoespel spoke on the National Honor Society induction ceremony; three students were inducted: Cooper, Craig, and Hunter. Kelly Phillips spoke about concerns within the 4K classroom. Malaree Gruetzmacher spoke about the bullying policy. Liz Bartel spoke about proposed surveys to gather parent and teacher feedback twice per year. Laura Shea spoke about concerns within the 4K classroom. Katie Warner spoke about why they chose to leave the school. Kayla Ecker spoke about concerns within the 4K classroom.
7. Reports and Communications:
 - A. Mr. Meshak reported on upcoming trips: the Junior & Senior class trip is on Friday, May 9th and the high school Washington DC trip is April 28-May 2. The annual high school awards banquet will be held on Wednesday, May 7th at Neighborhood Pub & Grill. Tickets may be purchased in the office. The commencement ceremony is on

Friday, May 16th at 7:00pm. Mr. Meshak reported on summer school options and gave a building & grounds report.

- B. Mr. Marx presented changes to the fiscal year 2025 budget. The annual CESA 7 convention is May 14th. The 20th annual Stockbridge School golf outing will be held Saturday, May 10th at Hickory Hills Golf Course. The Food Service department was the recipient of a Taste of the Draft grant and will be receiving approximately \$5,000 in equipment along with a flag football set. A second personal day request was received from Wayne Hoffmann (April 25th). The district received several donations and would like to extend gratitude to the following individuals/businesses: The Nate & Rebecca Menzel family (\$100 for the MS gym project), the Stockbridge Lions Club (\$700 to the trap team), Mary Muellenbach (\$35 to the school library in memory of Pat Moon), the Stockbridge American Legion Auxiliary #128 (\$25 to the school library in memory of Pat Moon), Terrance and Kimberly Schneider (\$500 to the trap team), and Pace Corporation (\$250 to the trap team). The donations are greatly appreciated!
 - 8. Board of Education Discussion:
 - A. Policy Reading – 1st reading: Special Update – Act 20 (5411 – Third Grade Promotion and Retention: At-Risk Students)
 - 9. Joanne Propson moved and Jennifer Funk seconded to adjourn to closed session pursuant to Wis. Statute 19.85 (1)(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of a public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Motion carried on a roll call vote of 7 yes to 0 no.
 - 10. Amanda Cullen moved and Jennifer Funk seconded to reconvene in open session. Motion carried 7-0.
 - 11. Forum Communications: Gina Meshak spoke about the positives within the Stockbridge School District.
 - 12. Action Items:
 - A. Teacher Salary Schedule – Jennifer Funk moved and Amanda Cullen seconded to approve items sheet. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote.
 - B. CESA 7 Convention – Ann Holzer moved and Joanne Propson seconded to appoint Jennifer Funk as district representative for the CESA 7 Convention. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote.
 - C. Budget Adjustments – Joanne Propson moved and Jennifer Funk seconded to act on adjustments to the 2024-2025 adopted budget. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote.
- *Ann Holzer would like to thank the Board, Administration, and District for the beautiful floral arrangement for her dad's (Ron Muellenbach) funeral.

13. Amanda Cullen moved and Joanne Propson seconded to adjourn the meeting. The next meeting is set for Wednesday, May 21st at 5:00pm. Motion carried on a 7 to 0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Holzer
Clerk