

## Minutes for June 11, 2026 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 Thursday, June 11, 2026.

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

Board members absent: Cassy Allen and Nick Tharp

Others in attendance: Tracy Martin, Amy Whittington, Dan Johnson, Chris Coffelt, and Becky Broich.

Board President Swartz called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

### CONSENSUS ITEMS AND REPORTS:

The following consent items were approved:

- The agenda for June 11, 2026.
- Minutes of the previous meetings on May 13 and June 1, 2026.
- Financial reports for the following funds for May 2026: 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 \$207,885.43; Activity Fund \$21,100.82; Lunch Fund \$14,665.24; Capital Projects Fund \$9,120.00; PPEL Fund \$2,546.00; Bond & Interest Fund \$146,675.00.  
And bills due after July 1: Management Fund \$83,606.36 and PPEL Fund \$10,750.00.
- Funds in the amount of \$8,660.08 will be transferred from the general fund to the activity fund. This transfer reimburses the activity fund for safety equipment purchases for 2025-2026.
- Interfund Transfer Resolution: As it is the case that 100% of the district's General Obligation School Bond debt is retired as of June 30, 2021, the Board directs that 100% of all remaining Debt Service Fund balance of \$18,177.28 be transferred to the PPEL Fund on or before June 30, 2026.
- There were no open enrollment applications.
- 2026-2027 Nutrition Services Consortium Purchasing Agreements: Renewal of contracts through the Central Buying Consortium (CBC) with the following vendors: Martin Brothers – food and supplies and chemicals for dish and cleaning and Loffredo – produce.
- There were no fundraising or field trip requests.

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

### LEARNING LINK:

- Summer School Coordinator Tracy Martin shared that elementary summer school provides weekly activities focused on academics, art, library visits, and Friday field trips, with an average daily attendance of 77–80 students. Summer school is also offered to middle school students in the form of weekly enrichment camps, including woodworking and sewing, art and LEGO robotics, pre-lifeguarding and foreign language, and leadership and golf. High school credit recovery is also underway, providing students an opportunity to stay on track for graduation through online coursework that is monitored daily, with weekly Google Meet sessions or phone calls for student support and progress monitoring.

### ACTION ITEMS:

- District Facilities/Projects/Purchases:
  - The Board approved the purchase of seventeen clear touch displays from KCAV for the final purchase and effort to provide every classroom/learning space with an interactive display board. **Motion** by Frank, second by Saxton. Motion carried unanimously.
  - The Board reviewed the District's financing capacity and proposed phases of facility improvements. Phase 1 includes construction of a new addition at the North Campus to relocate South Elementary and create a single-campus setting, along with safety and security improvements to the Junior-Senior High School vestibule and replacement of all remaining exterior doors at the Junior-Senior High School. Phase 2 includes renovations and updates at the Junior-Senior High School, with a particular focus on Career and Technical Education (CTE) improvements.  
Following discussion, the Board approved moving forward to bring the proposal to the community for a vote to issue a General Obligation Bond in the amount of \$11,995,000 for the relocation of South Elementary to the North Campus and complete safety and security improvements at the North Campus. **Motion** by Saxton, second by Frank. Motion carried unanimously.

## ACTION ITEMS CONT'D

- After reviewing the District's financing capacity, the Board determined that it does not wish to pursue borrowing against SAVE funds for Phase 2 of the facility improvement projects at this time. Existing SAVE debt obligations are scheduled to be paid off in 2029 and 2030. The Board discussed continuing to explore alternative funding opportunities, including the Career Academy Incentive Fund and FEMA's Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program. No action was taken to set a public hearing date.
- Personnel:
  - The Board approved the following hires: Mark West, Secondary Math Teacher; David Kelso, Director of Maintenance; Alex Carmichael, Head HS Volleyball Coach; and Zach Clark, Head HS Boys Basketball Coach. **Motion** by Frank, second by Saxton. Motion carried unanimously.
  - The Board approved renewal of the Intergovernmental Contract for School-Based Supervision Program from Jul 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 with the option to extend this contract up to five years through FY32. This contract employs Juvenile Court Liaison Officer, Brian Carson, through Juvenile Court Services, Fifth Judicial District of Iowa; Iowa Judicial Branch; and Central Decatur CSD. **Motion** by Saxton, second by Frank. Motion carried unanimously.
  - The Board approved the 2026-2027 certified and classified staff tentative agreements, non-bargaining employee compensation packages, and staff contracts as presented. Coach and sponsor contracts will be considered for approval at the July board meeting.  
The Board approved the lane change request from Alex Carmichael to move from MA to MA+15 for the 2026-2027 school year.  
**Motion** by Frank, second by Saxton. Motion carried unanimously.
  - The Board discussed the timeline for the Superintendent's evaluation and will determine any salary increase following the evaluation in July.
- The Board approved the first reading of Policies 705.05 and 706.04. The Board also approved revisions to Policies 203, 206.03, 206.04, 701.02, 701.03, 701.05, 704.02, 704.03, 705.01 (R1/R2), 705.04, 707.01, 708, and 712. These revisions were made to comply with legal changes and, therefore, were eligible for approval following a single reading. **Motion** by Frank, second by Allen. Motion carried unanimously.

## INFORMATION ITEMS:

- Board Business:
  - The Board received an update on attendance and chronic absenteeism data for the current school year. The Elementary and Secondary Principals presented highlights regarding student attendance, while the Superintendent provided a summary overview of staff attendance patterns.
  - The Board reviewed the completed FY25 Financial Audit, which was conducted by Nolte, Cornman, and Johnson, CPAs. Becky presented a summary worksheet highlighting key areas and critical financial metrics for the Board's review.
  - 2026-2027 revisions for the Elementary, Secondary, Athletic/Activities, and CD Staff Handbooks, as well as the CD Emergency Operations Plan, were presented to the Board for initial review. It was noted that some revisions remain pending based on upcoming rule releases from the Iowa Department of Education regarding recent spring legislation.
  - The Board discussed the process for establishing local priorities for legislative advocacy during the 2026 legislative session using provided IASB resources. The Board will select its final four legislative priorities at the July meeting.
  - The Board was informed that the Iowa Department of Education has officially approved the application for the Red Way Learning Academy. Dan outlined the next steps for implementing this online learning option for students in grades 7–12 starting this fall.
- Upcoming Dates:
  - a. July 13: Regular Meeting @ 6:00 p.m. – High School TAP Room 1122
  - b. August 10: Regular Meeting @ 6:00 p.m. – High School TAP Room 1122

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