

Minutes for April 12, 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, April 12, 2022.

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

Board members absent: None

Others in attendance in person or electronically were: Chris Coffelt, Becky Broich, and two guests.

Board Vice-President Allen called the meeting to order at 7:21 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

The public hearing for the proposed 2022-2023 school budget was held. No written or public comment was given or received.

CONSENSUS ITEMS AND REPORTS:

The following consent items were approved:

- The agenda for April 12, 2022.
- Minutes of the previous meeting on March 8, 2022.
- Financial reports for the following funds for March 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 April:
General Fund \$76,195.84; Activity Fund \$44,706.70; Lunch Fund \$35,409.70; PPEL Fund \$15,969.00; Capital Projects Fund \$34,352.27.
- Funds in the amount of \$8,005.05 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.
- One open enrollment application for a student from Mormon Trail to attend CD beginning the 2022-2023 school year.
- The following fundraising request: Central Trail FFA – Lamb Show in June.

Motion to approve all items listed in Consensus Items and Reports listed above by Buckingham, second by Sullivan. Motion carried unanimously.

- One open enrollment application for a CD student to attend Mormon Trail was denied due to the application filed late with good cause not founded or documented. **Motion** by Saxton, second by Buckingham. Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Budget
 - The Board adopted the 2022-23 school budget with a tax rate of \$12.40780 per \$1,000 taxable valuation. **Motion** by Sullivan, second by Saxton. Motion carried unanimously.
 - The budget guarantee is a mechanism that is designed to respond to declining enrollment allowing districts to receive an increase of 1% over the prior year's Regular Program District Cost. The board is not expected to be eligible for the budget guarantee for 2022-2023, but is advised to adopt the resolution just in case. The board adopted the following resolution in order to receive the scale down or 101% budget guarantee. **Resolution:** RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of Central Decatur Community School District, will levy property tax for fiscal year 2022-2023 for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed under section 257.14, Code of Iowa. **Motion** by Saxton, second by Sullivan. Motion carried unanimously.
- District Facility Projects:
 - Three architectural design firms have responded to engage the District in a facilities master planning process and provide project development for door entries, safety/security, and HVAC projects. A work session is planned for Tuesday, May 10 to interview submitted priorities proposals.
 - The Board approved the purchase of Kajeet SmartBus Wi-Fi to be installed on ten buses with one year of internet service made possible by grant funding from the Emergency Connectivity Fund. **Motion** by Sullivan, second by Saxton. Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS cont'd:

- Return to Learn:
 - The Board approved the list of classified and other staff to receive the same retention payment that teachers did in the amount of \$1,000 utilizing ESSER funds in April.
 - The Board approved a retention/recruitment payment utilizing ESSER funds in the amount of \$1,000 to be paid for all staff in September contingent upon a signed contract and actual return. Staff would pay a pro-rated amount back if they do not complete the 2022-2023 contract/assignment or are put on administrative leave.
Motion by Sullivan, second by Saxton. Motion carried unanimously.
- Class of 2022/Students
 - The board approved Class of 2022 students for graduation, pending successful completion of all district graduation requirements and to forgive hours missed due to inclement weather and water main breaks.
Motion by Buckingham, second by Sullivan.
 - Students have missed a total of 29.32 hours - four days and two early outs due to inclement weather and water main breaks. The 2021-2022 calendar was developed with a significant number of hours above the required minimum of 1,080. The board approved to waive the missed hours for all students K-11. **Motion** by Buckingham, second by Sullivan. Motion carried unanimously.
- The following Southwestern Community College (SWCC) Educational Services Contracts were approved for 2022-23: Nurse Assisting Career Academy, Welding Career Academy, Carpentry and Building Trades, and Online Arts and Sciences courses. The SWCC contract for Welding Career Academy and Health Science Career Academy beginning June 1, 2022 through August 1, 2022 was also approved. **Motion** by Saxton, second by Buckingham. Motion carried unanimously.
- Personnel
 - The Board accepted the resignation from the following effective the end of the school year: Karley Whelchel – Secondary English; Mark West – Secondary Science; Kyle Dell – Secondary Physical Education; Kyle Ramaeker – Secondary Math; Anne Winslow-Cook – Elementary Art; and Larry Johnson – Secondary Business. **Motion** by Sullivan, second by Buckingham. Motion carried unanimously.
 - The Board accepted the retirement from Sue Carroll, Director of Maintenance with appreciation for her years of service. **Motion** by Buckingham, second by Sullivan. Motion carried unanimously.
 - The Board approved the following hires: Alex Burnette – Secondary Business; Doretta Bear – Secondary Science; Christopher Dyer – Secondary Science; Seth Baumfalk – Assistant High School Volleyball; Mindy Hamilton – Summer School Coordinator; and Cayle Buckingham – Elementary School Counselor. **Motion** by Sullivan, second by Swartz. Motion carried with Buckingham abstaining.
 - The Board approved the lane change request for Amy Tharp to move from BA+12 to BA-24 for the 2022-2023 school year, pending review and submission of supporting documentation. **Motion** by Swartz, second by Sullivan. Motion carried unanimously
- The Board approved the second reading of the 600 series of board policy regarding the education program. **Motion** by Buckingham, second by Swartz. 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. National Teacher Appreciation Day – Tuesday, May 3, 2022
 - b. Staff Recognition Week – May 2-6, 2022
 - c. Board of Education Appreciation Month - May
 - d. Work Session: Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 7:15 p.m. - High School Library. Regular meeting directly following.

Buckingham moved the meeting be adjourned at 8:23 p.m. Second by Sullivan.