Minutes for July 13, 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 Monday, July 13, 2026.
Board members present: Amber Swartz, Sean Saxton, and Cassy Allen.
Board members absent: Jo Frank and Nick Tharp
Others in attendance: Zach Clark, Cayle Buckingham, Chris Coffelt, and Becky Broich.
Board President Swartz called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

<u>CONSENSUS ITEMS AND REPORTS:</u>
The following consent items were approved:
- The agenda for July 13, 2026.
- Minutes of the previous meeting on June 11, 2026.
- Financial reports for the following funds for June 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 July:
  General Fund $206,545.81; Activity Fund $12,298.88; Lunch Fund $3,911.38; Capital Projects Fund $49,094.32; PPEL Fund $19,571.18; Management Fund $266,878.25.
- The English Language Instructional Services Agreement with Green Hills AEA for 2026-2027.
- There were no open enrollment applications.
- There were no fundraising or field trip requests.

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

<u>ACTION ITEMS:</u>
- Board Policy:
  - The Board approved the second reading of board policies 705.05 and 706.04. ***<u>Motion</u>*** by Saxton, second by Allen. Motion carried unanimously.
  - The Board approved the first reading of policies 503.11-503.11R2, 504.06, 604.03R1, and 605.04E1. The Board also approved revisions to policies 201, 210.05, 401.01, 409.02, 501.15, 502.03, 503.01, 504.06, 507.02, 507.02E1, 507.02 E3, 603.01, 603.03, 603.06, 604.01, 604.03, 604.05, 605.04, 607.01, 713, 804.05, 804.05E1, and 901. These revisions were made to comply with legal changes and, therefore, were eligible for approval following a single reading. ***<u>Motion</u>*** by Saxton, second by Allen. Motion carried unanimously.
  - The Board approved the first reading of board policies 606.03-606.03E3. ***<u>Motion</u>*** by Allen, second by Saxton. Motion carried unanimously. The Board also approved the therapy dog's return at the beginning of the school year, as the dog has successfully completed the required training. ***<u>Motion</u>*** by Saxton, second by Allen. Motion carried unanimously.
- District Facilities/Projects/Purchases:
  - The Board approved an agreement with Denovo to serve as Construction Manager for the proposed facility project. The proposal includes seeking voter approval for an $11,995,000 General Obligation Bond to relocate South Elementary to the North Campus and complete safety and security improvements at the North Campus. ***<u>Motion</u>*** by Allen, second by Saxton. Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board approved the following petition language for the proposed General Obligation Bond mentioned above:
  - Shall the Board of Directors of the Central Community School District of Decatur County in the County of Decatur, State of Iowa, be authorized to contract indebtedness and issue General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed $11,955,000 to provide funds to build, furnish and equip an elementary addition to its North Elementary School, with related remodeling and improvements and site improvements; to remodel, repair, improve, furnish, and equip the North Elementary school for consolidated elementary programming; to demolish the existing South Elementary School; and to remodel, repair, improve, and equip the Junior-Senior High School, including replacement of the exterior doors, secure entry vestibule upgrades, and HVAC improvements?

    <u>Motion</u> by Allen, second by Saxton. Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS CONT'D

- The Board reviewed the IASB 2026 Legislative Beliefs and Resolutions and selected the following top four priorities for the District to submit to IASB for the upcoming 2027 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 2026-27. ***Motion*** by Saxton, second by Allen. Motion carried unanimously. The Board also were provided the draft handbooks for the RED Way Learning Academy and the Home School Assistance Program (HSAP); which will be reviewed and approved in August.
- The Board approved the escalated bid for milk and related products from Anderson Erickson. This was the only bid received. The Board approved utilizing Martin Bros, and Hy-Vee as necessary, for bread for the 2026-27 school year. ***Motion*** by Allen, second by Saxton. Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board reviewed the 2026-2027 fee schedule including: Activity admissions/passes, Driver's Ed, book rental, laptop deposit, band rental, and meals. The only change is an increase to adult breakfast from $2.50 to $3 and adult meals from $5 to $5.25. ***Motion*** by Allen, second by Saxton. Motion carried unanimously.
- Personnel:
    - The Board approved the resignation of Chad Ray as Driver Education Instructor. ***Motion*** by Allen, second by Saxton. Motion carried unanimously.
    - The Board approved the following contracts:
        - TLC Mentors: Chelsey Sinclair, Mindy Hamilton, Tracy Martin, Annie Nickell, Tricia Applegate, Bonnie Clark, Katelyn Young, and Megan Carpenter
        - Instructional Coaches: Laci Erke and Micheala Lane
        - Coaches for the fall season and 2026-2027 sponsors. The list is attached.

        Motion by Saxton, second by Allen. Motion carried unanimously.
    - The Board accepted the resignation of Transportation Director Brian Broich, effective January 31, 2027, and approved a modified 2026–2027 contract to reflect employment through January 31, 2027. ***Motion*** by Allen, second by Saxton. Motion carried unanimously.
    - The Board approved increasing teacher sub pay from $150 to $160 per day. ***Motion*** by Saxton, second by Allen. Motion carried unanimously.
    - Notifications:
        - Resignation of Ashley Wasson, Main Dish Cook.
        - Hire of Noah Short, Custodian.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- Board Business:
    - Superintendent Coffelt shared his experience at the AASA Legislative Advocacy Conference in Washington, DC last week highlighting the FCC recommendation to sunset e-rate funding and the federal tax credit that 501c3's may access beginning January 1, 2027.
- Upcoming Dates:
    a. August 10: Work Session @ 5:30 p.m. – High School Library; Regular Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
    b. August 18: Back to school Breakfast @ 8:00 a.m.
    c. August 25: First Day of School
    d. September 14, 2026: Regular Meeting @ 6:00 p.m. – High School TAP Room 1122

The Board entered into closed session at 7:55 p.m. per Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i) - To Evaluate the Professional Competency of an Individual for the Superintendent evaluation. ***Motion*** by Allen, second by Saxton. Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: Ayes: Allen, Swartz, and Saxton. Nays: None. The Board resumed open session at 8:15 p.m.

The Board approved a three-year contract for the Superintendent, with compensation reflecting the same percentage increase as certified staff.
Allen moved the meeting adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Second by Saxton.

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Amber Swartz, President | Becky Broich, Board Secretary