

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

The Central DeWitt Community School Board of Education met for a board development session regarding a Budget Workshop for the 2017-2018 year on March 15, 2017, at the Central Middle School Media Center at 5:30 p.m. President Christy Kunz, Directors Steve Fuglsang, Angela Rheingans, Cory Huff, and Hannah Perrone were present along with Superintendent Dan Peterson and Secretary Cyndie Johnson. Media representation included Jan Huffman, Clinton Herald.

The Central DeWitt Community School Board of Education met for a regular board meeting on March 15, 2017 at the Central DeWitt Middle School Media Center at 6:05 p.m. President Christy Kunz, Directors Steve Fuglsang, Cody Huff, Angela Rheingans and Hannah Perrone were present as well as Superintendent Dan Peterson and Secretary Cyndie Johnson. Administrators present were Jen Vance and George Pickup. Additionally present were Kurt Kreiter, Keith Walker, Denise McAleer and Josh Greubel. Also present were several members of the FFA Chapter, FFA Alumni and a student group representing the Camanche-DeWitt Coalition. Media representation included Jan Huffman, Clinton Herald and Larry Lough, The Observer.

Opening of Meeting:

Board President Christy Kunz opened the meeting at 6:05 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Moved by Director Rheingans, Director Perrone to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Moved by Director Huff, Director Rheingans to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2017 board meeting as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Forum:

Josh Greubel reported that the Middle School was busy hosting a large group festival. He also stated that next week (3/25/17) we would be hosting 3A ensemble competition as well as an additional large group festival in May.

Skylar Bloom, FFA President, shared results from the FFA contests. 30 members participated with 2 teams of 7 each receiving a gold award. Several members advanced with 2 placing 2nd in their event. She also reported that FFA week went very well.

Patrick Diedrich, FFA Alumni, shared their organization helped with the meals for the FFA events last week. The Alumni also hosted a Toy Show in which 250 attended. Sub-District and District members assisted with judging. He also reported that a meeting was held with District Administration regarding the future of the Ag Program. The result of the meeting was that the district would not be able to support additional staff at this time. Further conversation with the Board was requested by Patrick to explain and more thoroughly understand the district's stance on the issues.

Information & Discussion Item(s)

The Camanche-DeWitt Coalition Report on 27th Annual Leadership Forum and Youth Leadership Academy. Several students presented on the Camanche Dewitt Coalition meeting they have attended. Many students attended a conference in Washington DC aimed to help stop alcohol and drugs in the community. They attended a day at the Capitol and met Senators Grassley and Ernst. Between 2000-3000 members attended across the US working to resolve the same issue. Statistics from our schools were presented. The group had several ideas and suggestions to help with this community.

Administrative Reports

George Pickup reported that we are wrapping up the third quarter of the school year. March 20, 2017 is Freshman Orientation with 7th Grade Orientation following on April 10, 2017. He stated the FFA events were great and that 26 out of 30 Speech students received a Level I in their competition. The play at Middle School was also excellent.

Kurt Kreiter stated that our students have a lot of opportunities through our district. The district's Leadership group met to discuss improving our Good Conduct Policy. We want to continue with high standards and accountability, with consistency being at the hub. He reported there have also been meetings with the City to discuss various ways to improve our facilities.

Jen Vance reported that Professional Development continues with our PLC program. We are getting ready for next year's TLC program and making plans for summer as well.

Legislative Report

It was reported that it is anticipated that there will be a 2.7% revenue increase at the State level, but the school districts would still only be receiving 1.11% in the 17-18 school year. The next Legislative forum will be April 1, 2017. There was discussion regarding the Transportation equity as well as the Student equity issues.

Action Item(s)

Donations to the School District

\$700 was received from the Rarick family who has made the donation for signage for soccer awards. Moved to accept the donation made by Director Fuglsang, Director Huff. Motion carried 5-0.

Financial Report

Secretary Johnson presented the February Financial report to the Board. Highlights of Central Office this month were the Open Enrollment deadline of 3/1/17 as well as the work toward completing the Certified Budget. Moved to accept the Financial Report as presented by Director Perrone, Director Fuglsang. Motion carried 5-0.

Weil Replacement Pumps

The sewage pumps (grinder) at the high school are in need of replacement. These are 1,500-gallon tanks. In January, two of them broke requiring repair. They were made operational but they will need to be replaced and there is a 6-week lead out to purchase. Moved to approve the purchase of the replacement pumps by Director Fuglsang, Director Huff. Motion carried 5-0.

School Bus Purchase

Keith Walker presented three bids for 2 bus purchases. Thomas Built Buses was the low bid totaling \$166,950 for the two. Additional maintenance benefits were also included in the Thomas Built Buses bid. Moved by Director Huff, Director Rheingans to accept the bid by Thomas Buses to purchase two additional buses this year. Motion carried 5-0.

Set Date of Public Hearing for 2016-2017 Amended Budget

Cyndie Johnson presented the 2016-2017 Amended Budget document and requested that it be set for Public Hearing. Moved by Director Fuglsang, Director Huff to set the Public Hearing date for April 13, 2017, at Central DeWitt CSD Middle School Media Center at 6:00 p.m. for the Amendment to the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Budget. Motion carried 5-0.

Set Date of Public Hearing for 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Certified Budget

Cyndie Johnson presented the Proposed 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Certified Budget using a zero allowable growth for revenue and a 2.5% for expenditures. With our new money adding only 1.11%, we will be looking to stay under the 2.5% increase. The proposed new tax rate will be 14.65806, which is down from 14.69436 last year. Moved by Director Fuglsang, Director Huff to set the Public Hearing date for April 13, 2017, at Central DeWitt CSD Middle School Media Center at 6:00 p.m. for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Certified Budget. Motion carried 5-0.

Personnel Report

Licensed Personnel

Recommendation to transfer Katie Moulton from her current position as Middle School Science Teacher to High School Chemistry/Physics Teacher starting in August 2017.

Recommendation to hire Clay Waterbury as the High School Earth/Physical Science Teacher starting in August 2017. He will be placed on BA step 1 of the 2017-2018 salary schedule.

Recommendation to hire Paul Gallagher as a High School Business Education Teacher starting in August 2017. He will be placed on BA step 1 of the 2017-2018 salary schedule.

Recommendation to hire Kayleen Keehner as an 8th Grade Science Teacher starting in August 2017. She will be placed on BA step 8 of the 2017-2018 salary schedule. She is currently teaching in her 7th year at Wilton.

Support Personnel

Retirement of Terri Fischer from her position as High School Secretary, effective 6/30/2017. She has been with the district for 25 years.

Recommendation to hire Karl Burmester as a Substitute Bus Driver, starting 2/6/2017.

Recommendation to pay James Magill a \$400 stipend for all his work with our High School Speech team this year. We typically have two coaches and he has stepped up to help.

FYI - Vacancies Currently Posted:

Regular Route Driver
Assistant Varsity Softball Coach

Moved by Director Perrone, Director Rheingans to accept and approve the Personnel Report as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Consent Agenda Item(s)

Moved by Director Rheingans, Director Fuglsang to approve the following consent agenda items. Motion carried 5-0.

Open Enrollment
Professional Leave Report
Student Activity Fund Report
Abstract of Bills
Athletic Sharing Agreements
MBAEA Induction Consortium Agreement for 2017-2018

Future Board of Education Meetings and Opportunities

Pre-Agenda Meeting Monday, April 3, 2017: 8:00 a.m. (Christy Kunz, Cory Huff)
Founders Day Breakfast Wednesday, April 5, 2017 6:45 a.m.
School Board Regular Meeting, Thursday, April 13, 2017 6:00 p.m.
Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB) Convention: November 15-17, 2017

Adjournment 7:17 p.m.

Christy Kunz, Board President

Cyndie Johnson, Board