

Minutes for December 11, 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, December 11, 2024.

Board members present: Sean Saxton, Amber Swartz, Cassy Allen, Andrew Sullivan, and Nick Tharp.

Board members absent: None

Others in attendance: Mark Patience, Bonnie Clark, Laci Erke, Micheala Lane, Amy Whittington, Dan Johnson, 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 Flexibility Account Resolution was held. No written or public comment was given or received.

CONSENSUS ITEMS AND REPORTS:

The following consent items were approved:

- The agenda for December 11, 2024.
- Minutes of the previous meeting on November 20, 2024.
- Financial reports for the following funds for November 2024: General, Management, Physical Plant and Equipment Levy, Capital Projects, Bond and Interest, Partial-Self Insurance Fund, Activity, Scholarship, and Lunch and a correction for the October 2024 General Fund financial report.
- Summary list of bills for December:
General Fund \$149,380.09; Activity Fund \$26,897.29; Lunch Fund \$26,876.68; Capital Projects Fund \$70,168.19; PPEL Fund \$2,246.24; Bond & Interest Fund \$24,331.25; Management Fund \$16,141.50.
- Two open enrollment applications that met qualifying criteria due to a change in residence were approved for a Kindergarten and sophomore student from the Clarke CSD to attend CD, beginning immediately.
- There fundraising request to sell yearbook ads was approved.

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

LEARNING LINK:

- Mark Patience, District Technology Coordinator, provided an update to the Board on the Safety & Security Project. The current status includes the installation of 43 cameras, which offer a total of 80 views, along with 20 Halo sensors, 3 intercom systems for main entry doors, 18 door access controls, and 28 door position sensors. Staff have started receiving their access cards, and the system is expected to be fully operational shortly after the second semester begins. Additionally, 24 Clear Touch interactive displays have been set up in classrooms. Mark also discussed his work schedule, which involves balancing responsibilities between the Central Decatur and Lamoni districts, as well as shared details about upcoming goals and projects.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Amy Whittington, Dan Johnson, Laci Erke, Micheala Lane, and Bonnie Clark provided an overview of the community achievement report, a newly required report of the Iowa Department of Education Universal Desk Audit, as well as looked at specific student achievement data for grades 4-12. It provides a snapshot of school performance, but may not tell the entire story about performance of students in that school. The Board approved the community achievement report, which will be posted on the District website. **Motion** by Sullivan, second by Tharp. Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board approved the resolution directing expenditures of the School Flexibility Fund. This resolution authorizes the District to transfer \$72,500 of Teacher Leadership and Compensation (TLC) funds to the Flexibility Fund for salary/benefits to hire a Teacher Learning Facilitator to provide professional development to staff to improve teaching and learning through a more intentional effort on analyzing student data, supporting evidenced based teaching practices and identify priority learning standards and targets. **Motion** by Allen, second by Tharp. Motion carried unanimously.
- Superintendent Coffelt updated the Board on the work and timeline with Denovo Constructions Solutions to complete a Facility Needs Assessment. A work session will be held in February to review the assessment. No action was necessary.

ACTION ITEMS CONT'D

- Personnel:
 - The Board approved the resignation from Tim Casey as Assistant Boys Track Coach. **Motion** by Sullivan, second by Tharp. Motion carried unanimously.
 - The Board discussed the possibility of offering an early retirement incentive, but ultimately decided that there was no need to offer the incentive this year. **Motion** by Sullivan, second by Tharp. Motion carried unanimously.
 - The Board reviewed the participation in the early notification stipend from 2022-2023 and need for such notification, based on this review, approved the decision to not offer the early notification stipend for this year. **Motion** by Allen, second by Tharp. Motion carried unanimously.
- Board Policy:
 - The Board approved the second reading of 604.09E1-Home School Assistance Policy. **Motion** by Allen, second by Saxton. Motion carried unanimously.
 - The Board approved the following board policy updates: 401.01; 503.01; 503.01R1; 503.02; 605.3R1; and 701.05R1. These updates were legislative or minor changes which can be approved at one meeting. The Board also approved the first reading of 503.08R1-Regulation for Discipline of Students Who Make Threats of Violence or Cause Incidents of Violence. **Motion** by Allen, second by Tharp. Motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- Board Business:
 - Congratulations to Amber Swartz for receiving an Individual Achievement Award through IASB Annual Board Awards program. This award is given to individuals who complete a minimum of 15 hours of learning in one year to improve their knowledge and skills by attending IASB-led learning events. Amber also shared her experience attending sessions at the IASB Annual Convention on November 21.
 - The Board reviewed the spring semester of the 2024-25 board calendar including future topics and work to be done.
- Upcoming Dates:
 - a. December 18: Joint Board Session with Lamoni Board of Education @ 7:30 p.m. – Lamoni High School
 - b. January 8: Board of Education Regular Meeting @ 7:30 p.m. - High School Tap Room 1122
 - c. January 28: IASB Day on the Hill
 - d. February 12: Board of Education Regular Meeting @ 7:30 p.m. - High School Tap Room 1122. A work session will also be held.

Sullivan moved the meeting adjourn at 9:02 p.m.

Amber Swartz, President

Becky Broich, Board Secretary