



Stratford High School Board

Minutes of Board meeting

Monday 25 August, 2025

Present:	Cameron Stone, Jason Loveridge, Jane Tobin, Matthew McCallum, Brad Gibbons, Carl Triggs, Dan Kerr.
Late:	
In Attendance:	Amanda Hill
Apologies:	Brendon Gernhoefer
Visitor's Report	Wendy Walker – HoD Health – Postponed until October meeting.

Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

Member				
Brad Gibbons	N			
Cameron Stone	N			
Dan Kerr	N			
Matthew McCallum	N			
Jason Loveridge	N			
Carl Triggs	N			
Jane Tobin	N			
Brendon Gernhoefer	N/A			

Administration

Confirmation of minutes <i>Moved Loveridge that the minutes from the previous meeting are approved. Seconded Stone</i>	Minutes were discussed and signed. Moved Jason Loveridge Carried: All
Matters Arising:	Cleaners are doing better – still not fully sorted. Survey for the pickle ball – still to go out. Matthew will get this out tomorrow. Cam still engaging quotes for signage. Fixed asset payment has been changed. Pool – Leak is all sorted. Have two options. Pipe to sump has corroded. Will put a camera in it and if small – will fix it and if big will concrete it up and use a portable pump to empty the pool. We may need a consent for this. Changing rooms – painted 6 or 7 years ago. \$10,000 to paint the pool – the paint just doesn't seem to last. If it was heated, it could be used more. The pool has to be used more to make it financially viable. Toilet repairs – still waiting for all the quotes. Old smoke alarm removal – is going to be done. Fire changes have been signed off.

Board Reports:

Principal Report: <i>Moved Stone that the Principal's report is accepted. Seconded Triggs.</i>	<i>On Teams</i> Year 9's – 4 went to Australia and another 3 have also left. Credits in 5 subjects, not 6 – average credits are down 4 Or 5 for yr11's. Allana has a plan with some short courses coming up for credits. All current year 8's will be the first year to be impacted by the new NCEA/Certificates. UDL – has been our focus and some departments are doing some great things. We need good planning to make this a success.
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<i>Motion Stone to go ahead with creating the Pickle Ball area if Cam is happy with his consultation fee. CARRIED All.</i> <i>Motion Stone that we purchase the equipment for the ag students for farm work CARRIED All</i>	Gifted and Talented Programme – job description for a co-ordinator and will advertise in Term 4. Potentially to develop an elective to enhance/enrich their programme. Budget would be from units and MMA. Start of 2026 should have all information for new structure – which will start in 2028. Had a tough term 2 – student behaviour now feels noticeably calmer. Big discussion – timetable proposal with early Wednesday finish. Buses weren't prepared to shift. PPTA hasn't allowed this change. Non-contact times – 2.30 – 3.30 on the Wednesday, but unable to do this. Careers team doing some great work with our year 10's. Brought in people to show their work and businesses. Great engagement with the community. Health and Safety – bus route change will probably go ahead. Van roof was damaged – will need a new roof. Got jammed in under a sign. This will be done over the summer break as it will be a big job. DP and AP job advertisements have gone out. Science position and two English positions still to fill. Proposed new standards – gone from 6 to 8 teaching standards. Very comprehensive and will start in 2026 – still open for feedback. Teachers need to meet these standards and be signed off. Re-key of the school – Next term holidays this will happen. Blanket key for the classrooms, different for the blocks and the front of the school. TPU – pump for the sewer. Brad is going to come over and check this out while he looks into the storage cupboard. Cost of the pickle ball – will be a big area. Linking type rubber mats to create a flat pickle ball court. This doesn't include his fee or the seating that would be built in. \$13,500. Primary ITO re: courses/gear. Some reasonable prices. Will need equipment with the new farming area/jobs. Wet weather jackets and pants, plus some overalls. \$2780. Will also need overalls for Dan Martin and Fiona. Janko service fee – gone up slightly. Very happy with their work. Education Perfect – has gone up significantly. Year 10's seem to use it a lot. Lots of value and hours used. Especially Maths, English, Languages and Science. Writer's toolbox – Some local primary schools use this. \$41,000 for the first year then \$32,000 then the following year would be \$24,000. We would use this as a school. Our writing statistics are quite low and this would be valuable. It is a simple tool to use, but very costly. This will be an ongoing cost. It guides students on structuring sentences, paragraphs etc... There would be an expectation for staff to use it and would be signed off. We would have PD on this. It is only a year 9 and 10 tool to grow their literacy. We could do a trial and then put this into next year's budget. Will be checking schools who currently use it.
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Student Report: Matthew McCallum	No student report this month.
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Staff Report: Dan Kerr <i>Moved Kerr that the staff report is received. Seconded Loveridge</i>	<i>On Teams</i> This is Dan's last meeting as he is not standing for election. (Will possibly need to be here for the next depending on when new Board starts). Some staff have had losses lately and some are looking forward to new additions and upcoming weddings. Have had support from Cathy Quigan with staff PD. Staff are focussing on Exam preparations, final internals and resubmissions. We have tournament week and exam week coming up.
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	Wellbeing – staff morale is positive, coffee machine has helped with this. Staff enquiries – can Board meetings be on different nights, not just Tuesdays – this will be the new Board's decision.
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Committee reports: ideally a written report is circulated with the agenda.

Finance: Triggs & Gernhoefer Accounts: The Board must approve the month's accounts, as recommended by the Finance Committee which has scrutinized them. Minutes: Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting are received. <i>Moved Triggs that the Board approve the payment of the accounts. Seconded Loveridge.</i>	<i>On Teams</i> Available funds \$1,145,296 which is quite healthy. Still \$18,000 down, but we are catching up. Government grant \$282,000 and we spent \$22,3000 \$1087 Denise Kaye netball or Tough girl/tough guy Electrical payments – power to the woolshed. Grant for farm – we get half this year and the other half next year. Ricoh Taranaki – leases and repairs Razz Print – prospectus and option books. Cam – phone and airport travel. Firm wear – tables and chairs – old tech drawing room – needed proper desks and chairs. Office Max – Cam is going to check where these are from. Builders – for Te Rangimarie's new build.
Health and Safety: Jane Tobin	No meeting has been held.
Property Report: Brad Gibbons <i>Moved Gibbons that the property report is received. Seconded Tobin.</i> <i>Motion Stone that we put a dishwasher into the rental property. CARRIED All</i> <i>Motion Stone that sleeves put in and service of dust extractor go ahead. CARRIED All</i>	Old smoke alarms will be removed. These are linked to Obertech. Pool paint? It is fine for the moment – may look at this next year. Painting – will be touch ups with vandalism etc... School house \$18,000 to paint the outside. Toilets should be done by the next meeting. Caretaker's shed – Trying to get that done this summer. Brad will get the prices checked. Container has been put onto the foundations. Clearlite on the kindergarten roof has been completed. Roll growth – with students wanting food, woodwork etc... We need to change space to cater for more students with a multi-purpose tech room. Cam has spoken with Louise about this and will follow it up. Rental – Dishwasher – will go ahead and do this for him. Joe Mack will ring someone and get this put in. Egmont Air – Email was okay – sleeves and service of the dust extraction – Email confirmation by the Board has been given regarding this.
Farm: Jason Loveridge	No report this month.
TPU Report: Tracey Jones <i>On Teams</i>	<i>On Teams</i> Painting dates are wrong – not a priority at present – will be at a later date. Koru Kindy – got a grant for carpet – should have spoken to the Board first. Brad will go in and talk to Tracey about the storage cupboard and the septic pump.



Correspondence:

Inwards correspondence includes emailed circulars, etc. NZSTA news –

Date	Name	Regarding
25/07	T Jackson	Leave request
29/07	School Docs	Updates
29/07	S Blackwell	Resignation
10/08	J Burke	Request for dishwasher

Outwards Correspondence

Date	Name	Regarding

General Business:

Gazebo – replacing two sides and the roof of the gazebo – need them with the logo on it.
Motion Stone that we replace the Gazebo and place logo onto it. CARRIED All
Fundraising inquiry – they have been given the go ahead.

Closed Agenda (Public Excluded Business) a. Apologies b. Confirmation of minutes c. Matters arising d. General Business Discussion of matters relating to staff and students, including Welfare and Discipline Committee	<i>Moved Loveridge that the public be excluded for agenda items relating to NAG5 pursuant to section 48 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act. The reason being to discuss matters regarding personnel and the ground is to protect the privacy of individuals</i> <i>Moved Loveridge that the Board move out of Public Excluded Business at CARRIED All</i>
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Meeting closure: Preparation for next meeting	
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Meeting closed at 8.03pm

Motions from the meeting:

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Signed:

Board Chair:



Date:

30/09/2025