Minutes for August 10, 2026 Central Decatur Board of Education Meeting

The Central Decatur Community School Board of Education met in regular session in the High School Library on Monday, August 10, 2026.
Board members present: Amber Swartz, Sean Saxton, Nick Tharp, and Jo Frank.
Board members absent: Cassy Allen
Others in attendance: Amy Whittington, Dan Johnson, Chris Coffelt, and Becky Broich.
Board President Swartz called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

CONSENSUS ITEMS AND REPORTS:
The following consent items were approved:

- The agenda for August 10, 2026.
- Minutes of the previous meeting on July 13, 2026.
- Financial reports for the following funds for July 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 August:
  General Fund $344,541.90; Activity Fund $23,510.55; Lunch Fund $682.10; Capital Projects Fund $167,808.19; PPEL Fund $468.00.
- Head Start Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and budget for the 2026-2027 school year.
- Two open enrollment applications were approved due to a change in residence for two Clarke CSD students to attend CD beginning the 2026-2027 school year.
- The following fundraising requests were approved: Central Trail FFA – hog raffle and fruit/meat sales and FCCLA – pie and cinnamon roll sales.

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

- The Board denied the open enrollment request for a student to attend Mormon Trail CSD due to the application being filed late and not meeting the criteria for pervasive harassment. ***Motion*** by Tharp, second by Saxton. Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS:

- District Facilities/Projects/Purchases:
  - The Board approved the low quote from Best Buy to purchase thirty chromebooks. ***Motion*** by Saxton, second by Tharp. Motion carried unanimously.
  - The Board approved to authorize the Superintendent to award the contract for bat mitigation at South Elementary to the vendor submitting the lowest quote, contingent upon receipt and comparison of all requested bids. ***Motion*** by Tharp, second by Saxton. Motion carried unanimously.
- GO Bond Petitions and Resolution:
  - The Board accepted the petitions with a total of 127 eligible electors residing in the School District requesting the Board to call a special election on the following public measure:
    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?
  - The Board approved the Resolution Ordering an Election on the Issuance of $11,955,000 General Obligation School Bonds and to Fill a Vacancy. Director Saxton introduced the Resolution and moved its adoption. Director Tharp seconded the motion to adopt. The roll was called and the vote was: AYES – Swartz, Tharp, Saxton, Frank; NAYS – None. The Resolution was adopted unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS CONT'D

- The Board approved the RED Way Online Academy Handbook. ***Motion*** by Saxton, second by Tharp. Motion carried unanimously.
- Personnel:
  - The Board accepted the resignation of Cayle Buckingham as National Honor Society Advisor. ***Motion*** by Tharp, second by Saxton. Motion carried unanimously.
  - Notifications: Hire of Katie Jensen as a Cook in the Nutrition Services Department.
- Board Policy:
  - The Board approved the second reading of board policies 503.11-503.11R2, 504.06, 604.03R1, 605.04E1, and 606.03-606.03E3. ***Motion*** by Saxton, second by Tharp. Motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- Board Business:
  - Superintendent Coffelt shared that Martensdale-St Marys CSD will be leaving the Pride of Iowa (POI) Conference at the end of the 2026-2027 school year. Nodaway Valley CSD has submitted a letter to leave the conference as well but is expected to go through the state conference realignment review and approval process.
  - Principal Johnson shared a summer credit recovery update: 13 credits have been successfully completed by eleven students, and five classes are still in progress with expected completion by the end of August.
- Upcoming Dates:
  a. August 18: Back to school Breakfast @ 8:00 a.m.
  b. August 25: First Day of School
  c. September 14, 2026: Regular Meeting @ 6:00 p.m. – High School TAP Room 1122

Tharp moved the meeting adjourn at 7:47 p.m. Second by Frank.

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Amber Swartz, President Becky Broich, Board Secretary