

## Minutes for January 18, 2023 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, January 18, 2023.

Board members present: Amber Swartz, Nick Tharp and Sean Saxton. Cassy Allen joined via Google Meet. Andrew Sullivan joined the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Board members absent: None.

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

Board President Swartz called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

### CONSENSUS ITEMS AND REPORTS:

The following consent items were approved:

- The agenda for January 18, 2023.
- Minutes of the previous meetings on December 21, 2022 and January 4 & 11, 2023.
- Summary list of bills for January:  
General Fund \$146,738.13; Activity Fund \$23,454.59; Lunch Fund \$28,741.07; PPEL Fund \$793.00; Capital Projects Fund \$34,556.82; Management Fund \$3,564.00; Scholarship Fund \$2,442.27.
- Funds in the amount of \$8,086.25 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 following fundraising requests were approved: Central Trail FFA – Roping, Swine & Calf Show, Tractor Pull, and Lamb & Goat Show; Senior Class – Silent Work Auction and Sub Sandwich Sales; and FCCLA – Cater Chamber Banquet.

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

### ACTION ITEMS:

- District Projects/Purchases:
  - Reed Festing-Smith, Estes Construction, reviewed the timeline for the District HVAC projects and roofing. The District will use available ESSER III funds and borrow against Secure an Advanced Vision for Education (SAVE) funds to pay for the projects. This process to secure funds is anticipated to be completed February 15, 2023. The Board approved a notification letter to LA Fulton and Sons as notice to proceed with all items necessary to initiate work with this project. **Motion** by Saxton, second by Allen. Motion carried unanimously.
  - The Board approved the Bond Counsel Engagement Agreement – Proposed Issuance of Approximately \$1,500,000 School Infrastructure Sales, Services, and Use Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2023 with Ahlers & Cooney, P.C. **Motion** by Saxton, second by Tharp. Motion carried unanimously.
  - The Board also reviewed the timeline and key dates established to move forward with the HVAC and roof projects.
- The Board approved the Modified Supplemental Amount of \$65,625 for the 23-24 At-Risk/Dropout Prevention program. This amount supports portions of the following positions: Summer Credit Recovery Coordinator, a potential new position of Secondary Math Interventionist to support students in grades seven-twelve, and the Multi-Tiered Systems of Support Team (MTSS) which includes the Juvenile Court Liaison Officer, School Counselor, and Elementary Success Coach. The MTSS team identifies, monitors, supports, and provides individualized and specialized interventions for at-risk students. **Motion** by Allen, second by Tharp. Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board approved to continue to share the following operational sharing positions with Lamoni CSD and Green Hills AEA for the 2023-2024 school year: Superintendent (60%-CD, 40%-L); HR Director (50%-CD, 50%-L); Transportation Director (80%-CD, 20%-L); and Social Worker (40%-CD, 60%-AEA). **Motion** by Saxton, second by Allen. Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board approved the request to host a Rotary International Youth Exchange Student in 2023-24. **Motion** by Allen, second by Tharp. Motion carried with Saxton abstaining.

### ACTION ITEMS CONT'D:

- Personnel:
  - The Board approved the following resignations and early notification stipend applications:
    - Certified Staff and Non-Certified Directors/Managers: Mark Huppert, Technology Director; Becky Andrews, Library Media Services; and Alex Burnette, Secondary Business Teacher.
    - Classified Staff: Deb Saville, Para; Mike Durell, Bus Driver; Gregg Reynolds, Custodian; and Mabelle Clark, Paraprofessional.  
*Motion* by Sullivan, second by Tharp. Motion carried unanimously.
    - Other Classified Staff Resignations: Cindy Havens, Central Office Assistant; Samantha Durrow, Paraprofessional; and Sherry Greenwood, Part-Time Cook.
  - The Board approved the lane change request for Steve Neilssen to move from BA+12 to BA+24 for the 2023-2024 school year, pending review of supporting documentation. *Motion* by Allen, second by Saxton. Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board approved the first reading of the 200 Series Board Policy - Board of Directors. *Motion* by Saxton, second by Sullivan. Motion carried.

### INFORMATION ITEMS:

- Superintendent Coffelt talked about issues related to education from Governor Reynolds' Condition of the State Address including her request to create educational savings accounts to attend private schools and a 2.5% increase in supplemental state aid (SSA). Other legislative resources were shared with the board.
- The Board reviewed different financial indicators that are monitored as it relates to development of the 2023-2024 certified budget.
- Superintendent Coffelt shared a draft copy and reviewed considerations for development of the 2023-24 school calendar. The calendar will be reviewed by staff and parents and is expected to be approved at the March board meeting.
- Upcoming Dates:
  - a. Special Meeting: Wednesday, February 1, 2023 – 7:30 p.m. – High School Library/Google Meet.
  - b. Regular Meeting: Wednesday, February 22, 2023 - 7:30 p.m. - High School Library.
  - c. Special Meeting: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 – 12:00 p.m. – High School Library.
  - d. Regular Meeting: Wednesday, March 22, 2023 – 7:30 p.m. – High School Library

Saxton moved the meeting adjourn at 8:55 p.m. Second by Allen.

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Amber Swartz, President

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Becky Broich, Board Secretary