

## Minutes for April 23, 2025 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, April 23, 2025.

Board members present: Amber Swartz, Sean Saxton, and Cassy Allen. Andrew Sullivan joined virtually via Google Meet at 7:43 p.m. Nick Tharp joined the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Board members absent: None

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

Board President Swartz called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

### COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

- The public hearing for the proposed 2025-2026 school budget was held. No written or public comment was given or received.

### CONSENSUS ITEMS AND REPORTS:

The following consent items were approved:

- The agenda for April 23, 2025.
- Minutes of the previous meetings on March 26, 2025.
- Financial reports for the following funds for March 2025: 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 April:
  - General Fund \$104,359.04; Activity Fund \$20,086.61; Lunch Fund \$22,325.50
  - Capital Projects Fund \$33,511.98; Bond & Interest Fund \$357,600.00
- Transfers for April:
  - Funds in the amount of \$966.46 will be transferred from the General Fund to the Lunch Fund. This transfer provides the Lunch Fund with 21<sup>st</sup> Century grant funds for expenses incurred.
  - Funds in the amount of \$50,842.05 will be transferred from Capital Projects to Bond & Interest. This transfer is for Sales Tax Revenue Bond Principal & Interest payments for 2024-25.
- There were no open enrollment applications.
- There were no fundraising requests.

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

### LEARNING LINK:

- Superintendent Coffelt expressed his gratitude to the administrative professionals in the District for Administrative Professionals Day.

### ACTION ITEMS:

- Budget:
  - The budget guarantee is a mechanism that is designed to respond to declining enrollment allowing districts to receive an increase of 1% over the prior year's Regular Program District Cost. The board adopted the following resolution in order to receive the scale down or 101% budget guarantee. **Resolution:** RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of Central Decatur Community School District, will levy property tax for fiscal year 2025-2026 for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed under section 257.14, Code of Iowa.
  - The Board adopted the 2025-2026 school budget with a tax rate of \$12.76 per \$1,000 taxable valuation. Approval of budget guarantee resolution and the 2025-2026 school budget: **Motion** by Saxton, second by Allen. Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: Ayes: Allen, Swartz, and Saxton. Nays: None.
- The 2025-2026 school calendar was approved. **Motion** by Allen, second by Saxton. Motion carried unanimously.
- The following Southwestern Community College (SWCC) Educational Services Contracts were approved for 2025-2026: Health Sciences, Welding Career Academy, Carpentry and Building Trades, Computer Networking, Applied Engineering Technology and Arts and Sciences courses. **Motion** by Allen, second by Saxton. Motion carried unanimously.

## ACTION ITEMS CONT'D

- Personnel:
  - The Board approved the following Summer School Staff: Carlee Hamilton, Jenny Jones, Lisa Jackson, Beth Hall, Torie Martz, Tracy Martin, Tim Casey, Cassie Havlik, and Kristine Birkland. **Motion** by Saxton, second by Allen. Motion carried unanimously. Other summer support staff will be approved in May.
  - The Board approved the hire of Julie Pedersen and Kristi Minnick as Home School Assistance Program (HSAP) Liaisons for 2025-2026. **Motion** by Saxton, second by Allen. Motion carried unanimously.
  - The Board approved the hire of Carlee Hamilton as Preschool Special Education Teacher beginning 2025-2026. **Motion** by Allen, second by Saxton. Motion carried unanimously.
  - The Board approved the hire of Chalin Dassau as Head JH Baseball Coach, pending successful completion of coaching authorization. **Motion** by Saxton, second by Allen. Motion carried unanimously.
  - The Board approved a Memorandum of Understanding with Green Hills AEA for 2025-2026 services and supports. **Motion** by Saxton, second by Allen. Motion carried unanimously.
  - Classified staff resignations: Mark Dirkswager, Custodian and Chelsey Page, Paraeducator.
- District Projects/Purchases:
  - Superintendent Coffelt expressed his appreciation to the City of Leon Water Department for outstanding support and service in response to the recent water line break impacting our facilities.
  - Superintendent Coffelt asked the Board to review the facility needs assessment and begin to prioritize areas of importance for potential future projects.No action was taken.

## INFORMATION ITEMS:

- Board Business:
  - Superintendent Coffelt shared the latest School Administrators of Iowa (SAI) legislative update, focusing on areas of cell phones, chronic absenteeism, management fund levy, and property tax reform.
- Upcoming Dates:
  - a. National Teacher Appreciation Day – Tuesday, May 6, 2025
  - b. Staff Recognition Week – May 5-9, 2025
  - c. Board Appreciation Month - May
  - d. May 14: Board Work Session w. Matt Gillaspie, Piper Sandler – District Infrastructure Financing Capacity @ 7:30 p.m. – High School Tap Room 1122. Regular Meeting @ 8:30 p.m.
  - e. 2025 Graduation: Sunday, May 18, 2025 @ 3:00 p.m.

Allen moved the meeting adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Second by Saxton.

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Amber Swartz, President

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Becky Broich, Board Secretary