

Minutes for December 21, 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, December 21, 2022.

Board members present: Amber Swartz and Sean Saxton. Cassy Allen joined via Google Meet.

Board members absent: Nick Tharp and Andrew Sullivan.

Others in attendance: Reed Festing-Smith, Estes Construction Project Manager, Dan Johnson, Amy Whittington, Chris Coffelt, and Becky Broich.

Board President Swartz called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

CONSENSUS ITEMS AND REPORTS:

The following consent items were approved:

- The agenda for December 21, 2022.
- Minutes of the previous meeting on November 8, 2022.
- Summary list of bills for December:
General Fund \$173,711.80; Activity Fund \$55,488.90; Lunch Fund \$44,417.57; PPEL Fund \$8,227.00; Capital Projects Fund \$49,297.97; Management Fund \$19,975.25.
- Funds in the amount of \$15,771.15 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 (American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief –ESSER III) for COVID-19 expenses incurred.
- There were no open enrollment applications.
- The fundraising request for the International Club to hold a dance for grades 9-12 in January.

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

LEARNING LINK:

- Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) is the K-12 law that replaced No Child Left Behind. ESSA requires states to publish report cards reflecting the performance on required measures of school districts. Iowa's online report card is called Iowa School Performance Profiles.
The website is: <https://www.iaschoolperformance.gov/ECP/Home/Index>. Elementary Principal Amy Whittington and Secondary Principal Dan Johnson reviewed school district data contained in this online tool, as well as looked at specific student achievement data.

ACTION ITEMS:

- District Projects/Purchases:
 - Reed Festing-Smith, Estes Construction, reviewed District HVAC projects and bids received. The apparent low bid for these projects is LA Fulton. Federal ESSER III funds will apply to this project. Financial details were discussed to cover the gap between ESSER III funds and the project total. The Board will hold a special meeting on January 4, 2023 to decide on the projects and funding options. No action was taken.
 - The Board approved the purchase of the Character Strong curriculum using Federal Title V funds. This curriculum focuses on social-emotional learning. **Motion** by Saxton, second by Allen. Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board approved the renewal of the Natural Gas Program Participation Agreement for 2023-24 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 Allen, second by Saxton. Motion carried unanimously.
- Personnel:
 - The Board was notified of Shondell Martin's resignation and the appointment of Angie Buckingham to serve as the Middle/High School Office Manager.
 - The Board approved offering an Early Notification Stipend for the 2022-23 school year. This stipend is designed to allow the District a longer time-frame to advertise and fill the position with a high quality and highly qualified candidate for the 2023-24 school year. This stipend applies to full-time certified and classified employees, as well as non-certified directors and managers. **Motion** by Saxton, second by Allen. Motion carried.
- The Board approved the second reading of the 100 Series – School District of board policy. **Motion** by Allen, second by Saxton. Motion carried.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- Board President Amber Swartz highlighted her experience attending the IASB School Board Convention last month. Superintendent Coffelt shared the link to the convention general session recordings and session handouts.
- The Iowa High School Athletic Association (IAHSAA) is recommending a change in classifications in the sport of football to include socio-economic status for the 2023 season.
- Upcoming Dates:
 - a. Special Meeting: Wednesday, January 4, 2023 – 7:30 p.m. – High School Library
 - b. Joint Meeting: Wednesday, January 11, 2023 – 7:30 p.m. – Lamoni High School
 - c. Regular Meeting: Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. - High School Library.

Allen moved the meeting adjourn at 9:03 p.m. Second by Saxton.

Amber Swartz, President

Becky Broich, Board Secretary