

## Minutes for October 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 Meet on Wednesday, October 20, 2021.

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

Board members absent: Andrew Sullivan

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

Board President Swartz called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m.

### CONSENSUS ITEMS AND REPORTS:

The following consent items were approved:

- The agenda for October 20, 2021 was approved.
- Minutes of the previous meetings on September 15, 2021.
- Financial reports for the following funds for September 2021: General, Management, Physical Plant and Equipment Levy, Capital Projects, Debt Service, Activity, Scholarship, and Lunch.

Summary list of bills for October:

General Fund \$107,214.24; Activity Fund \$27,078.60; Lunch Fund \$46,873.22; PPEL Fund \$793.00; Capital Projects Fund \$47,152.27; Management Fund \$3,720.00.

- Funds in the amount of \$12,327.14 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.
- Open enrollment for one student to attend CD from Clarke Community School District was approved.
- The following fundraising requests were approved: International Club – Dance for grades nine-twelve; FBLA – Halloween Dance for middle school; and Basketball Coaches vs Cancer – T-shirts.

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

### LEARNING LINK:

- Justine Buckingham, Secondary Nurse and Health Occupations Instructor, talked about the Southwestern Community College Health Career Academy courses hosted at CD. Courses include: Introduction to Health Occupations, Medical Terminology, Nurse Aide, and Pharmacology Basics. Upon completion, students are able to test for certification as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) providing them with a career opportunity. A 96% student pass rate of the CNA through the program history reflects Justine's dedication and ability to successfully convey the course content to the students.

### ACTION ITEMS:

- The Board reviewed the District Return to Learn/COVID-19 page on the school's website, specifically the R2L plan and COVID-19 Data Dashboard. The Featured News page was also reviewed. The new website is not only a great source to show upcoming events, but also to highlight some of the great things students are learning and doing to demonstrate the RED Way – Respectful, Excellent, and Dedicated.
- The Board approved seeking allowable growth and supplemental aid for the 2020-21 negative special education balance in the amount of (-\$120,373.45). The board reviewed a comparison to the 2019-20 school year, along with variables contributing to the negative balance. **Motion** by Buckingham, second by Allen. Motion carried unanimously.
- Personnel:
  - The District has continued to advertise for the Special Education Director position. The Board approved the hire of Juliette Kline in a part-time capacity until the District is able to find a candidate for this position. The Board also approved the hire of Rudy Evertsen as Assistant High School Girls Basketball Coach. **Motion** by Allen, second by Buckingham. Motion carried unanimously.
  - The Board approved the resignation of Britney Baker as Assistant Junior High Volleyball Coach. **Motion** by Allen, second by Buckingham. Motion carried unanimously.
  - The Board was informed of the resignation of Sarah Dale from the Nutrition Services Department.
- The Board approved the second reading of board policy 500 series - Students and Policy 106 – Discrimination and Harassment Based on Sex Prohibited. **Motion** by Allen, second by Buckingham. Motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- The Board was informed about the upcoming Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB) Annual Convention. Board President Swartz shared her past experiences attending this event.
- Upcoming Dates:
  - a. October is National Principals Month. Let our Principals know how much you appreciate them!
  - b. Election Day: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 – Don't forget to vote!
  - c. Veteran's Day: Thursday, November 11, 2021
  - d. Annual Meeting: Wednesday, November 17, 2021 – 7:15 p.m. – High School Library/Google Meet. Organizational/Regular Meeting will directly follow.
  - e. Regular Meeting: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 – 7:15 p.m. – High School Library/Google Meet.
  - f. Joint Board Session with Lamoni Board of Education will be determined.

Buckingham moved the meeting be adjourned at 8:12 p.m. Second by Allen.

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Amber Swartz, President

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Becky Broich, Board Secretary