

## Minutes for February 22, 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, February 22, 2023.

Board members present: Amber Swartz, Sean Saxton, and Cassy Allen.

Board members absent: Nick Tharp and Andrew Sullivan.

Others in attendance: Matt Gillaspie, Piper Sandler & Co Managing Director-Public Finance Services, Dan Johnson, Chris Coffelt, and Becky Broich.

Board President Swartz called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

### CONSENSUS ITEMS AND REPORTS:

The following consent items were approved:

- The agenda for February 22, 2023.
- Minutes of the previous meetings on January 11 Joint Meeting with Lamoni Board of Education, January 18, and February 1, 2023.
- Summary list of bills for February :  
General Fund \$198,503.07; Activity Fund \$18,098.62; Lunch Fund \$43,189.73; PPEL Fund \$4,409.40; Capital Projects Fund \$76,290.12.
- Funds in the amount of \$8,389.11 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.
- One open enrollment application was approved for a Lamoni CSD student to attend CD beginning the 2023-24 school year.
- The following fundraising requests were approved: Central Decatur Music Dept – Clubs Choice Fundraising and Junior Class – Krispy Kreme Doughnuts.

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

### LEARNING LINK:

- Secondary Highlights - Secondary Principal Dan Johnson
  - Since we were unable to fill a second science teacher position for this year, the Board approved an agreement with Imagine Learning to provide an online class format and teacher for seventh grade science and high school biology. Mr. Johnson shared examples of what instruction looked like, percentage of work completed, student support systems, and student grades. Overall, the student pass rate was 93% for the first semester.
  - Mr. Johnson reviewed dual credit courses that students are taking through SWCC and Graceland and Future Ready data.
  - A Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) was implemented this year. The MS/HS moved from a nine-period day to eight which creates an intervention period during the day. Students have their assigned seminar session at least once a week and are able to work on behavior or academic needs on the other days.

### ACTION ITEMS:

- The Board considered financing proposals opened and reviewed by the superintendent, board secretary, and placement agent Matt Gillaspie, Piper Sandler. Mr. Gillaspie reviewed the proposals. The Board approved the resolution titled “Resolution Directing the Sale of \$1,270,000 School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2023” arranging the sale of these bonds to Farmers Bank of Northern Missouri. **Motion** by Allen, second by Saxton. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Allen, Saxton, Swartz. Nays: None

## ACTION ITEMS CONT'D:

- District Projects/Purchases:
  - Quotes were shared with the Board for the replacement of the MS/HS gym floor due to the frozen pipe/water damage that happened in December. The Board will make a decision at the March board meeting.
  - The Board approved the DANNCO quote to replace the softball batting cage. The quote was slightly higher than the low bid. Per board policy 705.1 – Purchase – Bidding, the Board can give purchasing preference to Iowa goods and services from locally-owned businesses or Iowa based companies if the cost and other considerations are relatively equal and meet the required specifications. **Motion** by Allen, second by Saxton. Motion carried unanimously.
  - The Board approved the SWCC-Informed Consent Conflict Waiver with Ahlers & Cooney, P.C. regarding a MOU relating to the Career Academy Incentive Fund grant from the Iowa Department of Education for programming at the GOLD Center in Ringgold County. The GOLD Center will house an Automotive Career Academy, which CD students may participate in. The firm represents the College as well as the Districts involved in the MOU, which requires all parties to sign the informed consent waiver. **Motion** by Saxton, second by Allen. Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board approved the resolution titled “Resolution of the Central Decatur CSD adopting the Decatur County, Iowa Hazard Mitigation Plan, January 2023. FEMA requires that the Hazard Mitigation Plan is updated every five years and the District must approve the resolution demonstrating commitment as a community partner in achieving the goals outlined in the plan. **Motion** by Saxton, second by Allen. Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board approved the ROCCS request to use a District vehicle for a retreat to Kansas City, MO March 24-26, 2023. **Motion** by Allen, second by Saxton. Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board approved the early graduation request from a senior that has completed all necessary requirements. **Motion** by Allen, second by Saxton. Motion carried unanimously.
- Personnel:
  - The Board approved the following:
    - Resignations:
      - Becca Crouch, HS Basketball Cheer Sponsor; Chad Ray, Head JH Girls Basketball; Jon Pedersen, all coaching – Head HS Football, Head HS Boys Track, and Summer Skills; and Tracy Andrews, Head JH Volleyball. **Motion** by Saxton, second by Allen. Motion carried unanimously.
    - Hires:
      - Kristine Young, SPED Teacher; Colby Wilken, Secondary Science Teacher; Carter Wilken and Cody Wilken, Co-Head JH Baseball; and Nick Tharp, Assistant HS Boys Track. **Motion** by Saxton, second by Allen. Motion carried unanimously.
    - Lane Changes for the 2023-2024 school year, pending review of supporting documentation:
      - From BA to BA+12 – Whitney Hanthorn, Miranda Lane-Marvin, and Tracy Martin.  
From MA to MA+12 – Chelsey Sinclair. **Motion** by Allen, second by Saxton. Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board approved the second reading of the 200 Series Board Policy - Board of Directors. **Motion** by Allen, second by Saxton. Motion carried.

## INFORMATION ITEMS:

- Superintendent Coffelt shared the RSAI Legislative Update from February 16, 2023 and highlighted the legislative community forum on February 24.
- Financial indicator reports that are monitored as it relates to development of the 2023-2024 certified budget were shared with the Board.
- Superintendent Coffelt shared staff feedback for the 2023-24 school calendar draft.
- Upcoming Dates:
  - a. Special Meeting: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 – 12:00 p.m. – High School Library/Google Meet.
  - b. Regular Meeting: Wednesday, March 22, 2023 – 7:30 p.m. – High School Library

Saxton moved the meeting adjourn at 9:30 p.m. Second by Allen.

The Board entered into exempt session under Iowa Code Chapter 20.17(3) for collective bargaining strategy.