

**WORK SESSION & SPECIAL SESSION
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
SOUTH TAMA COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

The Board of Directors of the Community School District of South Tama County met on March 11, 2024 for a Work Session at the STC Partnership Center, Tama, Iowa at 5:00 p.m.

On call of the roll the following were present: Elizabeth Dolezal, Beth Wiese, Jackie Ellenbecker, Rick Hopper, and Megan Thiessen. Absent: None. Quorum present. Also present were: Superintendent John Cain, Katie Mathern, Mary Mixdorf, and members of the community through Google Hangouts.

Motion by Thiessen, second by Ellenbecker to approve the agenda. All Ayes. The motion carried.

Katie Mathern presented the certified budget numbers to the Board for fiscal year 2025 and discussed different options on adjusting the numbers. Mrs. Mathern discussed how budget parameters and priorities are being fulfilled as part of the proposed certified budget. The Board gave input on the direction they would like the certified budget to take and proceed in the future.

Motion by Thiessen, second by Hopper to adjourn the work session at 5:40 p.m. All Ayes. The motion carried.

The Board of Directors of the Community School District of South Tama County met on March 11, 2024 for a Special Session at the STC Partnership Center, Tama, Iowa at 5:41 p.m.

On call of the roll the following were present: Elizabeth Dolezal, Beth Wiese, Jackie Ellenbecker, Rick Hopper, and Megan Thiessen. Absent: None. Quorum present. Also present were: Superintendent John Cain, Katie Mathern, Mary Mixdorf, and members of the community through Google Hangouts. Beth Wiese left the meeting at 6:18 p.m.

Motion by Wiese, second by Thiessen to approve the agenda with the removal of discussion item letter A. Wamac Conference. All Ayes. The motion carried.

Motion by Thiessen, second by Wiese to approve the following personnel requests. All Ayes. The motion carried.

Hires: Ryan Cassady - High School Physical Education Teacher

Transfers: Jennifer Hickman - From Elementary Kitchen Worker to Head Kitchen Manager, Janelle Unkrich - From Elementary 2nd Grade Teacher to Elementary 1st Grade Teacher, Taylor Ray - From Elementary Kindergarten Teacher to Elementary 1st Grade Teacher, and Alexandria Ramirez Houseman - From K-4 ELL Paraeducator to Special Education Paraeducator

Motion by Thiessen, second by Wiese to authorize publication of the 2025 Budget and to set the first Public Hearing regarding the FY25 Budget on April 8, 2024 at 5:00, at the STC Partnership Center. All Ayes. The motion carried.

Motion by Thiessen, second by Wiese to approve setting the second Public Hearing regarding the FY25 Budget on April 15, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. at the STC Middle School. All Ayes. The motion carried.

Motion by Wiese, second by Hopper to approve setting a Public Hearing for the 2023-2024 School Calendar change on March 18, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. at the STC High School. All Ayes. The motion carried.

Motion by Wiese, second by Hopper to post for a Curriculum Director position on Iowa Works. Ayes: Dolezal, Wiese, Hopper, and Thiessen. Nays: Ellenbecker. The motion carried.

The Board discussed operational sharing and what kind of savings that could bring the District.

Mr. Cain brought all of the different ideas that were brought up with the 2024-2025 calendar and also the concerns for the Board to understand. The Calendar Public Hearing will be on March 18, 2024 at 5:00 p.m., at the STC High School.

Motion by Ellenbecker, second by Hopper to adjourn at 6:41 p.m.

Elizabeth Dolezal, Board President

Katie Mathern, Board Secretary