

Minutes for June 15, 2022 Central Decatur Board of Education Meeting

The Central Decatur Community School Board of Education met in regular session in the High School Library on Wednesday, June 15, 2022.

Board members present: Cayle Buckingham, Amber Swartz, Sean Saxton and Andy Sullivan. Cassy Allen joined the meeting electronically from 7:28-7:37 p.m.

Board members absent: None

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

Board President Swartz called the meeting to order at 7:28 p.m.

CONSENSUS ITEMS AND REPORTS:

The following consent items were approved:

- The agenda for June 15, 2022.
- Minutes of the previous meetings on May 10 and 25, 2022.
- Financial reports for the following funds for May 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 June and July 1:
General Fund \$107,425.27; Activity Fund \$34,161.74; Lunch Fund \$36,503.43; PPEL Fund \$17,547.00; Capital Projects Fund \$41,426.82; Management Fund \$206,178.85.
- Funds in the amount of \$13,629.76 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.
- One fundraising request was approved for FCCLA to sell pies.

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

CANDIDATES INTERESTED IN BOARD VACANCY

- With the resignation of Board Director Cayle Buckingham, the board will appoint a candidate in District 3. The selected candidate will fulfil the remainder of the open seat until November 2023. Three candidates have expressed interest, Nick Tharp, Jeff Landrum, and Jerri Eakes. Each introduced themselves and shared why they would like to serve on the board.

ACTION ITEMS:

- 2021-02022 District Data
 - HR Director Becca Crouch talked about open positions in the district and statewide and the employee and student assistance programs. The assistance programs are free to staff and students and are completely confidential to talk with licensed counselors to help with a range of areas of support including emotional, nutritional, and financial health.
 - Principals Amy Whittington and Dan Johnson gave updates and reviewed the school climate survey and student achievement results.
 - Elementary Updates: Amy reviewed the Rocket Math curriculum that was new this year for K-6. As preschool numbers continue to grow, the administration has developed a Junior Kindergarten program beginning 2022-2023.
 - Secondary Updates: Over the last year, the focus has been creating a definition and increasing rigor in the classroom. A Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) will be implemented for 2022-2023, creating an intervention period during the day. Students will have their assigned seminar at least once a week and will be able to work on behavior or academic needs on the other days.
- The board accepted the District Career Plan for 2021-2022, which guides the individual career and academic planning process for students in grades 8-12. **Motion** by Buckingham, second by Saxton. Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS CONT'D:

- District Facility Projects:
 - Superintendent Coffelt, Sue Carroll, and Brent Muller met with representatives from FEH Design and IMEG Engineering to begin discussions on ESSER facility projects and facility master planning. Planning is scheduled for August through October with formal review at the November board meeting. **Motion** by Saxton, second by Buckingham. Motion carried unanimously.
 - Kajeet has installed wi-fi on our buses. Emergency Connectivity grant funds were used for this project.
 - The Board approved the low bid from Dell Technology to purchase chromebooks. Two hundred will be purchased with ESSER funds plus an additional one hundred if we are granted Emergency Connectivity Funds. **Motion** by Saxton, second by Buckingham. Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board approved the 2022-2023 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 Buckingham, second by Saxton. Motion carried unanimously.
- Personnel:
 - The Board approved the following resignations with appreciation for their service: Diane Cornett – Paraeducator and Steve Gilbert – Assistant HS Football Coach . **Motion** by Buckingham, second by Sullivan. Motion carried unanimously.
 - The Board approved the following hires: Mona Baker – Secondary Science Teacher, Madison McCarty – 4th Grade Teacher, and Tricia Applegate – Secondary Summer School Credit Recovery. **Motion** by Sullivan, second by Saxton. Motion carried unanimously.
 - It is with great sadness that we recognize that Frank Howell lost his battle with cancer. A celebration of life will be held at Graceland University’s Shaw Center on June 26.
- The Board approved the first reading of the 700 series of board policy regarding: Non-instructional Operations and Business Services and board policy 549 – Co-Curricular Activities. **Motion** by Buckingham, second by Sullivan. Motion carried unanimously. Amber will meet with Chris and Becky to further review these policies prior to the second reading.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- The board was given the Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB) legislative action priorities to select for the 2023 general session. Four priorities that represent our greatest local needs will be selected at the July meeting. The board also reviewed education legislation including open enrollment, operational sharing, and educational savings accounts.
- The following handbooks were shared with the board to review with approval at the July meeting: Elementary and Secondary Student, Employee, and Athletics and Activities.
- Upcoming Dates:
 - a. Special Meeting: Wednesday, July 6, 2022 – 7:15 pm – High School Library.
 - b. Regular Meeting: Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at 7:15 p.m. - High School Library.

Superintendent Coffelt and board members thanked Cayle for her time and service for nearly three years. Buckingham moved the meeting be adjourned at 9:16 p.m. Second by Sullivan.

Amber Swartz, President

Becky Broich, Board Secretary