

Minutes for July 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, July 23, 2025.

Board members present: Amber Swartz, Sean Saxton, and Cassy Allen. Nick Tharp joined virtually via Google Meet.

Board members absent: Andrew Sullivan

Others in attendance: Chris Coffelt and Becky Broich.

Board President Swartz called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. No public comment was given.

CONSENSUS ITEMS AND REPORTS:

The following consent items were approved:

- The agenda for July 23, 2025.
- Minutes of the previous meetings on June 11, 2025.
- Financial reports for the following funds for June 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 July:
General Fund \$419,815.31; Activity Fund \$78,685.99; Lunch Fund \$3,755.60
Capital Projects Fund \$146,388.77; PPEL Fund \$19,638.20; Management Fund \$298,301.74
- Funds in the amount of \$640.65 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 \$7,121.42 will be transferred from the general fund to the activity fund. This transfer reimburses the activity fund for safety equipment purchases for 2024-2025.
- Open enrollment applications were approved for two Lamoni CSD students to attend CD for the 2025-2026 school year.
- Fundraising request for softball to sell tickets for a meal from Cater 2 U 2 this fall.

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

ACTION ITEMS:

- District Projects/Purchases:
 - The Board approved the quote from Trane for compressor replacement for a roof top unit and a three-year service agreement for preventative maintenance. **Motion** by Saxton, second by Allen. Motion carried unanimously.
 - The Board approved the quote from Midwest Bus Repair to replace bus cameras that are no longer working. **Motion** by Allen, second by Saxton. Motion carried unanimously.
 - The Board reflected on the work session with Denovo last month and discussed financial options.
- The Board reviewed the RSAI 2026 Legislative Issue Survey and selected the following top four priorities for the District to submit to IASB for the upcoming 2026 Legislative session:
 - Student and staff mental health and wellness
 - Using public dollars for public schools
 - School Funding Policy – Adequate and timely funding
 - Ensuring a safe learning environment**Motion** by Allen, second by Saxton. Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board approved the Elementary and Secondary Student, Athletic/Activity, Employee, and Emergency Operations Plan Handbooks for 2025-26. **Motion** by Saxton, second by Allen. Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board approved the bid for milk and related products from Anderson Erickson. This was the only bid received. **Motion** by Allen, second by Saxton. Motion carried unanimously. Bread and meal prices will be reviewed at the August meeting.
- The Board reviewed the 2025-2026 fee schedule including: Activity admissions/passes, Driver's Ed, book rental, laptop deposit, band rental, class dues, and meals. Fees will be approved at the August meeting.

ACTION ITEMS CONT'D

- Personnel:
 - The Board approved the resignation of Ethan Thomas as Assistant HS Baseball Coach. **Motion** by Allen, second by Saxton. Motion carried unanimously.
 - The Board approved the following hires: Jesse English, 7-12 Art teacher; Laci Erke and Micheala Lane, Instructional Coaches; and Zach Mendenhall, Head JH Girls Basketball coach. **Motion** by Allen, second by Saxton. Motion carried unanimously.
 - The Board approved the hire of Nate Tharp as Assistant HS Football coach. **Motion** by Saxton, second by Allen. Motion carried with Tharp abstaining.
 - The Board approved the agreement to continue to share the Nutrition Services Director, Kathy McClain for 2025-2026. **Motion** by Saxton, second by Allen. Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board approved to continue sharing the following with Lamoni CSD for 2025-2026: girls and boys wrestling and baseball (hosted by CD), girls and boys bowling and girls soccer (hosted by Lamoni). **Motion** by Allen, second by Saxton. Motion carried unanimously.
- Board Policy:
 - Superintendent Coffelt shared a summary of enacted legislation affecting school districts from this last session.
 - The Board approved the following policies: 104, 104.E1, 104.E3, 211, 402.02, 402.03, 405.02, 411.02, 501.03, 501.09, 501.09R1, 505.05, 507.01, 603.01, 603.05. Revisions from 2024 for policy 106.01 were rescinded. **Motion** by Allen, second by Saxton. Motion carried unanimously. These policies were revised because of legal change over which the board has no control or change which is minor; these policies are approved at one meeting.
 - The Board will review board policy 503.10 – School Safety Assessment Team at the August meeting.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- Board Business:
 - School board director elections are Tuesday, November 4. Director seats up for election are: Amber Swartz, At-Large and Cassy Allen, District 1.
- Upcoming Dates:
 - a. August 13, 2025: Regular Meeting @ 7:30 pm – High School TAP Room 1122
 - b. August 19, 2025: Back to School Breakfast @ 8:30 am
 - c. August 26, 2025: First Day of School
 - d. September 10, 2025: Regular Meeting @ 7:30 pm – High School TAP Room 1122

Superintendent Coffelt reviewed the progress made on the 2024-2025 district priorities and has begun developing goal and action plans for the 2025-2026 school year. Areas of focus include: District facilities, fiscal responsibility, student achievement, staff recruitment and retention, and community engagement.

Allen moved the meeting adjourn at 9:05 p.m. Second by Saxton.

Amber Swartz, President

Becky Broich, Board Secretary