

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

The Central DeWitt Community School Board of Education met for a regular board meeting on January 18, 2017 at the Central DeWitt Middle School Media Center at 6:00 p.m. Directors Acting President Cory Huff, Hannah Perrone and Angela Rheingans were present, with Steve Fuglsang arriving at 6:19 p.m. Board President Christy Kunz was unable to attend. Also present were Superintendent Peterson and Board Secretary Cyndie Johnson. Administrative Staff present were Jen Vance, Kurt Kreiter, DeDe Wagener and Tim Bradley. Also present were Patrick Diedrich, Skylar Bloom and Amy Grantz representing FFA. Media representation included Larry Lough, The Observer.

**Opening of Meeting:**

Acting Board President Cory Huff opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Camanche – DeWitt Drug and Alcohol Coalition Report was postponed until the next board meeting due to illness. Moved by Director Rheingans, Director Perrone to approve the tentative agenda with this noted agenda change. Motion carried 3-0.

Moved by Director Rheingans, Director Perrone to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2016 board meeting as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

**Public Forum:**

Skylar Bloom stated that many from our area attended the FFA State Week conference. February 20-24 will be FFA Week in our area and our FFA will involve many students from St Joes as well as Ekstrand, Intermediate, Middle and High School. They are looking to display flags and signs in the community as well as a billboard on Hwy 30. Please check their webpage for more information.

Patrick Diedrich from the FFA Alumni stated he would be attending a conference in Ankeny this weekend. He stated statistics that 69% of the Ag students were unable to attend an Ag class for both semesters. These classes are necessary in assuring our students can reach their FFA goals and honors.

**Information & Discussion Item(s)**

**Nutrition Deficit Accounts:**

DeDe Wagener reported that she has received notice that all schools will be required by the State to provide a policy for dealing with negative balances for nutrition accounts. We have several families that routinely hold negative balances on their nutrition accounts. Currently, K-4 are allowed to go into the negative but receive an alternative lunch with minimal cost with families being notified once balances become negative \$10. Many options and changes were discussed including a successful communication of a policy. A recommendation for a policy will be brought back to the board at the February meeting.

**Eastern Iowa School Food Cooperative:**

DeDe Wagener reported that in past years we belonged to an IA/IL food co-op. Recently, many Iowa schools have formed their own co-op. Currently, Bettendorf, Pleasant Valley, North Scott and Camanche will participate in the new co-op with our district. It is hoped more schools will join. This new co-op will begin July 1, 2017 but organization and planning meeting are going on now.

6:19 p.m. Director Fuglsang is in attendance.

**Administrative Reports:**

Tim Bradley stated that Ekstrand has new devices in its computer lab. Lots of exciting learning is happening in the lab.

Jen Vance reported that the Connections Conference was held Monday with 7 guest speakers. There was a wide variety of topics for K-12. She received great feedback on this conference. The next session will be February 25, 2017.

Kurt Kreiter stated that we have done well in many athletic and fine arts events. The Athletic Boosters put on a great tournament this past weekend. He also reported that the Baptist Church also thanked us for our hospitality for allowing them to use our facility for a church on Sunday mornings. Public access is the goal for our facilities.

### **Legislative Report:**

Director Fuglsang reported there is a legislative coffee on February 4, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at the Community Center. January 24, 2017 is also Legislative Day in Iowa for counties and school boards. He also reported the Governor stated that there is a projected 2% increase this year and 2% next year for school budgets. The implementation of Smarter Balance has been placed on hold for the immediate future but may be revisited for future consideration.

### **Action Item(s)**

### **Personnel Report**

#### **Licensed Personnel**

Resignation of Peter Fourniea as Assistant Varsity Softball Coach, effective immediately.

#### **Support Personnel**

Recommendation to transfer Angie Herington's position from Special Education Associate at Ekstrand to Office Associate at Ekstrand, starting January 17, 2017. Her hours and rate of pay will remain the same: 7.5 hours/day at \$12.17 per hour.

Recommendation to hire Autumn Lopez as a Special Education Associate at the Middle School starting January 18, 2017. She will work 7 paid hours/day at a rate of \$12.17/hour.

Recommendation to hire Rachel Vickers to direct the 2017 High School Spring Play at \$1,500.

Recommendation to hire Bradley Grothus as our Central DeWitt CSD Marketing Coordinator starting January 19, 2017. He will work between 5-10 hours per week at a rate of \$15/hour.

Motion by Director Fuglsang, Director Rheingans to approve the Personnel Report as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

### **FYI - Vacancies Currently Posted:**

Special Education Associate at Ekstrand  
High School Chemistry/Physical Science Teacher for the 2017-2018 School Year  
High School Earth Science/Physical Science Teacher for the 2017-2018 School Year  
High School Business Teacher for the 2017-2018 School Year  
Assistant Varsity Softball Coach  
Assistant Varsity Boys Soccer Coach

### **Financial Report - December**

Cyndie Johnson presented the December, 2016 Financial Report. A brief report on our Health Fund was explained. Motion by Director Perronne, Director Fuglsang to accept the December 2016 financial Report as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

**Proposals for District Audit**

Moved by Director Fuglsang, Director Perrone to approve the Bohnsack & Frommelt LLP Proposal for Audit Services for Three Years Ending June 30, 2019. Motion carried 4-0.

**School Board Policy Revisions As Recommended by IASB – First Reading**

The first reading and review of the following School Board Policies were noted:

- Board of Directors' Election
- Term of Office
- Vacancies
- Employee Physical Examinations
- Bids and Awards for Construction Contracts
- Child Abuse Reporting
- Homeless Children and Youth
- Weapons
- Student Conduct
- Testing Program
- Parent and Family Engagement
- Wellness Policy
- Wellness Regulation
- Organizational Meeting Procedures
- Regular Meeting
- Classified Employee - Qualifications, Recruitment, Selection
- Financial Records

IASB recommends reviewing varying policies each month. This reading will be brought back next month as well as any other new first reading requests or revisions. Moved by Director Rheingans, Director Perrone to approve the first reading of the above stated policies. Motion carried 4-0.

Roll call taken:

Director Huff	Aye
Director Perrone	Aye
Director Rheingans	Aye
Director Fuglsang	Aye
Director Kunz	Absent

**Consent Agenda Item(s)**

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

- Open Enrollment
- Professional Leave Report
- Student Activity Fund Report
- Abstract of Bills

**Future Board of Education Meetings & Opportunities**

Pre-Agenda Meeting Monday, February 6, 2017: 8:00 am (Christy Kunz, Angela Rheingans)

School Board Regular Meeting Monday, February 13, 2017: 6:00 pm

Acting President Huff adjourned the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

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Christy Kunz, Board President

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Cyndie Johnson, Board Secretary

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Cory Huff, Vice President (acting President)