

Board Meeting Update

January 17, 2015

Central DeWitt Constituents,

As I do every month, the following are the highlights of the January 13, 2015 regular school board meeting. I hope you enjoy these updates that are focused on keeping you informed of what is taking place at the school board table.

- If you would like to view any of the public documents that are available to the board, you can visit our BoardDocs site to view the agenda and the supporting documents that go with each agenda item. This information can be found [at this site](#).
- This month's meeting began with a public hearing regarding the 2016-2017 school calendar that has been proposed. All of our public hearings, as required by law, are published between 10-20 days in advance. Angela Rheingans, Board Member, opened the public hearing. No one was in attendance to speak about the school calendar, so the public hearing was closed without any comments. Later in the meeting, the Board then approved the 2016-2017 school calendar. The final 2016-2017 calendar can be viewed or downloaded [at this link](#).
- The Board recognized and approved a donation from Lillian Bradshaw, in memory of her late husband Theodore "Ted" Bradshaw. Ted was a Central DeWitt graduate of 1973, and while he was in our school, developed a great knowledge and appreciation for woodworking. He used these skills throughout his life. Knowing this, Lillian wanted to make a donation back to our school, in the amount of \$1,095, which will be used to purchase woodworking materials and/or safety equipment in honor of Ted and his lifelong passion for carpentry.
- We received bids for our High School Corridor Re-Roof Project on Tuesday, January 12. We were very pleased to receive seven bids on this project. The bids ranged from \$178,200 - \$326,000. The board approved a bid from JLH Enterprises out of Dubuque in the amount of \$178,200. The full list of bids and vendors can be viewed [at this link](#). This project will begin immediately after school gets out this spring, and it will be entirely completed before school starts in the fall.

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- December 11, 2015 was the deadline for applications for the first round of the District's retirement incentive plan for this year. Four of our teachers applied and were approved by the board:
 - Beth Scheckel – High School Family Consumer Sciences Teachers. Beth has been with the district for 8 year.
 - Sue Sawvel – High School Art Teacher. Sue has been with the district for 17 years.
 - Deb Spurgeon – First Grade Teacher. Deb has been with the district for 21 years.
 - Karl Burmester – High School Health Teacher. Karl has been with the district for 26 years.

It is with great appreciation of the contributions of these teachers that the Board approved their participation in the retirement incentive program.

- Within this month's personnel report, the Board approved the following:
 - Transfer of Cassie Dunlavy from being an Art Teacher shared between the Middle School and High School to being strictly a High School Art Teacher
 - Hire of Cassie Johansen and Peter Fourniea as Assistant Varsity Softball Coaches for the 2016 season
 - Hiring of Thomas Hair and Terry Wulf as Substitute District Custodian/Maintenance Workers
 - Hiring of Bobbie Hemesath as General Food Service Worker at Ekstrand Elementary
- Lastly, the Board approved the Consent Agenda Items, part of which included the approval of four students open-enrolling into our school district and one student open-enrolling out.

Those are the highlights of last week's regular meeting. The next regular board meeting is on Monday, February 22, 2016, at 6:00 pm, in the Central DeWitt Middle School Media Center. If you have any comments, questions, or concerns regarding what I've written here...or regarding anything else, please do not hesitate to contact me!

Thank you,



Dr. Dan Peterson, Superintendent
Central DeWitt Community School District