

Minutes for January 17, 2024 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 17, 2024.

Board members present: Cassy Allen, Sean Saxton, and Andrew Sullivan. Amber Swartz joined the meeting electronically.

Board members absent: Nick Tharp.

Others in attendance: Alli Theisen via Google Meet, Kyle Sheetz, Shaun Kloster, Mark Patience, Zach Clark, Amy Whittington, Chris Coffelt, Becky Broich and one guest.

Board Vice-President Allen called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

CONSENSUS ITEMS AND REPORTS:

The following consent items were approved:

- The agenda for January 17, 2024.
- Minutes of the previous meeting on December 21, 2023.
- Financial reports for the following funds for December 2023: General, Management, Physical Plant and Equipment Levy, Capital Projects, Bond and Interest, Partial-Self Insurance Fund, Activity, Scholarship, and Lunch.
- Summary list of bills for January:
General Fund \$98,455.49; Activity Fund \$11,984.02; Lunch Fund \$26,011.91; PPEL Fund \$793.00; Capital Projects Fund \$139,918.51; Scholarship Fund: \$2,335.30.
- Funds in the amount of \$278.77 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: FCCLA – Host a Gold Out game on January 30, 2024 and sell items.

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

LEARNING LINK:

- Estes Construction Project Engineer Alli Theisen reviewed progress for District HVAC projects. Since the project is nearing final completion, Alli reviewed the Certificate of Substantial Completion and discussed punch list items.
- School Resource Officer (SRO) Shaun Kloster talked about successes, challenges and considerations relative to starting this position this year. Overall, this has been a positive addition for the District.
- Technology Coordinator Mark Patience talked about successes, challenges and considerations relative to sharing this position with Lamoni CSD. The District also utilizes technology services through Green Hills AEA.
- Athletic/Activities Director Zach Clark shared student interest in girls soccer and how the sport would look at CD if the District approves sharing with Lamoni CSD.

ACTION ITEMS:

- District Projects/Purchases
 - After review of remaining punch list items and warranty corrections, the Board approved the Certificate of Substantial Completion for the HVAC upgrades project. **Motion** by Sullivan, second by Saxton. Motion carried unanimously.
 - The District received one bid for auditing services. The board awarded the auditor bid to Nolte, Cornman, and Johnson, PC for the next three years ending FY26. **Motion** by Swartz, second by Saxton. Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board approved the Modified Supplemental Amount of \$113,000 for the 24-25 At-Risk/Dropout Prevention program. This amount supports portions of the following positions: Summer Credit Recovery Coordinator and the Multi-Tiered Systems of Support Team (MTSS) which includes the Juvenile Court Liaison Officer, School Counselor, Elementary Success Coach and Student Support Services, and Licensed Master Social Worker. The MTSS team identifies, monitors, supports, and provides individualized and specialized interventions for at-risk students. **Motion** by Saxton, second by Swartz. Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS CONT'D

- The Board approved to continue to share the Superintendent position (60%-CD, 40%-L) with Lamoni CSD for the 2024-25 school year. **Motion** by Saxton, second by Sullivan. Motion carried unanimously. All other operational/sharing positions will be reviewed at the February board meeting.
- The Board approved the request to host a Rotary International Youth Exchange Student in 2024-25. **Motion** by Sullivan, second by Swartz. Motion carried with Saxton abstaining.
- Board Policy:
 - The Board approved the second reading of two new policies: Discipline of Students Who Make Threats of Violence or Cause Incidents of Violence and Reporting a Threat of Violence or Incidence of Violence. **Motion** by Sullivan, second by Saxton. Motion carried unanimously.
 - The Board approved a dual enrolled student walking at graduation if they have earned 50% of their credits from Central Decatur and with credits received from an accredited public institution. A student can only earn a CD diploma if they have met all CD graduation requirements, including earning all fifty credits at an accredited public school. **Motion** by Sullivan, second by Saxton. Motion carried unanimously.
- Personnel:
 - The Board was accepted the resignation of Zach Clark as Head JH Football Coach. **Motion** by Swartz, second by Sullivan. Motion carried unanimously.
 - The Board approved the lane change requests for the following: Miranda Lane-Marvin to move from BA+12 to BA+24 and Chelsey Sinclair to move from MA+12 to MA+24 for the 2024-2025 school year, pending review of supporting documentation. **Motion** by Sullivan, second by Saxton. Motion carried unanimously.
 - The Board reviewed the participation for the early notification stipend last year. The Board approved to not offer the early notification stipend or the early retirement incentive plan this year. **Motion** by Sullivan, second by Saxton. Motion carried unanimously.
- After discussion, the Board approved sharing girls' soccer with Lamoni CSD this spring. **Motion** by Saxton, second by Swartz. Motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- Board Business:
 - The Board continues to focus on staff recruitment and retention. The Board is planning a community forum in February to discuss a school calendar with a 4-day school week as a potential option for the 2024-2025 school year.
 - Superintendent Coffelt reviewed some details of the education priorities that came out of the Governor's Condition of the State speech, specifically focusing on her bill that restructures the AEA and eliminates several of the services we receive from the AEA, her recommendation for 2.5% Supplemental State Aid (SSA) and a \$50,000 minimum teaching salary, with a guarantee of \$62,000 after twelve years.
 - Superintendent Coffelt talked about safety and security measures in place at CD.
- Upcoming Dates:
 - a. February 21: Board of Education Regular Meeting @ 7:30 pm - High School Library.

Saxton moved the meeting adjourn at 9:51 p.m. Second by Sullivan.

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

Cassy Allen, Vice-President

Becky Broich, Board Secretary