

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 February 13, 2017 at the Central DeWitt Middle School Media Center at 6:00 p.m. President Christy Kunz, Directors Cory Huff and Angela Rheingans were present. Directors Steve Fuglsang and Hannah Perrone were unable to attend. Also present were Superintendent Peterson and Board Secretary Cyndie Johnson. Administrative Staff present were Jen Vance, George Pickup, DeDe Wagener and Tim Bradley. Also present were Patrick Diedrich, Skylar Bloom, Bob Goodill, Heather Cernek, Savannah Keitzer, Lonny Truelsen, Lauren Schwandt and Sarah Watson. Media representation included Larry Lough, The Observer and Jan Huffman, Clinton Herald.

Opening of Meeting:

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

The Superintendent Evaluation was postponed until the next board meeting so that all members could attend. Moved by Director Huff, Director Rheingans to approved the tentative agenda with this noted agenda change. Motion carried 3-0.

Moved by Director Huff, Director Rheingans to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2017 board meeting as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Public Forum:

Skylar Bloom reported that this next week is FFA Week with various events planned throughout. She noted there is a new billboard set up in town. The website will be displaying photographs from the upcoming events of next week. Patrick Diedrich announced that he was elected as Vice President for the State FFA office, which is a progressive three-year term.

Information & Discussion Item(s)

Camanche – DeWitt Drug and Alcohol Coalition Report by Coordinator Lauren Schwandt

Lauren Schwandt presented information on the Coalition. It is a volunteer program where students choose to participate so the Coalition can collect data. George Pickup reported that many students have submitted the volunteer form to participate already. A new presentation of a mockup teen student bedroom will be utilized to educate parents/adults on various warning signs to look for when identifying drug or alcohol problems.

Marketing & Branding Update

Superintendent Peterson reported that the district is moving forward on these tasks and Bradley Grothus has several ideas that will be presented soon.

Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL) and Secure an Advanced Vision for Education (SAVE) Budget Update

Cyndie Johnson presented a budget for both PPEL and SAVE for this fiscal year. Listed were projects that have been completed as well as those that are anticipated yet this fiscal year. There was discussion on the purchase of school buses as well as additional projects that may be forthcoming that would be funded via these funds. Possible presentations of upcoming purchases will be presented at the March Board Meeting.

Nutrition Deficit Accounts

Superintendent Peterson stated we have talked this past month about the creation of a Deficit Policy for our nutrition accounts. Currently there is a combined negative balance of \$2,300. The State is requiring that each school district have a Deficit Policy set by July 2017. Many scenarios were discussed. The Board encouraged continued conversation and a Deficit Policy will be presented in the near future.

School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC) Update

Director Rheingans reported that the meeting that was held had a lot of participation and dialogue. The Good Conduct Policy was discussed. George Pickup and Kurt Kreiter explained the history of the policy. The existing policy will be updated and made current. It is planned the new policy will be implemented with the 2017-2018 school year.

Behavior Program Update – Mississippi Bend AEA Consortium Concept

Superintendent Peterson stated a group visited a facility in Spencer, Iowa to view their Behavior Program. Their program is lead by the AEA and housed at Spencer Community School District serving 20 students from their consortium. There is also a mental health component to their program. Finances and funding were also discussed with the site. He also reported that Central DeWitt CSD would be interested in looking at being a host site for the program in this area as many other surrounding districts are interested in utilizing the program as well.

Administrative Reports:

George Pickup stated the Iowa assessments are almost complete and teacher-parent conferences will be held soon.

Jen Vance stated that a session on Human Trafficking was held last week for Professional Development. Associates, teachers and nutrition staff all attended. PLC is continuing. The TLC positions will start the interview process soon for next year.

Legislative Report:

Superintendent Peterson stated that funding has been approved at a 1.11% increase. Collective bargaining is changing due to new passage of laws. Chapter 20 is being completely evaluated. This will change the way we negotiate contracts. He stated he is confident that the district will continue to work well with the groups as we have in the past and will work through the issues successfully.

Action Item(s)

Eastern Iowa School Food Cooperative Contract

DeDe Wagener presented the contract for Eastern Iowa School Food Cooperative as discussed last month. Moved to approve the contract as presented by Director Huff, Director Rheingans. Motion carried 3-0.

Building & Trades Program Budget and Blueprint Update

Superintendent Peterson presented the blueprint of the house that is recommended by our Building & Trades program for it's building program. This house will be 1,685 sq ft, 3 bedroom, 2 bath with a 2 car garage. Budget line items have been created as placeholders and will be updated as the numbers solidify. Many community vendors are supportive of this program. Power tools are still being purchased. Superintendent Peterson requested approval to build the house as presented. Moved by Director Huff, Director Rheingans to approve the building of the house presented. Motion carried 3-0.

Personnel Report

Licensed Personnel

Recommendation to hire Larry Oronzio to fill the position of Assistant Varsity Boys Soccer Coach. The .07 stipend equals \$2,066.23. Coach Oronzio is new to our District and has done a nice job coaching MS football and volunteering some time with the girls basketball program. Although he has limited soccer experience, Coach Bernhardt and myself feel he can do a great job in that position and add qualities in other areas that are vital to a successful program.

Support Personnel

Resignation of Tammy Cousins from her position as Bus Driver, effective 2/3/2017.

Recommendation to increase the paid contract hours of Tammy Cousins, Special Education Associate at Ekstrand, from the current 6.5 hours to 7.5 hours/day starting 2/6/2017. The rate of pay stays the same.

Recommendation to hire Tammy Cousins as a Substitute Bus Driver, starting 2/6/2017.

Recommendation to hire Alyssa Dalrymple as Special Education Associate at Ekstrand, starting 2/7/2017. She will work for 6.5 paid hours/day at a rate of \$12.17/hour.

FYI - Vacancies Currently Posted:

Regular Route Driver - afternoon only
High School Chemistry/Physics 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

Motion to approve the Personnel Report as presented by Director Rheingans, Director Huff. Motion carried 3-0.

Financial Report - January

Cyndie Johnson presented the January 2017 Financial Report. A brief report on our Debt Sinking Fund was explained. Motion by Director Huff, Director Rheingans to accept the January 2017 Financial Report as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

School Board Policy Revisions As Recommended by IASB – Second Reading

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

Board of Directors' Elections
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

Moved by Director Rheingans, Director Huff to approve the second reading of the above stated policies. Motion carried 3-0.

Consent Agenda Item(s)

Moved by Director Rheingans, Director Huff to approve the following consent agenda items. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Future Board of Education Meetings & Opportunities

Pre-Agenda Meeting Wednesday, March 8, 2017: 8:00 am (Cory Huff, Hannah Perrone)
School Board Development Session Wednesday, March 15, 2017: 5:30 pm
School Board Regular Meeting Wednesday, March 15, 2017: 6:00 pm

Christy Kunz, Board President

Cyndie Johnson, Board Secretary