

Minutes for December 10, 2025 Central Decatur Board of Education Work Session

The Central Decatur Community School and Lamoni Community School Boards of Education met for a work session in the High School Library on Wednesday, December 10, 2025.

CD Board members present: Sean Saxton, Amber Swartz, Cassy Allen, and Jo Frank.

CD Board members absent: Nick Tharp

Lamoni Board members present: Nate Pierschbacher, Zack Mullins, Kathy Lerma-DeNuccio, Michele Dickey-Kotz, and Kris Stevenson.

Others in attendance: Stacy Jones, Becky Broich and Chris Coffelt.

The work session began at 7:30 p.m.

The two boards reviewed their current operational sharing agreements, including shared positions such as Superintendent, Transportation Director, Business/Communications, Social Worker, and School Resource Officer. Benefits highlighted included shared expertise, stronger collaboration, and the ability to maintain positions that might not be financially possible without sharing due to state funding formulas and the revenue received from the partner district.

Boards also discussed challenges, including community perception, the need to set clear expectations, and the importance of building community trust. They reviewed the revenue-versus-expense breakdown of shared positions and examined a map showing how many districts across the state participate in similar operational sharing agreements.

Additional shared positions were noted, including Technology Coordinator and shared athletics programs (wrestling, bowling, eSports). The boards also identified having capacity for four more FTEs of sharable positions and discussed other possibilities for future sharing, while also maintaining individual district identity.

The work session ended at 8:55 p.m.

Amber Swartz, President

Becky Broich, Board Secretary