

## Minutes for September 15, 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 Wednesday, September 15, 2021.

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

Board members absent: None

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

Board President Swartz called the meeting to order at 7:22 p.m.

### CONSENSUS ITEMS AND REPORTS:

The following consent items were approved:

- The agenda for August 26, 2021 was amended to add discussion on the mask injunction as item F1.
- Minutes of the previous meetings on August 26, 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 \$101,429.61; Activity Fund \$21,015.97; Lunch Fund \$27,758.27; PPEL Fund \$1,393.00; Capital Projects Fund \$47,053.69; Management Fund \$21,480.75.
- Funds in the amount of \$1,880.25 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 II – ESSER II) for COVID-19 expenses incurred.
- There were no open enrollment applications.
- The following fundraising requests were approved: Flag Corps – Selling tattoos and mini footballs during Homecoming and raffle tickets; Cardinal Dance Team – Selling Texas Roadhouse Rolls; and Central Trail FFA – Selling fruit, meat, cheese, candy, and honey and a hog raffle.

**Motion** to approve all items listed in Consensus Items and Reports by Petty, second by Sullivan.

### LEARNING LINK:

- Principals, Amy Whittington and Dan Johnson highlighted the start to the school year and goals for the year. Areas of focus at the secondary level include consistency in instruction and expectations for staff and students, enforcing the RED way (Respectful – Excellent – Dedicated), and a focus on grade appropriate learning objectives. Elementary areas of focus include continued emphasis on literacy, numeracy, and social emotional supports. Preliminary enrollment numbers were also reviewed and show an overall increase in enrollment.

### ACTION ITEMS:

- The Board approved the 2021-2022 SCICAP Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). This MOU defines how Central Decatur and Head Start partner together to provide the collaborative Little Cards Preschool. **Motion** by Petty, second by Allen. Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board approved the resignation of Tracy Andrews as Head Junior High Softball Coach. **Motion** by Allen, second by Sullivan. Motion carried unanimously.
- The District is required to appoint a Level 1 and Level 2 Investigator. Brian Carson will serve as District Level 1 Investigator, with Kerry Welch to serve as the alternate at the elementary and Kim Elsberry serving as the alternate for the secondary. The Decatur County Sheriff's Department will serve as the Level 2 Investigative Agency. The District Equity Coordinator and Title IX Coordinator are identified as the District Human Resources Director – Becca Harvey. The board approved the Level 1 and 2 Investigators and the District Equity and Title IX Coordinator as referenced above. **Motion** by Allen, second by Petty. Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board approved the following interfund loan transactions:
  - Repayment to the General Fund from the lunch fund for an interfund loan totaling \$160,016 from September 2020.
  - Interfund loan from the General Fund to Lunch Fund with in the amount of \$135,000. The terms of repayment of the loan are as follows including the payment of interest: Transfer on September 17, 2021 Payback on or before September 30, 2022 at a rate equal to the Great Western Bank daily rate of .0001%. Approximate interest to pay back = \$14.

**Motion** by Sullivan, second by Petty. Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS cont'd:

- The 2021-2022 District Goals which focus on increased student achievement, creating a safe learning environment, and developing a facilities strategic plan were approved. **Motion** by Sullivan, second by Petty. Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board approved the first reading of the 500 series - Students of board policy and policy 106 – Discrimination and Harassment Based on Sex Prohibited. **Motion** by Petty, second by Sullivan. Motion carried unanimously.
- District Facility Projects:
  - The Board reviewed the work session discussion regarding district facility projects funding options.
  - The Board approved renewal of snow removal contract with DCLI, Inc with no increase in rate for the 2021-22 winter season. **Motion** by Sullivan, second by Petty. Motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- The Board discussed the temporary restraining order of section 280.31 of the Iowa Code, preventing the enforcement of masks in school districts. The District will maintain the current mask optional practice and continue to review Iowa Public Health and CDC guidelines moving forward.
- The Learning Link for October will highlight the SWCC trades courses instructors and students.
- Upcoming Dates:
  - a. Regular Meeting: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 – 7:15 p.m. – High School Library/Google Meet. Work Session will directly follow the regular meeting.
  - b. Regular Meeting: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 – 7:15 p.m. – High School Library/Google Meet.

Petty moved the meeting be adjourned at 8:47 p.m. Second by Sullivan.

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Amber Swartz, President

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Becky Broich, Board Secretary