

Minutes for August 10, 2026 Central Decatur Board of Education Work Session

The Central Decatur Community School Board of Education met for a work session in the High School Library on Monday, August 10, 2026.

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

Board members absent: Cassy Allen and Nick Tharp

Others in attendance: Amy Whittington, Dan Johnson, Zach Clark, Chris Coffelt, Becky Broich, and four guests.

The work session began at 5:35 p.m.

The School Board and Community Task Force met with Senior Project Director for Denovo Construction Solutions Connor Wohlenhaus to review key aspects of the upcoming referendum including:

- Scope and Impact: Reviewed the proposed scope of project including construction of an elementary addition to the North Campus relocating South Elementary and creating a single-campus district, as well as targeted renovations at the Junior-Senior High School and North Elementary focused on safety and security improvements.
- Key Messaging & Outreach: Focus on core messaging of student safety, operational efficiency, modern learning environments, and fiscal responsibility. Planned community engagement initiatives, including forums, informational materials, and voter turnout strategies will be conducted to ensure the community understands project needs, scope and other details.
- Advocacy & Legal Compliance: Outlined legal boundaries separating the district's informational role from independent, citizen-led advocacy campaigns.
- Task Force Leadership & Discussion: Held an open forum for task force feedback, questions, and identification of leadership roles for the advocacy campaign.

The work session ended at 6:55 p.m.

Amber Swartz, President

Becky Broich, Board Secretary