

## Minutes for September 25, 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, September 25, 2024.

Board members present: Sean Saxton, Cassy Allen, Amber Swartz, and Nick Tharp . Andrew Sullivan joined the meeting virtually at 7:48 p.m.

Board members absent: None

Others in attendance: Chad Alley of Estes Construction, Zach Clark, Amy Whittington, Dan Johnson, Chris Coffelt, Becky Broich and two 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 September 25, 2024.
- Minutes of the previous meeting on August 21, 2024.
- Financial reports for the following funds for August 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 September:  
General Fund \$113,351.72; Activity Fund \$22,662.92; Lunch Fund \$9,777.79; PPEL Fund \$4,255.54; Capital Projects Fund \$262,957.77; Management Fund \$16,141.50.
- Remaining funds for the Class of 2024 reallocated to: FFA \$300; FCCLA \$100; Student Council \$550.
- There were no open enrollment requests.
- FFA members to attend the 2024 National FFA Convention Oct 22-26 in Indianapolis, IN.
- There following fundraising requests: Class of 2025 – sell movie posters; CD Music Department – meal/silent auction at All Music Night; Cardinal Dance Team - Overnighter in HS gym/commons.

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

- The Board approved the following interfund loan transactions:
  - Repayment to the General Fund from the lunch fund for an interfund loan totaling \$130,325 from September 2023.
  - The Resolution for this loan is as follows: Interfund loan from the General Fund to Lunch Fund within the amount of \$100,000. The terms of repayment of the loan are as follows including the payment of interest: Transfer on September 26, 2024 Payback on or before September 30, 2025 at a rate equal to the First Interstate Bank daily rate of .25%. Approximate interest to pay back = \$250.

***Motion*** by Tharp, second by Allen. Motion carried unanimously.

### LEARNING LINK:

- Estes Construction Project Manager Chad Alley reviewed completed/on-going projects and detailed the process Estes would follow to complete a new facility analysis, update the District Facility Needs Assessment and prioritize projects for master planning.
- Dan, Amy, and Chris discussed SF2435, the new Iowa law that establishes the district attendance policy and details consequences for chronic absenteeism. The Board reviewed attendance trends from the last several years and a District Attendance Policy Communication Plan that will be shared with parents to inform them of changes in attendance policy and practice.
- Athletic/Activity Director Zach Clark highlighted fall sports participation and activities.

### ACTION ITEMS:

- District Projects/Purchases:
  - The Board approved the updated cost of the pole barn from North Lumber and MayJay LLC for concrete by the livestock facility. ***Motion*** by Saxton, second by Tharp. Motion carried unanimously.
  - The Board approved the purchase of a 2024 Chevrolet Suburban from Karl Chevrolet.
  - The safety and security project is expected to be completed in November.
- Personnel:
  - The Board approved the hire of Bonnie Clark as Assistant JH Volleyball Coach. ***Motion*** by Saxton, second by Tharp. Motion carried unanimously.
  - Classified Notifications:
    - Resignations – Amber Suazo, Cook.
  - Superintendent Coffelt talked about the possibility of sharing a communications support specialist with Martensdale St. Mary's CSD. This position would qualify for operational sharing, providing state incentive funding to support the position.

### ACTION ITEMS CONT'D

- The Board approved seeking allowable growth and supplemental aid for the 2023-24 negative special education balance in the amount of (-\$261,158.45). **Motion** by Allen, second by Saxton. Motion carried unanimously
- The Board approved the first reading of the following policies: 502.10; 503.09; 503.09R1; 603.01; 700. **Motion** by Allen, second by Saxton. Motion carried unanimously.

### INFORMATION ITEMS:

- Board Business:
  - The Board discussed the 2024-25 strategic priorities and began the process of finalizing goals for this year. Strategic priorities include student achievement, staff recruitment and retention, safe and secure learning environment, district facilities, and fiscal health and responsibility.
  - October 1 is the enrollment count day for certified enrollment. A comparison to the previous year will be shared at the October meeting.
  - Amy and Dan talked about how the year started with the 4-day school week. Administration and board members will continue to monitor the impact of a 4-day school week, staff recruitment and retention as well as student attendance and achievement.
- Upcoming Dates:
  - a. October 1: Certified Enrollment Count Date
  - b. October 15: RSAI Annual Meeting and Dinner
  - c. October 23: Board of Education Regular Meeting @ 7:30 p.m. – High School Tap Room 1122
  - d. November 20: Board of Education Annual/Organizational Meeting @ 7:30 p.m. – High School Tap Room 1122
    - i. Work Session: IASB Financial Indicators
  - e. November 21: 79<sup>th</sup> Annual IASB Convention
  - f. December 11: Possible Joint Work Session @ Lamoni
  - g. December 18: Board of Education Regular Meeting @ 7:30 p.m. High School Tap Room 1122

Saxton moved the meeting adjourn at 9:27 p.m. Second by Allen.

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Amber Swartz, President

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Becky Broich, Board Secretary