

Minutes for August 26, 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 Meet on Thursday, August 26, 2021.

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

Board members absent: None

Others in attendance in person or electronically were: Chris Coffelt, Becky Broich, Amy Whittington, Dan Johnson, and nine guests.

Board President Swartz called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

CONSENSUS ITEMS AND REPORTS:

The following consent items were approved:

- The agenda for August 26, 2021.
- Minutes of the previous meeting on July 21, 2021.
- Financial reports for the following funds for June: General, Management, Physical Plant and Equipment Levy, Capital Projects, Debt Service, Activity, Scholarship, and Lunch.
Summary list of bills for July:
General Fund \$266,820.45; Activity Fund \$26,920.76; Lunch Fund \$1,011.31; PPEL Fund \$3,615.50; Capital Projects Fund \$193,198.97.
- Funds in the amount of \$5,010.52 will be transferred from the general fund to the activity fund. This transfer reimburses the activity fund for safety equipment purchases for 2020-2021.
- Open enrollment applications were approved for seven students to attend CD beginning the 2021-22 school year. The applications met criteria to qualify for approval. The request to host an international exchange student for the 2021-22 school year was also approved.
- There were no fundraising requests.

LEARNING LINK:

- The following new staff members introduced themselves to the board: Dan Johnson, 7-12 Principal; Teachers: Larry Johnson, Secondary Business; Bev Nordyke, Secondary Math; Karley Whelchel, Secondary English; Kyle Dell, Secondary Physical Education; and Mark West, Secondary Science. Human Resources Director Becca Harvey talked about the number of job openings in school districts across the state and challenges with filling positions in preparation for this school year.
- Nutrition Services Director Joy Evertsen talked about the celebrations and challenges in the food program. The overall goal of the staff is to build relationships with the students to show they care about them and their health. Increasing costs and random shortages, along with COVID-19 requirements, have been huge challenges over the past year. Other than the daily meals, the Cardinal Café staff are always busy providing snacks for the Cardinal Muscle Program, providing a fresh produce snack to grades PK-6th made possible from the Fresh Fruity and Veggie Grant, prepping several food items for concessions, catered prom and other banquets, and fixed meals for some of the sports teams for away games, to name a few. On average, over 270 breakfasts and over 542 lunches are prepared and served every day.

ACTION ITEMS:

- The Board approved the 2021-2022 CD Return to Learn Plan which outlines the District's COVID-19 mitigation procedures and guidelines. The plan must be reviewed every six months and will be posted on the District website. **Motion** by Allen, second by Petty. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2021-2022 Agreements:
 - The annual rental agreement with SCIT in the amount of \$3,000 was approved. This agreement supports the performance and practices for fall/spring plays. **Motion** by Petty, second by Allen. Motion carried unanimously.
 - The agreement to share the Secondary Business Teacher with Lamoni for 2021-2022 was approved. **Motion** by Buckingham, second by Allen. Motion carried unanimously.
- Personnel:
 - The board approved the following coaching positions: Heidi Bell as Assistant High School Girls Track and Kyle Dell as Head Junior High Girls Track. **Motion** by Allen, second by Petty. Motion carried unanimously.
 - The board was informed of the following classified staff hires and resignation: Hires – Beverly Santiago, Bus Driver and Samantha Durrow, Para. Bus Driver Larry Broich has resigned.

ACTION ITEMS cont'd:

- The board approved the purchase of a speaker system for the North Elementary gym. The District has received a \$5,000 SCICF grant to help with this purchase. **Motion** by Sullivan, second by Buckingham. Motion carried unanimously.
- The board reviewed the 2021-2022 District Goals, clarifying strategies, actions, and measures for this school year. No action was taken.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- Board Directors identified potential topics for 2021-2022 Learning Links.
- Board policy is required to be reviewed every five years and the company that the District had been using is no longer providing this service. The District will now contract with Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB). Sub-committee members Cayle Buckingham and Jolene Petty will work with Superintendent Coffelt to review and provide recommendations for board approval.
- Upcoming Dates:
 - a. Regular Meeting: Wednesday, September 15, 2021 – 7:15 p.m. – High School Library/Google Meet.
 - b. Regular Meeting: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 – 7:15 p.m. – High School Library/Google Meet.

Allen moved the meeting be adjourned at 9:06 p.m. Second by Sullivan.

Amber Swartz, President

Becky Broich, Board Secretary