

Central DeWitt Community School District
DeWitt – Grand Mound – Low Moor – Welton

The Central DeWitt Community School Board of Education met for a regular board meeting on December 9, 2015 at the Central DeWitt Middle School Media Center at 6:00 p.m. Directors Hannah Perrone, Cody Huff, Angela Rheingans and President Steve Fuglsang were present along with Superintendent Dan Peterson and Secretary Cyndie Johnson. Absent was Director Christy Kunz. Administrative Staff present were Jen Vance, George Pickup, Tim Bradley, Kurt Kreiter and Amy Wichman. Media representation included Jan Huffman, Clinton Herald.

Opening of Meeting:

President Fuglsang opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moved by Director Huff, Director Rheingans to approve the minutes of November 11, 2015. Motion carried 4-0.

There were no public comments.

Information and Discussion Items

2016-2017 School Year Calendar:

Dr. Peterson stated he met with the calendar committee and there will be a public hearing at the January 13, 2016 when the calendar is presented for approval.

Special Education Enrollment Report:

Cyndie Johnson presented the Special Education Enrollment Report for December 2015. The Weighted Enrollment Summary was presented as well as the Enrolled In and Out Special Ed Students.

Administrative Reports:

Jen Vance reported that Ekstrand has begun its Winter Programs. They have also held a "Jean's Day" to support a few families having hardships this year. There was also a Coin Drive held that raised approximately \$1,700 for the Veterans Memorial. It was felt this teaches kids to do good things for their community. As part of the ELI, the summer school program for 3rd graders is being discussed. The program provides 70 hours, via summer school, for helping 3rd graders become proficient with reading skills. Jen also felt that if this program could be utilized earlier with the student, we might be able to significantly reduce the need to have anyone retake 3rd grade. This program will become mandatory in 2017. George Pickup reported that there would be two additional classes added to the Associate Program we provide. There will be a Psychology class and a Computer Programming class offered. Both will be offered as an early bird class. He also stated the prerequisites for the Building Trades classes are in place. The program was presented to the 8th grade class at St. Joe's and was met with much excitement. Dr. Peterson added that conversations have begun to work through what needs to take place to get this program up and running. He has held preliminary discussions with the City about developing the ground south of the Administrative building. The City has stated an interest in looking into this development further. While the planning is still preliminary, Doug Hinkle will be contacted regarding platting and zoning the area for development. On a positive note, the water and electrical has already by partially run to the area we are looking to develop. Further conversations will develop with the City to outline the costs of streets, sewers and electrical services.

Tim Bradley reported that vocal concerts were held last week. He also stated that we have developed an after school program where students can stay after to get additional help with homework. Criteria for attending is that the student be missing two assignments from one class. It is hoped that this can be viewed as an opportunity for support. This program ends at 3:00 p.m.

Legislative Update:

The Board held an informational meeting with Representative Mommsen, prior to tonight's Board Meeting. Discussions on how we can better relay our message of Educational Need were held. It is hoped the State will disburse the budget in a timely manner for our planning next year.

Iowa School Report Card System:

Amy Wichman stated that there was a House File that passed 3rd grade retention that also states all schools in Iowa are required to have a rating on a performance system (Report Card). Each building in our District will receive a grade and evaluation. These ratings are to become public and are meant to encourage a dialog. This is a great way to help us guide our work and evaluate the services we provide.

Action Item(s)

High School Corridor Re-Roof Project Specifications and Bid Timeline:

Roof project will go out to bid now and have them in by the January meeting. This will allow us to continue planning for the remainder of the year spending. Motion to move forward with the project by Director Rheingans, Director Perrone. Motion carried 4-0.

Updated Agreement with DeWitt Police Department for School Resource Officer Program

A line item was added to allow for both the District and the Police Department to remove them from the agreement. Motion made to accept the change by Director Perrone, Director Huff. Motion passed 4-0.

Early Graduation Requests

Six students have met the guidelines to graduate at the end of the semester. These students will be allowed to attend prom but are unable to participate in extracurricular activities. These students will be allowed to continue their education through the second semester if they choose as long as they make the decision by January 12th. Motion to approve made by Director Huff, Director Perrone. Motion carried 4-0.

Personnel Report

Superintendent Peterson presented the monthly Personnel Report.

Licensed Personnel

Recommendation that Carl Small, who is our current Head Girls Soccer Coach, be classified as a Co-Head Girls Soccer Coach. And recommend that Chris Higgins be hired as the other Co-Head Girls Soccer Coach. Both Co-Head positions will be for the 2015-2016 season only, with a .08 stipend each of \$2,336.21 (as stated in the Memo of Understanding approved by the Board 11/11/15).

Resignation of Erin Jenkins from her position as 7th Grade Volleyball Coach, effective immediately.

Support Personnel

Recommendation to hire Angela Yender as the Central Performing Arts Center (CPAC) Events Coordinator starting November 16, 2015. She will be paid \$20/hour for 15 hours/week and receive IPERS benefits.

Recommendation to hire Nicole Rickertsen as a Special Education Associate at Ekstrand starting November 30, 2015. She will work 3.25 hours/day at the rate of \$11.84/hour.

Recommendation to increase the hours of Tammy Cousins, Special Education Associate at Ekstrand, from 6.25 to 6.5 hours/day starting December 7, 2015. This is due to a new IEP student.

Resignation of Shannon Isaacson from her position as General Food Service Worker at Ekstrand, effective 12/8/15.

Recommendation to increase the hours of Chris Higgins, Special Education Associate at High School, from 7 to 7.25 hours/day starting December 7, 2015. More time is needed at the end of the day for this IEP student.

Motion to accept made by Director Rheingans, Director Perrone. Motion carried 4-0.

Financial Report

Board Secretary Johnson presented the November 2015 Financial Reports. A presentation on the Cash Summary Report was given to begin explaining where the District reporting comes from. Motion by Director Huff, Director Rheingans to accept the Financial Report as presented. Motion carried 4-0

Consent Agenda Item(s)

Moved by Director Perrone, Director Huff to approve the following consent agenda items. Motion carried 4-0.

Open Enrollment
Professional Leave Report
Student Activity Fund Report
Abstract of Bills
Student Teaching Agreement with UNI

Future Board of Education Meetings & Opportunities

Pre-Agenda Meeting Wednesday, January 6, 2016: 7:30 am (Steve Fuglsang, Angela Rheingans).

School Board Regular Meeting Wednesday, January 13, 2016: 6:00 pm.

President Fuglsang adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Steve Fuglsang, Board President

Cyndie Johnson, Board Secretary