

Minutes for August 21, 2024 Central Decatur Board of Education Meeting

The Central Decatur Community School Board of Education met in regular session in the High School TAP Room 1122 on Wednesday, August 21, 2024.

Board members present: Sean Saxton, Cassy Allen, Amber Swartz, and Andrew Sullivan . Nick Tharp joined the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Board members absent: None

Others in attendance: Brian Crawford, Russ Reiter, and Connor Wohlenhaus of Denovo Construction Solutions, Chris Coffelt, Becky Broich and three guests.

Board President Swartz called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. No public comment was given.

CONSENSUS ITEMS AND REPORTS:

The following consent items were approved:

- The agenda for August 21, 2024.
- Minutes of the previous meeting on July 15, 2024.
- Financial reports for the following funds for July 2024: 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 August:
General Fund \$215,993.71; Activity Fund \$11,327.43; Lunch Fund \$963.81; PPEL Fund \$21,374.82; Capital Projects Fund \$78,341.57; Management Fund \$2,500.00.
- The following 2024-2025 annual agreements:
 - Head Start Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and budget. This MOU defines how Central Decatur and Head Start partner together to provide the collaborative Little Cards Preschool.
 - Rental agreement with South Central Iowa Theatre (SCIT) in the amount of \$3,500. This agreement supports performance and practices for fall/spring plays.
- The District is required to appoint a Level 1 and Level 2 Investigator on an annual basis. Brian Carson will serve as District Level 1 Investigator, with Kerry Welch to serve as the alternate at the elementary and Cayle Buckingham serving as the alternate for the secondary. The Decatur County Sheriff's Department will serve as the Level 2 Investigative Agency. Cayle Buckingham will serve as Homeless Liaison as School Counselor. The District Equity Coordinator and Title IX Coordinator are identified as the District Human Resources Director – Becca Crouch.
- The MOU for Teacher/Paraeducator Registered Apprenticeship Program with William Penn University.
- There following fundraising requests: CD Athletics – donations to renovate the weight room; FCCLA – pie coupons from Pies & Such; Central Trail FFA – Hog Raffle and sell fruity, meat, cheese, etc; Class of 2025 – serve food at Pizza Hut in Lamoni and La Bota; Flags – sell spirit items – tattoos, necklaces, etc.

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

- Open enrollment applications for two CD students to attend the Lamoni CSD the 2024-25 school year were denied due to the applications filed late with good cause not founded or documented. **Motion** by Sullivan, second by Saxton. Motion carried unanimously.

LEARNING LINK:

Denovo Construction Solutions team members Brian Crawford, Russ Reiter, and Connor Wohlenhaus introduced Denovo Smart, highlighting their process for completing a facility needs assessment and long range planning for the District.

ACTION ITEMS:

- District Projects/Purchases:
 - The installation of door access and cameras is planned to start next week. The new front door system at South Elementary will be installed the end of August/beginning of September. The Motorola radios for each building have arrived but are still waiting on radios for the buses and repeater to complete the project.
 - The SWCC Construction class is planning to put up the new pole barn by the livestock facility and is evaluating a potential house construction project.
- Personnel:
 - The Board approved the following hires: Rayden Boswell, Assistant Varsity Football Coach and Ashly Green and Stephanie Drees, High School Football Cheer Sponsors, position split 50/50. **Motion** by Sullivan, second by Saxton. Motion carried unanimously.
 - As an interim solution, we have reached an agreement with Clarke CSD to share their Nutrition Services Director, Kathy McClain. **Motion** by Saxton, second by Sullivan. Motion carried unanimously.
 - The Board approved 2024-2025 Employee Handbook. **Motion** by Sullivan, second by Allen. Motion carried unanimously.
 - Classified Notifications:
 - Resignations – Trish Thomas, Paraeducator and Cheryl Jensen as sub driver/transportation assistant.
 - Hires – Paraeducators: Kilee Dugan, Lyndin Marvin, and Jessica Ymir

ACTION ITEMS CONT'D

- The Board approved the annual review of the following board policies:
103- Long-Range Needs Assessment, 505.08-Parent and Family Engagement District-Wide, 505.08R1-Parent and Family Engagement District-Wide Regulation, 506.01-Education Record Access, 506.01R1-Education Record Access Regulation, 506.1E1-Request of Non-Parent for Examination or Copies of Education Records, 506.1E2-Authorization for Release of Education Records, 506.1E3-Request for Hearing on Correction of Education Records, 506.1E4-Request for Examination of Education of Education Records, 506.1E5-Notification of Transfer of Education Records, 506.1E6-Letter to Parent Regarding Receipt of a Subpoena, 506.1E8-Annual Notice, 506.02-Student Directory Information, 506.02R1-Student Directory Information Regulation, 506.2E1-Authorization for Releasing Student Directory Information, 506.04-Student Library Circulation Records. **Motion** by Allen, second by Tharp. Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board approved the second reading of the following policies:
200.04; 206.03; 401.06; 402.03; 501.03; 501.09; 501.09R1; 501.14; 501.15; 502.06; 505.02; 603.01; 603.12; 607.02; 710.01; 801.03; 803.02; 905.03 and rescinded 501.09E1; 501.10; and 501.10R1.
The Board provided first reading approval of the following updated Title IX policies: 106.01, 106.01E1, 106.01R1, 106.01R2, 106.01R3, 106.01R4, 106.01R5, 501.012, 708 at the July meeting. Recently, the Federal 5th Circuit has placed an injunction on revisions to Federal Title IX law. As a result, the Board will need to table these policies until the status of this law has been determined through the court system. **Motion** by Saxton, second by Allen. Motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- Board Business:
 - Superintendent Coffelt talked about 2024-25 strategic priorities, focusing on staff recruitment & retention, student achievement, safe learning environment, community engagement and district finances and facilities. The Board will further discuss ways to measure and monitor progress and success in these areas this school year.
- Upcoming Dates:
 - a. August 23, 2024: First Day of School.
 - b. September 25, 2024: Board of Education Regular Meeting @ 7:30 p.m. – High School Tap Room 1122
 - c. October 16, 2024: Board of Education Regular Meeting @ 7:30 p.m. – High School Tap Room 1122
 - d. November 20, 2024: Board of Education Annual/Organizational Meeting @ 7:30 p.m. – High School Tap Room 1122
 - e. November 21, 2024: 79th Annual IASB Convention

Allen moved the meeting adjourn at 8:49 p.m. Second by Sullivan.

Amber Swartz, President

Becky Broich, Board Secretary