

Minutes for January 20, 2021 Central Decatur Board of Education Meeting

The Central Decatur Community School Board of Education met in regular session in the High School Library and via Google Hangout on Wednesday, January 20, 2021.

As a result of the Governor's Proclamation of Disaster Emergency, the Board is allowed to limit the number of people present at an in-person meeting location as long as the Board provides a means for the public to participate by telephone or electronically. Therefore, for the duration of the public health disaster emergency, the Central Decatur Community School District Board of Directors will not conduct meetings which will be accessible by the public in person. The Board will instead conduct meetings electronically and make those meetings accessible to the public through Google Hangout. A phone number will be provided with each meeting agenda, which will be posted on the District's website.

Board members present: Amber Swartz, Cayle Buckingham, Cassy Allen, Andrew Sullivan, and Jolene Petty.

Board members absent: None

Others in attendance were: Amy Whittington, Rudy Evertsen, Chris Coffelt, Becky Broich, and one guest.

Board President Swartz called the meeting to order at 8:32 p.m.

CONSENSUS ITEMS AND REPORTS:

The following consent items were approved:

- The agenda for January 20, 2021.
- Minutes of the previous meeting on December 16, 2020.
- Financial reports for the following funds for December: General, Management, Physical Plant and Equipment Levy, Capital Projects, Debt Service, Activity, Scholarship, and Lunch.
Summary list of bills:

General Fund	\$177,846.43	Activity Fund	\$ 9,059.93
PPEL Fund	\$ 7,473.00	Lunch Fund	\$21,091.10
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 66,249.83		
- Funds in the amount of \$4,878.63 will be transferred from the general fund to the lunch fund. This transfer provides the lunch fund with a portion of the federal COVID-19 funding (Education Stabilization Fund-Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund – ESSER) for COVID-19 expenses incurred in December 2020.
- Since the Class of 2020 was not able to expend all class funds on a senior trip, members requested to transfer class funds to various activity groups and programs. Activities Transfers: Baseball Camp \$139, Boys' Basketball Camp \$69.50, FFA \$417, Flags \$69.50, Football Camp \$69.50, Softball Camp \$69.50, Weight Club \$69.50, Wrestling Camp \$69.50, and XC Camp \$69.50. Total distribution to Activity Accounts \$1,042.50. General Fund Program Transfers: FCS \$278, Science \$69.50, and Shop \$69.50. Total transfer to General Fund \$417.00.
- There were no open enrollment applications.
- The following fundraising requests were approved: Junior Class – Krispy Kreme donuts and working the Youth Basketball Tournament, Girls' Basketball – Serving chicken dinners for Thelma Saxton, Student Council – Carnation flowers to be sent to friends, and Dance Team – Student work auction.
Motion to approve all items listed in Consensus Items and Reports by Buckingham, second by Allen. Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Project Executive of Estes Construction Chad Alley reviewed the Iowa Construction Advocate Team (ICAT) Phase I Facility Assessment scope and fee proposal. This comprehensive assessment will provide the district with a multiyear guide identifying existing conditions and an opinion of estimated costs to perform the necessary maintenance, repairs, or renovations required to bring the facility into compliance with building codes, comfort, improved learning environment, and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The board accepted the low bid from Estes Construction in the amount of \$10,500 for the Facility Assessment. **Motion** by Buckingham, second by Allen. Motion carried unanimously.
- The board discussed the latest COVID-19 guidance and supplemental coronavirus aid. The board approved a resolution authorizing the District to extend the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act (EPSLA) contained in the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA), to eligible employees through March 31, 2021, but does not authorize the extension of Emergency Family Medical Leave Act (EFMLA) benefits. **Motion** by Petty, second by Sullivan. Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS cont'd:

- The board approved the first reading of changes to board policies: 205-Elections of Board Members and 207-Board Officers. ***Motion*** by Allen, second by Petty. Motion carried unanimously.
- The board approved the Modified Supplemental Amount of \$44,600 for the 21-22 At-Risk/Dropout Prevention program. This amount supports portions of the following positions: a teaching position for high school student credit recovery and the Multi-Tiered Systems of Support Team (MTSS) which includes the Juvenile Court Liaison Officer, At-Risk Coordinator, School Counselor, and Elementary Success Coach. The MTSS team identifies, monitors, supports, and provides individualized and specialized interventions for at-risk students. ***Motion*** by Buckingham, second by Allen. Motion carried unanimously.
- The board was informed of custodian Patrick Bessette's resignation. The District has started advertising for this position. Administration have started looking at projected enrollment, budget, class sizes, staff ratios, and anticipated needs for next year.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- The board discussed primary areas of focus for the spring and the timeline for the Superintendent's evaluation.
- Superintendent Coffelt shared a draft copy and reviewed considerations for development of the 2021-22 school calendar.
- Upcoming Dates:
 - a. Joint Board Work Session with Lamoni Board Directors: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 7:15 p.m. – High School Library/Google Hangout.
 - b. Regular Meeting: Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 8:15 p.m. – High School Library/Google Hangout.
 - c. Due to the possible conflict with spring break, the regular meeting for March will be determined at the February 17, 2021 meeting.

Allen moved the meeting be adjourned at 9:56 p.m. Second by Petty.

Amber Swartz, President

Becky Broich, Board Secretary