

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 February 22, 2016 at the Central DeWitt Middle School Media Center at 6:00 p.m. Directors Steve Fuglsang, Cody Huff, Angela Rheingans and Christy Kunz were present. Director Hannah Perrone was absent. Also present were Superintendent Dan Peterson and Secretary Cyndie Johnson. Administrative Staff present were Jen Vance, Tim Bradley and Terri Selzer. Media representation included Jan Huffman, Clinton Herald.

Opening of Meeting:

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

Moved by Director Kunz, Director Rheingans to approve the tentative agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Moved by Director Kunz, Director Rheingans to approve the minutes of January 13, 2016. Motion carried 4-0.

There were no public comments.

Information & Discussion Item(s)

Iowa Reading Research Center's (IRRC) Study of Intensive Summer Reading Programs (ISRP) for Third-Grade Readers:

Jen Vance reported that law was passed regarding 3rd grade retention with specific criteria. If targeted students attend 85% of summer school hours, they are allowed to pass to 4th without meeting the standard. We will be offering a program for our 3rd graders with a 15-1 ratio. Assisting this program will be the AmeriCorps volunteer. We will also be enhancing our K-2 program with 14 days during the summer months having the same 15-1 ratio. Transportation will be provided. Current target students include 26 in 3rd grade, 25 in 2nd grade, 19 in 1st grade and only 8 in K. The same criteria will be used for the St. Joe's program as well.

Administrative Reports:

Terri Selzer reported for George Pickup that the High School has added two new AP classes for next year. He also stated that the Speech Team is having great success this year. 4 Large Group teams attended All-State. Director Rheingans stated that Mr. Pickup spoke at the Lion's group, doing an excellent job and bringing many facts forward about the High School.

Tim Bradley stated that we are in the throes of hiring next year's positions already. We also have a couple of internal candidates interested in the BD program we are researching should that become available.

Dr. Peterson stated that Kurt Kreiter brought forward the sharing agreement for Girls Soccer with Calamus-Wheatland CSD. There is a potential that by adding additional students from Calamus-Wheatland would move our District from a 1A to a 2A level for competition. He will be working with Calamus-Wheatland to determine if we can come to a workable solution, as we need to try to stay at the 1A level for our students.

Dr. Peterson also reported that there are two other AEA's looking at our Induction Consortium Coach model. Those two will be up and running next year. Our district will continue working with them. It is great to have others looking at our success to model from.

Project Search:

Terri Selzer reported that Project Search is a joint effort between Mercy Hospital and our district. It provides various internships for students with development disabilities. This program is housed at Mercy Hospital in Clinton, IA. Students will have a job coach and move toward mentoring other workers within the hospital. Once graduating from the internship, Project Search will assist with finding employment. Many are hired within the hospital. Project Search is also looking at local businesses that may be able to utilize their workforce. Currently, the district has 2 students that are very excited to start the program and become gainfully employed. This program is funded via Special Ed.

Legislative Report:

Dr. Peterson reported that we don't have funding set for next year yet. The varying rates include the Senate at 4%, House at 2% and the Governor at 2.45%. Education is a large segment of the State budget but it has not been a priority. State Sales Tax money ends in 2029 and we are trying to extend for an additional 20 years. This may be considered an extension of the current plan or a new tax if and when it is extended. We will know more later.

Action Items:

2014-2015 Audit Report:

Mia Frommelt, Bohnsack & Frommelt, LLP, presented the Board with the 2014-2015 Audit Report, explaining the audit includes a Financial Audit, Governmental Auditing Standards Audit and a State Compliance Test. There were no significant findings, for which the District should be commended.

Comparable Revenues from FY14 to FY15 were at a 2% increase. Property taxes increased 4% which was anticipated. The State Wide Sales Tax increased as well. Most other Revenues increased 1-2%. Variance in expenditures was .03% which is accepted as reasonable. There was no change in Debt Service.

It was noted that a new accounting standard requires that we report our portion of the IPERS as a liability. 5.3 million was the district's portion to record. IPERS has reported that all districts continue to do well. This new accounting standard is reflected in our Unrestricted Funding Balance.

Letters issued from the audit include a summary stating there were no significant issues. A control deficiencies letter has been issued with suggestions for us to continue fine tuning our process. All suggestions made in last year's audit have been completed.

Moved by Director Huff, Director Kunz to accept and approve the Audit Report as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

2015-2016 School Nurse Agreement with Genesis Medical Center:

Our nurse is provided by Genesis Medical Center. Dr. Peterson presented a contract from Genesis Medical Center, which includes a 3% increase from last year. This contract is active as of July 2015. The nurse provided currently works 7 hours per day/180 days per year for a salary of \$38,149, including this increase. Moved by Director Kunz, Director Huff to accept and approve the contract as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Website Redesign:

Dr. Peterson reported that Twin State is recommending a more mobile friendly website for the district. Our site is 5 years old and is currently not mobile friendly. He presented a proposal to redesign and refresh our current site at a cost of \$12,500. Moved by Director Kunz, Director Rheingans to accept and approve the proposal as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Central DeWitt Performing Arts & Athletics Center Signage:

Dr. Peterson presented a proposal to change the signage on the side of the gym. This sign will be partially funded with the CCDA grant, with the remaining amount to be approved by the Board for payment. Discussion on including a logo was held. Moved by Director Huff, Director Kunz to accept and approve the proposal as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Instructional Support Levy Renewal:

Levy Property tax or Surtax represents about 10% of the budget. There are two ways to renew. The Board can approve for 5 years or a voter-approved election can renew for 10 years. The district has always renewed for 5 years. Dr. Peterson requested that the Resolution of Intent be passed tonight with the Public Hearing to take place at the March Board meeting. Official approval would then be in effect for an additional five years. Moved by Director Kunz, Director Huff. Roll call: AYES: Directors Fuglsang, Rheingans, Huff and Kunz. Absent: Hannah Perrone.

Personnel Report:

Licensed Personnel

Recommendation to hire Dave Jenkins as the High School Health Teacher starting with the 2016-2017 school year. He should be placed on MA12, step 8 of the salary schedule for the 2016-2017 master contract.

Recommendation to hire Tori Grantz as a 1st grade Teacher at Ekstrand beginning in the 2016-2017 school year. Tori is a St. Ambrose graduate and will start on BA step 1 of the 2016-2017 master contract.

Recommendation to hire Rebecca Barnes as a HS Family Consumer Science Teacher beginning in the 2016-2017 school year. She should be placed on BA step 6 of the 2016-2017 master contract. Mrs. Barnes will also be the Co-FCCLA advisor and receive 1/2 of the .03 stipend for the 2016-2017 master contract.

Recommendation to hire Grady Gallagher as our 8th Grade Boys Track Coach starting spring 2016. The stipend of .07 equals \$2,044.18.

Regretfully we pass along the resignation of our Head Varsity Boys Soccer Coach, Eduardo Garza, effective immediately.

Recommendation to transfer Javier Ramirez Bautista to the position of Head Varsity Boys Soccer Coach. His new .09 stipend will be \$2628.23.

Resignation of Terry Matzen as Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach (Shared), due to work conflicts, effective immediately.

Support Personnel

Recommendation to hire Rachelle (Shelli) Griffin as a Special Education Associate at the Middle School. She will work 6.5 hours/day at a rate of \$11.84/hour, starting 2/9/2016.

Recommendation to hire Stephanie Schoel as a Special Education Associate at the Intermediate School. She will work 5 hours/day at a rate of \$11.84/hour, starting 2/15/2016.

Financial Report:

Board Secretary Johnson presented the January, 2016 Financial Reports. There will be a new detail report forthcoming to explain the summary line items should there be an interest to review easily. Motion by Director Kunz, Director Huff to accept the Financial Report as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Modified Supplemental Amount Application for Dropout Prevention:

Board Secretary Johnson requested approval for a Modified Supplemental Amount in the amount of \$157,507 be approved by the Board. This number is a calculation from our application process and increases our Spending Authority by this amount. Moved by Director Rheingans, Director Huff to approve the request. Motion carried 4-0.

School Board Policy Revisions As Recommended by IASB - Second Reading

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

- 203: Board of Directors' Conflict of Interest
- 404.1R1: Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics Regulation
- 705.1: Purchasing - Bidding
- 708: Care, Maintenance and Disposal of School District Records
- 904.1: Transporting Students in Private Vehicles
- 401.6: Transporting of Students by Employees (delete policy)

IASB recommends reviewing varying policies each month. This is the second reading. Moved by Director Huff, Director Rheingans to approve the second reading of the above stated policies. Motion carried 4-0.

Consent Agenda Item(s)

Moved by Director Kunz, 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 Ashford University for 2016-2017

Future Board of Education Meetings & Opportunities

Public Meeting for Initial Proposal Exchange with Central DeWitt Education Association (CDEA) for Bargaining 2016-17 Contract, Tuesday, March 1, 2016, at the Administration Center: 3:30 pm.

Pre-Agenda Meeting Wednesday, March 2, 2016: 7:30 am (Steve Fuglsang, Hannah Perrone)

School Board Development Session Wednesday, March 9, 2016: 5:30 pm
School Board Regular Meeting Wednesday, March 9, 2016: 6:00 pm

The Central DeWitt Community School Board of Education entered into Closed Session for the Superintendent's Evaluation – Goals (Iowa Code 21.5.1.i) at 7:30 p.m. on February 22, 2016. Roll call was taken with Directors Kunz, Rheingans, Huff and President Fuglsang present. Also present were Superintendent Dan Peterson and Board Secretary Cyndie Johnson.

President Fuglsang reconvened the meeting into Open Session and adjourned the Closed Session at 8:06 p.m. Roll call was taken with Directors Kunz, Rheingans, Huff and President Fuglsang present. Also present were Superintendent Dan Peterson and Board Secretary Cyndie Johnson.

Adjournment - 8:06 p.m.

President Fuglsang adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Steve Fuglsang, Board President

Cyndie Johnson, Board Secretary