

## Minutes for March 23, 2026 Central Decatur Board of Education Meeting

The Central Decatur Community School Board of Education met in special session in the High School Library on Monday, March 23, 2026.

Board members present: Nick Tharp and Jo Frank. Amber Swartz and Sean Saxton joined the meeting virtually.

Board members absent: Cassy Allen

Others in attendance: Amy Whittington, Dan Johnson, Chris Coffelt, and four guests.

Board President Swartz called the meeting to order at 6:11p.m.

The agenda for March 23, 2026 special meeting was approved. **Motion** by Tharp, second by Frank. Motion carried unanimously.

### PUBLIC HEARING:

- The public hearing for the proposed fiscal year 2027 property tax levy was held. The District's proposed property tax rate for FY27 is \$14.07 per \$1,000 taxable valuation. Superintendent Coffelt reviewed the District's property tax history and talked about details regarding the notice.

During the 2026 legislative session, legislators approved a change to fund the budget guarantee through state aid rather than property taxes. At the time the notice was prepared, the state system had not yet been updated to reflect this change, resulting in an overstated tax rate in the published notice. As the update is implemented, the published amounts are expected to decrease accordingly. A community member thanked Mr. Coffelt for explaining the taxes and potential rates.

The FY27 Certified Budget Public Hearing will be held Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at 7:30 p.m. in the High School Library.

Tharp moved the meeting adjourn at 6:17 p.m. Second by Frank.

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Amber Swartz, President

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Becky Broich, Board Secretary