

Minutes for October 12, 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, October 12, 2026.

Board members present: Amber Swartz, Sean Saxton, and Jo Frank. Cassy Allen joined the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

Board members absent: Nick Tharp

Others in attendance: Amy Whittington, Chris Coffelt, and Becky Broich. Dan Johnson joined via Google Meet.

Board President Swartz called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

CONSENSUS ITEMS AND REPORTS:

The following consent items were approved:

- The agenda for October 12, 2026.
- Minutes of the previous meeting on September 14, 2026.
- Financial reports for the following funds for September 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 October:
General Fund \$224,408.30; Activity Fund \$26,029.32; Lunch Fund \$29,013.54; Capital Projects Fund \$50,069.32; PPEL Fund \$468.00; Management Fund \$2,507.00.
- Two open enrollment applications were approved for two Mormon Trail CSD students to attend CD due to a change in residence.
- The following fundraising requests were approved: Interact Club – sell wreaths and Class of 2028 – sell Krispy Kreme donuts.

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

LEARNING LINK:

- The learning link will be rescheduled due to a conflict.

ACTION ITEMS:

- District Facilities/Projects/Purchases:
 - Superintendent Coffelt talked about information that has been shared with the community regarding the upcoming general obligation bond election November 3, 2026. The next Town Hall is scheduled for Thursday, October 15, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in the JH-HS commons.
 - The District will advertise to sell two buses and one suburban.
 - The Board approved to continue snow removal with Tharp Lawn Care at the same cost as last year.
Motion by Saxton, second by Allen. Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board approved seeking allowable growth and supplemental aid for the 2025-26 negative special education balance in the amount of \$141,725.98. **Motion** by Saxton, second by Allen. Motion carried unanimously.
- The Board approved the early graduation request from one senior, upon completion of all necessary requirements. **Motion** by Allen, second by Frank. Motion carried unanimously.
- Personnel:
 - The Board approved the following coaches for the winter season:
 - Basketball: Head HS Girls-Calieb Kistler; Asst HS Girls-Josie McCuddin (pending completion of coaching authorization); Head HS Boys-Zach Clark (7%); Asst HS Boys-Alex Ymir and Jon Pedersen (4%); Head JH Girls-Zach Mendenhall; Asst JH Girls-Cassy Allen; Head JH Boys-Chad Ray.
 - Wrestling: Head HS Girls-Colby Wilken; Asst HS Girls-Carter Wilken; Head HS Boys-Connor Christensen; Asst HS Boys-Wade Hamilton; Head JH-Kyle Ramaeker; Asst JH-Riley Harger.
Motion by Saxton, second by Frank. Motion carried with Allen abstaining.
 - The District will begin to advertise for the Director of Transportation position with board approval anticipated in December.

ACTION ITEMS CONT'D

- Board Policy:
 - The Board approved the second reading of board policies 503.11-503.11R1. **Motion** by Allen, second by Saxton. Motion carried unanimously.
 - The Board approved the first reading of board policy 107. **Motion** by Allen, second by Frank. Motion carried unanimously.
 - Superintendent Coffelt shared information from Rural School Advocates of Iowa (RSAI) regarding an amendment to the Iowa Constitution that will be on the ballot November 3, 2026 that may negatively impact rural school districts' ability to provide a great education for our students. Also shared was a request for districts to contact members of Congress regarding federal funding changes that will increase school district paperwork in requesting funding, and to resist reductions in E-Rate and Rural Education Achievement Program (REAP) funding.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- Board Business:
 - October is National Principals Month. Principals set the tone for building culture, support our teachers and staff, foster safe learning environments, and ensure that every student who walks through our doors feels known, valued and supported. Superintendent Coffelt and the Board shared their gratitude to Principal Whittington and Principal Johnson for their tireless service, resilient leadership, and unwavering commitment to educational excellence.
 - Reminder that the IASB annual board convention is Thursday, November 19.
 - The Board will review athletic sharing of baseball and softball with Lamoni CSD at the November meeting.
- Upcoming Dates:
 - a. November 3, 2026: Election Day
 - b. November 11, 2026: Veteran's Day Assembly @ 10:30 a.m.
 - c. November 19, 2026: IASB Annual Board Convention
 - d. November 23, 2026: Annual/Organizational Meeting @ 6:00 p.m. – High School TAP Room 1122
 - e. December 14, 2026: Regular Meeting @ 6:00 p.m. – High School TAP Room 1122
 - f. December/January: Joint Board Session with Lamoni CSD

Saxton moved the meeting adjourn at 7:14 p.m. Second by Frank.

Amber Swartz, President

Becky Broich, Board Secretary