

## Minutes for March 8, 2022 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 Tuesday, March 8, 2022.

Board members present: Amber Swartz, Cayle Buckingham, and Sean Saxton. Cassy Allen joined electronically. Andrew Sullivan joined the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

Board members absent: None

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

Board President Swartz called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

### COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

- Boy Scout Troop 102, led by Scoutmaster Josh Bragg, attended the meeting as a requirement for their Citizenship merit badge. They led meeting attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- The public hearing for the proposed 2022-2023 school calendar was held. No written or public comment was given or received.

### CONSENSUS ITEMS AND REPORTS:

The following consent items were approved:

- The agenda for March 8, 2022.
- Minutes of the previous meeting on February 8, 2022.
- Financial reports for the following funds for February 2022: General, Management, Physical Plant and Equipment Levy, Capital Projects, Debt Service, Partial-Self Insurance Fund, Activity, Scholarship, and Lunch.  
Summary list of bills for March:  
General Fund \$207,371.58; Activity Fund \$20,997.23; Lunch Fund \$40,832.87; PPEL Fund \$793.00; Capital Projects Fund \$34,352.27; Management Fund \$21,480.75.
- Funds in the amount of \$12,258.52 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: CD Rodeo – sell rodeo shirts; Boys Basketball – Thelma’s chicken dinner; Class of 2025 – Helping at SCIT; and CD Football – sell replica mini CD football helmets.  
**Motion** to approve all items listed in Consensus Items and Reports by Saxton, second by Buckingham.

### LEARNING LINK:

- Athletic/Activity Director Zach Clark, highlighted various topics including winter and upcoming spring activities. In addition, Zach highlighted work of the CD Booster Club who has donated over \$100,000 back to CD athletic programs since 2016. The CD Performing Arts Booster Club will offer a scholarship this year. Zach introduced the Boys to Men and Athletes as Leaders curriculum. This curriculum trains coaches to teach young male and female athletes to model respect and promote healthy relationships to prevent sexual and dating violence.

### ACTION ITEMS:

- District Facility Projects:
  - Chad Alley, Estes Construction Project Executive discussed the process and timeline for architect, design, and engineering firms to provide master planning and project development for door entries, safety/security, and HVAC projects.
  - The Board approved the purchase of vape detectors to be installed in locker rooms, rest rooms, and common areas of North Elementary and the MS/HS. **Motion** by Sullivan, second by Allen. Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board approved continued sharing of bowling (hosted by Lamoni) and wrestling (hosted by CD) for the 2022-2023 school year. **Motion** by Buckingham, second by Allen. Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board approved the 2022-2023 budget publication which establishes the district property tax rate at \$12.40 per \$1,000 taxable valuation. **Motion** by Saxton, second by Sullivan. Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board approved the 2022-2023 School Calendar. **Motion** by Buckingham, second by Allen. Motion carried unanimously. Currently, students and staff have missed four days – two inclement weather and two due to a water main break this school year. Decisions will be made whether students will make up those days and how that will effect staff contract days.

#### ACTION ITEMS cont'd:

- Return to Learn:
  - Superintendent Coffelt talked about the Governor's retention payment and eligibility criteria for certified classroom teachers. This payment will be included with their March paycheck.
  - Ten certified staff meet the same criteria but are not in the classroom all day. These ten will receive the same retention payment amount utilizing ESSER II funds. Development of a retention and recruitment payment for classified and other staff will be reviewed next month. **Motion** by Sullivan, second by Saxton. Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board approved the renewal of the Natural Gas Program Participation Agreement with the Iowa Local Government Risk Pool Commission. This agreement helps the District mitigate budget risks associated with winter heating and other natural gas consumption. **Motion** by Saxton, second by Sullivan. Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board approved renewing Tharp Lawn Care LLC for the 2022 mowing season at the same service rate of \$500 per complete mowing service as last year. **Motion** by Sullivan, second by Buckingham. Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board approved the Senior Trip request to St. Louis April 18-20, 2022. **Motion** by Saxton, second by Buckingham. Motion carried unanimously.
- Personnel:
  - The Board accepted the resignation of sixth grade teacher Britta Stowater, effective the end of the school year. **Motion** by Sullivan, second by Allen. Motion carried unanimously.
  - The Board approved the following hires: Chris Cougil – Secondary Special Education Teacher; Sydney Sickels – Sixth Grade Teacher; Maizee Lindsey – Head JH Softball; and Maggie Linsey – Assistant JH Softball. **Motion** by Allen, second by Sullivan. Motion carried unanimously.
  - The Board approved the lane change request for Emily Layton to move from BA+24 to MA for the 2022-2023 school year, pending review and submission of supporting documentation. **Motion** by Sullivan, second by Buckingham. Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board approved the first reading of the 600 series of board policy regarding the education program. **Motion** by Buckingham, second by Sullivan. Motion carried unanimously.

#### INFORMATION ITEMS:

- Superintendent Coffelt shared the latest Rural School Advocates of Iowa (RSAI) Call to Action regarding education-related legislative issues. Board directors discussed status and impact of these various topics.
- Upcoming Dates:
  - a. Regular Meeting: Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 7:15 p.m. - High School Library/Google Meet.

Buckingham moved the meeting be adjourned at 9:22 p.m. Second by Sullivan.

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Amber Swartz, President

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Becky Broich, Board Secretary