

Minutes for October 11, 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 Tuesday, October 11, 2022.

Board members present: Amber Swartz, Cassy Allen, Sean Saxton, Andrew Sullivan, and Nick Tharp.

Board members absent: None

Others in attendance: Zach Clark, Dan Johnson, Amy Whittington, Chris Coffelt, Becky Broich, and four guests.

Board President Swartz called the meeting to order at 7:21 p.m.

CONSENSUS ITEMS AND REPORTS:

The following consent items were approved:

- The agenda for October 11, 2022.
- Minutes of the previous meetings on September 20, 2022.
- Summary list of bills for October:
General Fund \$85,292.23; Activity Fund \$26,769.17; Scholarship Fund \$209.22; Lunch Fund \$42,856.27; PPEL Fund \$793.00; Capital Projects Fund \$185,560.51; Management Fund \$3,025.00.
- Funds in the amount of \$8,439.17 will be transferred from the general fund to the lunch fund. \$7,869.17 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 & ESSER III) for COVID-19 expenses incurred and \$570 are parent fees that weren't owed but requested the funds transferred to their student meal accounts.
- Funds in the amount of \$119,500 will be transferred from the general fund to the capital projects fund. This transfer provides ESSER III funds for the approved purchase of a bus.
- Open enrollment applications for one student to attend CD from the Chariton Community School District.
- There were no fundraising requests.

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

LEARNING LINK:

Melissa Linhart and Cayle Buckingham talked about the University of Iowa's School of the Wild. Fifth and Sixth grade students get to participate in a week long outdoor environmental learning experience at Slip Bluff and Nine Eagles. Students have a great time learning about the environment and surrounding areas. This year data was collected on the social emotional aspect as well.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Athletic/Activities Director Zach Clark gave an update on fall sports and talked about girls wrestling and e-Sports.
 - The Board approved forming and sharing a girls wrestling team with Mount Ayr, Wayne, and Lamoni for the 2022-2023 season under the name "Southern Tier Wrestling" and the hire of Connor Christensen as head coach, pending successful completion of coach authorization. **Motion** by Allen, second by Tharp. Motion carried unanimously.
 - The Board approved forming an e-Sports Club for the winter season and hiring Alex Burnette as sponsor. **Motion** by Saxton, second by Tharp. Motion carried unanimously.
- Personnel:
 - The Board approved the following coach contracts: Shane Akers, Head HS Baseball; Rudy Evertsen, Head HS Softball; Maizee Lindsey, Head JH Softball; Calieb Kistler, Head Golf; and Kyle Kelso, Assistant JH Wrestling. **Motion** by Allen, second by Sullivan. Motion carried unanimously.
 - The Board accepted the resignations of Jessica Oesch, paraeducator and Bruce Miller, Bus Driver. **Motion** by Allen, second by Sullivan. Motion carried with Swartz abstaining.
 - The Board was notified that Melanie Puck has been hired as a paraeducator.
- Superintendent Coffelt reviewed the development of the facilities master plan and HVAC project specifications. Further review of these projects will happen at the November board meeting. The District will complete a security and vulnerability assessment December 1, 2022. Completion of this assessment is required to access the federal school safety improvement funds.
- The Board approved seeking allowable growth and supplemental aid for the 2021-22 negative special education balance in the amount of (-\$87,846.60). The board reviewed a comparison to the 2020-21 school year, along with variables contributing to the negative balance. **Motion** by Allen, second by Saxton. Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board approved the second reading of the following board policies: 800 Series – Buildings & Sites, 900 Series – Community Relations, and 105 – Assistance Animals. **Motion** by Allen, second by Tharp. Motion carried

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.
- The Board talked about the Early Retirement Incentive, possible development of an Early Notification Incentive, and reviewed teacher salary and benefits for similar certified enrollment sized districts.
- Upcoming Dates:
 - a. October is National Principals Month
 - b. Annual Meeting: Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at 7:15 p.m. - High School Library. Organizational/Regular Meeting will directly follow.
 - c. Veteran's Day Assembly: Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.
 - d. Joint Board Session with Lamoni Board of Education – To be determined.

Saxton moved the meeting be adjourned at 9:18 p.m. Second by Allen.

Amber Swartz, President

Becky Broich, Board Secretary