

Minutes for May 24, 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, May 24, 2023.

Board members present: Amber Swartz, Sean Saxton, Cassy Allen, and Nick Tharp. Andrew Sullivan joined the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Board members absent: None

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

Board President Swartz called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

- The public hearing on the proposed 2022-2023 school budget amendment was held in person and via Google Meet. No written or public comment was given or received.

CONSENSUS ITEMS AND REPORTS:

The following consent items were approved:

- The agenda for May 24, 2023.
- Minutes of the previous meeting on April 19, 2023.
- Summary list of bills for May :
General Fund \$132,267.51; Activity Fund \$41,332.56; Lunch Fund \$37,455.92; PPEL Fund \$793.00; Capital Projects Fund \$50,143.00; Bond & Interest Fund \$350,062.50; Scholarship Fund \$300.00.
- Funds in the amount of \$8,761.95 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.
- The open enrollment application for a student to attend CD beginning the 2023-2024 school year was denied due to insufficient classroom space, caseload capacity, and lack of appropriate special education program.
- There were no fundraising requests.

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

LEARNING LINK:

- Athletic/Activity Director Zach Clark, highlighted various athletics and activities topics, including spring activities. The eSports team has had a successful year, qualifying for state during the winter season and qualifying for state for the spring season. The eSports team is the number one seed in the game SMITE. In addition, Zach highlighted work of the CD Booster Club who has donated over \$150,000 back to CD athletic programs since 2016. The CD Performing Arts Booster Club has raised enough money to provide consistent, yearly support to the activity programs they support. AD Clark also discussed how Bound is used as the District platform for scheduling, stats, score reporting, and athletic registrations.

ACTION ITEMS:

- The Lamoni Community School District did not have enough student-athletes to host baseball for the 2023 season and requested to share with CD. The Board approved sharing the 2023 baseball season with Lamoni Community School District. **Motion** by Allen, second by Sullivan. Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board approved amending the 2022-2023 budget to increase estimated expenditures in the areas of Non-instructional Programs and total other expenditures to allot for federal funding/increase costs and the HVAC/roof projects. **Motion** by Saxton, second by Allen. Motion carried unanimously.
- District Projects/Purchases
 - Estes Construction Project Engineer Alli Thiesen reviewed a change order for the HVAC program and the summer construction timeline. The Board approved change order PCO #001 for additional costs required to comply with the Davis-Bacon wages. **Motion** by Allen, second by Saxton. Motion carried unanimously.
 - As previously reviewed by the Board, the District is replacing the Middle/High School gym floor due to water damage from a frozen water pipe in December 2022. The District will sell sections of the Middle/High School gym floor via online auction website: www.32auctions.com/cdhs. The auction will run from 8:00 a.m. Saturday, May 27 to 4:00 p.m. Friday, June 2, 2023.
 - The Board reviewed the bids for replacing the remaining areas needed on the MS/HS roof and approved the low bid from Commercial Roof Coatings. **Motion** by Sullivan, second by Allen. Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS CONT'D:

District Projects/Purchases cont'd:

- Superintendent Coffelt continued the discussion of school safety and security and reviewed the bids received for security cameras and radios. The District will begin the process to apply for funds from the School Safety Improvement Fund.
- Personnel:
 - The Board accepted the resignations of the following staff effective at the end of this contract year: Maddie McCarty, Elementary Teacher; Chris Cougill, Secondary SPED Teacher; and Joy Evertsen, Nutrition Services Director. **Motion** by Tharp, second by Saxton. Motion carried unanimously.
 - The Board reviewed the applicants that were originally approved for this stipend in January. The following were approved pending turning in the participation request: Lacey Johnson, Seth Baumfalk, and Cody Ferguson. Since the amount allotted for certified staff was not fully expended, the Board approved Samantha Durrow's participation request. **Motion** by Saxton, second by Allen. Motion carried unanimously.
 - The Board approved the following contracts for the 2023-2024 school year: Colby Wilken, Elementary PE; Mona Baker, Secondary Science Teacher; Steve Schmidt, Secondary PE; and Jon Pedersen, Head High School Football Coach. **Motion** by Allen, second by Sullivan. Motion carried unanimously.
 - The Board approved the Services Agreement for Managed Services with Green Hills AEA for 2023-2024. The services include Teacher Librarian Service and vCISO Service (Cybersecurity). **Motion** by Sullivan, second by Tharp. Motion carried unanimously.
 - The City of Leon has proposed providing a School Resource Officer for 25 hours per week during the 2023-2024 school year, with costs covered by the city for the initial year. This position qualifies for operational sharing funds through the state. The Board will review again at the June 28, 2023 meeting.
 - The Board approved an amendment to the School Based Supervision Contract. This contract provides one Juvenile Court Services Liaison (Brian Carson) to provide School-Based Supervision services at CD. The amendment replaces the Department of Health and Human Services as the Contract Owner to the Iowa Judicial Branch, as well as renewing the contract for the next fiscal year. **Motion** by Allen, second by Tharp. Motion carried unanimously.
 - The Board approved the tentative agreement for 2023-2024 school year with the Central Decatur Education Association. This agreement provides step and lane advancement, adds \$1,650 to the generator base, and adds \$1,650 to the supplemental scale base for a total package increase of 4.2%. **Motion** by Allen, second by Tharp. Motion carried unanimously.
 - The Board reviewed staff recruitment and retention as well as current resignations and vacancies.
- The Board approved the first reading of the 300 series (Administration) of Board Policy. **Motion** by Allen, second by Saxton. Motion carried unanimously. -

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- Superintendent Coffelt talked about staff appreciation week and recognized the leadership the Board has provided this past year in honor of May as School Board Recognition month. These volunteers provide countless hours of service and leadership to the school district throughout the year.
- Upcoming Dates:
 - a. Regular Meeting: Wednesday, June 28, 2023 – 7:30 p.m. – High School Library
 - b. Regular Meeting: Wednesday, July 26, 2023 – 7:30 p.m. – High School Library

Allen moved the meeting adjourn at 9:23 p.m. Second by Sullivan.

The Board did not go in to exempt session under Iowa Code Chapter 20.17(3) for collective bargaining strategy following the meeting.

Amber Swartz, President

Becky Broich, Board Secretary