

## Board Meeting Update

February 12, 2015

Central Constituents,

As I do every month, the following are the highlights of the February 11, 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](#). If you'd like to view the video recording of last night's meeting, you can view the meeting on our school board YouTube channel [at this link](#). You will also find that I've given a link on each of the following areas I will highlight, so you can go to that section of the video if you'd like.
- Bill Petsche, Business Education Teacher & Internship Coordinator, gave an update on the internship program he started for our students. Karson Smith, Erin Lane, Garrett Jacobs, and Nick Schmidt, who are high school students participating in the internship program, presented their thoughts and positive experiences of participating in the program. This is a great opportunity for our students as well as the businesses and organizations that have volunteered to work with our students! Additional information on this program can be found [at this link](#). [Video link](#)
- Amy Grantz, Agriculture Education Teacher & FFA Sponsor, brought the Parliamentary Procedure Team (Seth Weirup, Madison Burke, Brett Henningsen, Kyle Commer and Leslie Sullivan) to the board meeting to showcase the work and preparation they've done for contest. Mrs. Grantz gave them five random parliamentary procedure scenarios to deal with, and they did an exceptional job of handling each. I would encourage you to watch [this video](#) of their work!
- The board passed the final resolution to purchase the former Clinton County Annex Building in the amount of \$145,000. The money for this purchase will come from State Penny and PPEL funds. [Video link](#)
- The board discussed the 2015-2016 school calendar, and we continue to be in a very interesting situation regarding this subject. We originally developed a calendar where students would start school on August 19, 2015. When we were notified that the Iowa Department of Education was changing practice, and we would no longer be eligible for an early start date waiver, we developed a calendar where students would start on August 31, 2015. Since that time, we have received numerous reports

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that a compromise might be reached that would allow schools to start on August 24, 2015. With that in mind, we have a calendar developed for that start date as well. The board will be approving a calendar for 2015-2016 at their March board meeting. Our hope is that the legislature will make a decision regarding whether the rules for the school start date are going to change or not. Waiting for the legislature to take action will avoid us having multiple calendars being circulated in the public.

[Video link](#)

- The board appointed the Site-Based Review Council (SBRC) that will be helping with the implementation of our Teacher Leadership & Compensation system. The SBRC consists of four teachers (Tracey McCulloh, Bryce Heathman, Cassie Dunlavey, and Molly Giese) and four administrators (Jen Vance, Jim Wichman, George Pickup, and Amy Wichman). The first work of the SBRC was to work through the recommendation for hiring 6 instructional coaches for our school district, from our existing teaching staff. [This link](#) is a memo that I sent to our district staff explaining the procedure that was followed for the hiring of our instructional coaches and our steps moving forward. After some discussion, the board approved the following as Instructional Coaches for 2015-2016: Tami Jaeger, Bill Petsche, Susan Bormann, Stefanie Chase, Kelly Siegel, and Mike Miller. This is an outstanding opportunity for our school district, these coaches, our teachers, and our students!  
[Video link](#)
- Additionally under the personnel report, the board approved the hiring of Erin Jenkins as 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Coach, hiring of Megan Machovec as Assistant Varsity Girls Soccer Coach, and the resignation of Hannah Anderson as Middle School Language Arts Teacher.

Those are the highlights of last night's regular meeting. The next regular board meeting is on Wednesday, March 11, 2015, at 6:00 pm, in the Central 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 Community School District