St. Ansgar, Iowa

October 13, 2025

The St. Ansgar Community School District is an Equal Employment Opportunity and Affirmative Action Educational Agency.

The Board of Directors of the St. Ansgar Community School District met in regular session in the High School Media Center at 5:33 P.M.

Present: Directors Steve Groth, Kyle Tabbert, Tony Brown, Matt Foster, and Lowana Hannam. Superintendent Tony Hiatt. Superintendent Secretary Melanie Johnson filling in as Board Secretary. Principal Trevor Urich. Principal Jer Osgood. Three guests were present.

Absent: Directors Will Morrow and Lindsey Falk

The meeting was called to order by President Groth. Tabbert moved, duly 2nd by Brown, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes Tabbert, Brown, Foster, Hannam, and Groth. Nays-None.

There were two written communications. The first one was from Nolte, Cornman and Johnson giving the results of our September audit of the June 30, 2025 financials and the second was from the Iowa Association of School Boards discussing the notes from the September 2025 workshop the board did with them.

There were two organizations providing a presentation to the board. Prairie Ridge and Mitchell County Coalition presented regarding services and support that are available to the students for mental health and substance abuse. Board members expressed appreciation to these organizations for these services being available to the students.

Administration Reports: Principal Osgood shared updates of happenings in the elementary with upcoming events and FAST results. Principal Urich updated the board on things happening in the High School/Middle School. Both Principal Urich and Principal Osgood provided the board with a summary from the Iowa School Performance Profile results.

Superintendent Hiatt provided an update with his progress in continuing to meet with district staff and the work that is being done to update the school website and app. Superintendent Hiatt shared with board members that payment method alternatives are being discussed for sports officials and reminded board members to use their school email addresses.

There were no board comments.

Brown moved, duly 2nd by Foster, to approve the Consent Action Items which included the following:

* Minutes from the September 8, 2025 Regular Board Meeting and Workshop Minutes.
* September 2025 Financial Statements.
* June 30, 2025 Financials-Updated to Final.
* September bills, including prepays in the amount of $1,002,097.81.
* Payroll and Payroll related expenditures in the amount of $600,934.06 for September.
* Approve the resignation of Brittany Bartz as Drama Director.
* Approve the September 2025 donations as presented in packet.
* Approve Adrianna Gerdts as a volunteer High School Girls Basketball Coach.
* Approve Emily Nalan-May and Emily Johnson-Woods as substitute Learning Connection Teachers.
* Approve Laurie Salz as the Learning Connection Parent Educator.
* Approve Megan Salz as the Learning Connection Teacher Assistant.
* Approve the August 2025 Learning Connection timesheet for Sue Loken in the amount of $1,215.
* Approve the September 2025 Learning Connection timesheets in the amount of $1,080 to Sue Loken, $77.50 to Megan Salz, $58.13 to Makenna Norby, $110.25 to Laurie Salz, $110.25 to Crystal Mayer, $58.13 to Hattie Rogerson, and $27.13 to Maci Mayer.
* Approve offering Emily Palmer the Drama Director contract, Step 0, in the amount of $3,690 for the Spring and Fall play.
* Approve the officiating payment to Patricia Mullenbach in the amount of $160.
* Approve the 3 hour bus class training pay to the following: Cindy Pink, Kathy Squier, Devin Schwiesow, Drew Clevenger, Jeff Anderson, Jim Green, Jim Hendrickson, Eric Tesch, and Justin Huisman.

Ayes-Tabbert, Brown, Foster, Hannam, and Groth. Nays-None.

Principal Urich left the meeting at 6:22pm.

There were no fundraisers to approve.

Hannam moved, duly 2nd by Foster to approve the open enrollments as presented in the packet. Ayes Tabbert, Brown, Foster, Hannam and Groth. Nays – None.

Foster moved, duly 2nd by Hannam to approve the early graduation for the students presented in the packet, pending all necessary requirements are met. Ayes-Tabbert, Brown, Foster, Hannam, Groth. Nays – None.

Brown moved, duly 2nd by Foster to approve the construction change order CE #003 RFP-1 for the Concrete and Railings at the entry. The change order amount would be $34,856.22. Ayes – Brown, Foster, Hannam and Gorth. Nays- Tabbert.

Foster moved, duly 2nd by Brown, to approve the request for allowable growth for EL excess costs of $73,241 for the 2024-2025 school year. Ayes- Hannam, Groth, Tabbert, Brown, and Foster. Nays-None.

Director Brown left the meeting at 6:28pm.

Tabbert moved, duly 2nd Hannam by, to approve the Allowable Growth and Supplemental Aid Request in the amount of $323,953.51 for the negative special education balance for the fiscal year 2025. Ayes-Foster, Hannam, Groth, Tabbert and Foster. Nays-None.

Foster moved, duly 2nd by Tabbert, to approve the Certified Annual Report and Special Ed Supplement Report as filed by the District for the 2024-2025 school year. Ayes - Foster, Hannam, Groth, and Tabbert, Nays-None.

Foster moved, duly 2nd by Hannam to approve the Treasurer’s report for the 2024-2025 school year as filed by the District. Ayes-Tabbert, Foster, Hannam and Groth Nays-None.

Director Brown returned to the meeting at 6:30pm.

Tabbert moved, duly 2nd by Brown to approve the first reading of the following board policies: 208, 208R(1), 401.1, 502.7, 507.2, 507.5, 607.2, 708, 710.E(1), 802.2, and 804.50. Ayes-Tabbert, Brown, Foster, Hannam and Groth. Nays-none

Tabbert moved, duly 2nd Brown to approve the Wilson Restaurant Supply Convection Oven Bid in the amount of $12,299.93, including $500 credit for taking away old equipment and services presented in the packet. Ayes-Tabbert, Brown, Foster, Hannam and Groth. Nays-none.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 P.M.

Attachments to the board minutes may be viewed at the Board Secretary’s Office. There may be a charge for any copies that are requested.

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Steve Groth, President Melanie Johnson-Superintendent Secretary