

Minutes for June 11, 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, June 11, 2025.

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

Board members absent: None

Others in attendance: School Resource Officer (SRO) Shaun Kloster, Dan Johnson, Amy Whittington, Chris Coffelt, and four guests.

Board President Swartz called the meeting to order at 8:46 p.m. No public comment was given.

CONSENSUS ITEMS AND REPORTS:

The following consent items were approved:

- The agenda for June 11, 2025.
- Minutes of the previous meetings on May 14, 2025.
- Financial reports for the following funds for May 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 June:
General Fund \$107,249.41; Activity Fund \$24,445.35; Lunch Fund \$24,002.59
Capital Projects Fund \$2,130.00; PPEL Fund \$2,871.00; Bond & Interest Fund \$149,331.25
And bills due after July 1: Management Fund \$55,686.72 and PPEL Fund \$10,550
- Funds in the amount of \$577.43 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.
- There were no open enrollment applications.
- 2025-2026 Nutrition Services Consortium Purchasing Agreements: Renewal of 28E Agreement through the Central Buying Consortium (CBC) and contracts with the following vendors: Martin Brothers – food and supplies and chemicals for dish and cleaning and Loffredo – produce.
- 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:

- SRO Shaun Kloster provided an end-of-year report for the 2024-2025 school year. SRO Kloster highlighted actions and data that ensured the safety and well-being of students and staff during the 2024-2025 school year by assisting in conflict resolution, providing mentorship to students, collaborating with school staff to address and mitigate any safety concerns, and engaging with the community through various outreach programs.

ACTION ITEMS:

- District Projects/Purchases:
 - The Board approved the quote from Push-Pedal-Pull for the weight room renovation. Donations and grant funds have been raised to complete this project. **Motion** by Saxton, second by Sullivan. Motion carried unanimously.
 - The Board approved the quote from Horton Floor Covering, Inc to replace carpet in five North Elementary classrooms. **Motion** by Allen, second by Tharp. Motion carried unanimously.
 - The Board approved the updated quote from TRC Retrofit Environmental to remove and properly dispose of old chemicals from the science closet. **Motion** by Saxton, second by Allen. Motion carried unanimously.
 - The Board approved a three-year contract through Stryke Security, Inc for Linewize/Classwize internet filter services. **Motion** by Saxton, second by Allen. Motion carried unanimously.
 - The Board approved the repair from Trane for the replacement of condenser fans for the roof top unit for the gym. **Motion** by Tharp, second by Allen. Motion carried unanimously.
 - The Board approved the sale of old, unused uniforms. **Motion** by Allen, second by Tharp. Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board approved the agreement and resolution for participation in the Storm Protection Fund, and Iowa Code Chapter 28E Entity and Chapter 670 Risk Pool. This fund was developed as a cost-effective way for districts and AEAs to support each other by creating a pooled lost fund to pay for participants' 1% wind/hail deductible. **Motion** by Tharp, second by Saxton. Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: Ayes – Swartz, Saxton, Allen, Tharp, Sullivan; Nays – None.

ACTION ITEMS CONT'D

- The Board approved the Central Trail FFA trip request to attend the 2025 National Western Stock Show in Colorado from January 18-22, 2026. **Motion** by Allen, second by Tharp. Motion carried unanimously.
- Personnel:
 - The Board approved the following hires: Colby Wilken, Summer Weight Lifting; Connor Christensen, Assistant Summer Weight Lifting; and Nicole Martz. District Business Office Specialist (DBO). Motion by Saxton, second by Allen. Motion carried unanimously.
 - The Board approved the Certified Staff Tentative Agreement for 2025-2026. **Motion** by Saxton, second by Allen. Motion carried unanimously.
 - The Board approved the Classified Staff Tentative Agreement for 2025-2026. **Motion** by Saxton, second by Tharp. Motion carried unanimously.
 - The Board approved the salary increase for 2025-2026:
 - District business office staff = 4% with an increase for Jill Sage to be commensurate with the new District Business Office Specialist. **Motion** by Saxton, second by Allen. Motion carried unanimously.
 - Principals = 3%. **Motion** by Saxton, second by Tharp. Motion carried unanimously.
 - Directors/Coordinator/Court Liaison = 3%. **Motion** by Saxton, second by Allen. Motion carried unanimously.
 - Superintendent = 3%. **Motion** by Saxton, second by Tharp. Motion carried unanimously.
 - The Board approved the 2025-2026 staff lists of certified, coach/sponsors, classified, and all other staff contracts. **Motion** by Allen, second by Tharp. Motion carried unanimously.
 - Classified Notifications were provided and include:
 - Resignations: Amy Yoder, Cook and Emma Rasmussen, Paraeducator.
 - Kitchen Staff Hires: Rae Goodell, Lexi Pittsenbarger, and Ashley Wasson.
- Board Policy:
 - The Board approved the second reading of the following policies: 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. **Motion** by Allen, second by Sullivan. Motion carried unanimously.
 - The Board approved the second reading of the Intranasal Naloxone (Narcan) Administration board policy (804.05-804.05E1). **Motion** by Saxton, second by Tharp. Motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- Board Business:
 - The following handbooks were shared with the board to review with approval at the July meeting: Elementary and Secondary Student, Employee, Athletics/Activities, and Emergency Operations Plan. The Principals reviewed suggested and mandatory revisions from the 2025 legislative session to the student handbooks.
 - Amy, Dan, and Chris shared highlights for the year regarding student and staff attendance, with ongoing efforts to monitor chronic absenteeism and improve attendance for both groups. Notably, student attendance has shown improvement this school year compared to last year.
 - The Board was given the Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB) legislative action priorities to select for the 2026 general session. Four priorities that represent the District's greatest local needs will be selected at the July meeting.
 - 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. July 23, 2025: Regular Meeting @ 7:30 pm – High School TAP Room 1122
 - b. August 13, 2025: Regular Meeting @ 7:30 pm – High School TAP Room 1122

Allen moved the meeting adjourn at 9:55 p.m. Second by Saxton.