

Minutes for September 14, 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, September 14, 2026.

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

Board members absent: Nick Tharp

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

Board President Swartz called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

CONSENSUS ITEMS AND REPORTS:

The following consent items were approved:

- The agenda for September 14, 2026.
- Minutes of the previous meeting on August 10, 2026.
- Financial reports for the following funds for August 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 September:
General Fund \$213,914.39; Activity Fund \$25,187.40; Lunch Fund \$7,683.67; Capital Projects Fund \$178,869.38; PPEL Fund \$12,188.00; Management Fund \$10,723.25.
- Two open enrollment applications were approved for two Lamoni CSD students to attend CD due to a change in residence. One PK student to attend CD from Lamoni CSD due to placement in special education.
- The following fundraising requests were approved: HS Student Council – Homecoming dance; Flag Corp – selling temporary tattoos; Class of 2029 – movie poster sales & working at Pizza Hit in Lamoni 11/17/26; DECA (FBLA) – custom print shop items.
- FFA trip to National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN October 20-24, 2026

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

- Repayment to the General Fund from the Lunch fund for an interfund loan totaling \$100,250 from September 2025. The Resolution for this loan is as follows: Interfund loan from the General Fund to Lunch Fund in the amount of \$130,000. The terms of repayment of the loan are as follows including the payment of interest: Transfer on September 15, 2026 Payback on or before September 30, 2027 at a rate equal to the First Interstate Bank daily rate of .25%. Approximate interest to pay back = \$325. **Motion** by Allen, second by Frank. Motion carried unanimously.

LEARNING LINK:

- Superintendent Coffelt highlighted fall student engagement and athletics participation. Student engagement remains strong, with 194 students or 82% of 7-12 grade students participating in at least one club or athletic sport.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Superintendent Coffelt and Principals Whittington and Johnson presented the district's annual goals, highlighting key priorities such as boosting staff and student engagement, ensuring modern and secure facilities, and driving instructional excellence through clear teaching strategies, focusing on core instruction, and Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS).
- District Facilities/Projects/Purchases:
 - The Board approved the engagement terms for Ahlers & Cooney, P.C. to serve as the district's Bond Counsel, pending the outcome of the general obligation bond vote in November. **Motion** by Allen, second by Saxton. Motion carried unanimously.
 - Superintendent Coffelt shared the draft presentation for the Town Hall that is scheduled at South Elementary at 5:30 p.m. regarding the upcoming general obligation bond election.
 - Superintendent Coffelt updated the Board regarding the bat mitigation and air quality at South Elementary, which have been completed.

ACTION ITEMS CONT'D

- Personnel:
 - The Board approved the hire of Cassy Allen as Assistant JH Girls Basketball coach and accepted the resignation of Maizee Lindsey as Assistant HS Girls Basketball coach. **Motion** by Saxton, second by Frank. Motion carried with Allen abstaining.
 - Notifications: Hire: Anthony Morgan – Custodian; Seth Reed – Activities/Weekend Custodian; Laci Coddington and Brianna O'Neal – Cooks. Resignation of Katie Jensen – Cook.
- Board Policy:
 - The Board approved the first reading of board policies 503.11-503.11R1. **Motion** by Allen, second by Saxton. Motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- Board Business:
 - The Board was informed that our District had no coach or student-athlete ejections last year.
 - The District is in the process of reviewing bus routes and athletic sharing of baseball and softball with Lamoni CSD.
 - The IASB annual board convention is Thursday, November 19.
- Upcoming Dates:
 - a. September 28-October 2, 2026: Homecoming week
 - b. October 12, 2026: Regular Meeting @ 6:00 p.m. – High School TAP Room 1122
 - c. November 3, 2026: Election Day
 - d. November 9, 2026: Annual/Organizational Meeting @ 6:00 p.m. – High School TAP Room 1122
 - e. November 19, 2026: IASB Annual Board Convention
 - f. December 14, 2026: Regular Meeting @ 6:00 p.m. – High School TAP Room 1122
 - g. Joint Board Session with Lamoni CSD in December

Allen moved the meeting adjourn at 7:32 p.m. Second by Saxton.

Amber Swartz, President

Becky Broich, Board Secretary