

Minutes for May 14, 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, May 14, 2025.

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

Board members absent: Nick Tharp

Others in attendance: Dan Johnson, Chris Coffelt, Becky Broich, and three guests. Amy Whittington joined virtually via Google Meet.

Board President Swartz called the meeting to order at 9:03 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

- The public hearing for the proposed 2024-2025 school budget amendment was held. No written or public comment was given or received.

CONSENSUS ITEMS AND REPORTS:

The following consent items were approved:

- The agenda for May 14, 2025.
- Minutes of the previous meeting on April 23, 2025.
- Financial reports for the following funds for April 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 May:
 - General Fund \$156,924.51; Activity Fund \$26,143.65; Lunch Fund \$27,509.61
 - Capital Projects Fund \$2,616.33; PPEL Fund \$793.00.
- Transfers for May:
 - Funds in the amount of \$374.70 will be transferred from the General Fund to the Lunch Fund. This transfer provides the Lunch Fund with 21st Century grant funds for expenses incurred.
 - Funds in the amount of \$50,842.00 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.
- The Contract for Transfer of State Funding for Green Hills AEA special education services.

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

LEARNING LINK:

- Secondary Principal Dan Johnson highlighted the goals and objectives identified in the District Career and Academic Plan (DCAP), reviewing the opportunities and actions to ensure students have explored and identified pathways for college and career readiness. Students start this plan in eighth grade using Xello college and career readiness software and continue to review it through their senior year. The Board discussed the success of efforts to provide students authentic learning opportunities through welding, health care, and construction trades, as well as the culinary arts coffee shop and catering business and identified continued areas of growth including computer science, culinary science, work-based learning, and pharmacy tech.
- The Board approved the review of the DCAP. **Motion** by Sullivan, second by Saxton. Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS:

- The Board approved amending the 2024-2025 budget to increase estimated expenditures in the areas of instruction by \$39,500 to allot for increased costs associated with the increase in teacher salary supplement (TSS) due to the new teacher salary minimum increase. **Motion** by Allen, second by Sullivan. Motion carried unanimously.
- District Projects/Purchases:
 - The Board approved the quote from TRC Retrofit Environmental to remove and properly dispose old chemicals from the science closet.
 - The Board approved the purchase of chromebooks from CDWG – 200 devices purchased this month and 140 devices to be purchased after July 1, 2025.
 - The Board approved the following purchases from KCAV:
 - Eight TV monitor displays for hallway communication/notification of which \$11,911 is covered by South Central Iowa Community Foundation (SCICF) grant.
 - Eighteen clear touch displays for use in classrooms.
 - **Motion** by Allen, second by Saxton. Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS CONT'D

- The board approved Class of 2025 students for graduation, pending successful completion of all district graduation requirements. **Motion** by Sullivan, second by Allen. Motion carried unanimously.
- Personnel:
 - The Board approved the following hires: Crystal Locke, Secondary Math and Zac Goodall, Band beginning 2025-2026; and Trish Thomas, Assistant JH Softball. **Motion** by Allen, second by Saxton. Motion carried unanimously.
 - The Board approved the following resignations: Kathy Akers, Spanish & Health Teacher/Yearbook Sponsor; Peyton Gilbert, Assistant HS Football; Cassy Allen, Head JH Girls Basketball; and Annalise Minnick, Assistant Drama Sponsor. **Motion** by Saxton, second by Sullivan. Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board approved the first reading of the following polices: 102, 102R1, 102E1-E5, 302.01, 303.02, 401.01, 600, 603.04, 605.01R1, 710.01R1, 710.01E1-E2, 206.03, 401.05, 501.08, 506.01, 708, 804.06, 901, 402.02, 503.09, 503.09R1, 804.02, and 804.05-804.05E1. **Motion** by Saxton, second by Sullivan. Motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- Board Business:
 - Teacher and staff appreciation celebrations were last week. May is Board appreciation month. Superintendent Coffelt expressed his appreciation to staff and board directors for their continued leadership, service, and commitment to the District.
 - Principals Whittington and Johnson shared student achievement data from Fastbridge assessments and the Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP). Results indicate positive student growth and proficiency. Student achievement data has been reviewed regularly for the Board to determine the potential impact of a four-day school week on student learning.
 - Superintendent Coffelt shared the latest School Administrators of Iowa (SAI) legislative update.
- Upcoming Dates:
 - a. 2025 Graduation: Sunday, May 18, 2025 @ 3:00 p.m.
 - b. June 11, 2025: Board Work Session w. Denovo – District Facility Needs Assessment Priorities @ 7:30 p.m. – High School Tap Room 1122. Regular Meeting @ 8:30 p.m.
 - c. July 23, 2025: Regular Meeting @ 7:30 pm – High School TAP Room 1122
 - d. August 13, 2025: Regular Meeting @ 7:30 pm – High School TAP Room 1122

Allen moved the meeting adjourn at 10:15 p.m. Second by Sullivan.

Amber Swartz, President

Becky Broich, Board Secretary