

Board Meeting Update

July 9, 2015

Central Constituents,

As I do every month, the following are the highlights of the July 8, 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](#).
- During Legislative Reports, the reflected on the recent veto by Governor Branstad of the \$55 million in one-time funding that the legislature agreed to support schools with this coming school year. Since the legislature approved these funds, schools were planning for the use of them for the coming year. For our school district, this amounts to \$160,000 that won't be going to support our students since the Governor vetoed the allocation of these funds. The Board also discussed recent news that members of Congress may potentially rewrite the Elementary-Secondary Education Act, also known as No Child Left Behind. School districts have been anticipating the rewriting of this legislation for a long time.
- The report that was presented last month regarding the structural and mechanical assessment that was completed on the former Clinton County Annex Building was discussed. There are a lot of issues that would need to be addressed in order to use it for student programs. The full report can be viewed [at this link](#). We will be continuing the discussion regarding the use of this building and property in the future. It is the hope of the administrators that we will be able to start our own educational program for students with intense behavior needs. Currently these students are transported and tuitioned out of the school district to schools with these programs. It is our hope that we will be able to education these, our own students, starting in the 2016-2017 school year. As encouraged by our school board, our administrative team will be looking at many of our programs, including nursing, industrial technology, and others that we are looking to continue and expand, including the program for students with intense behavior needs. Our administrative team, with the input of others, will be developing a recommendation regarding where programs should be located. We've also discussed utilizing the current administration building for other purposes, and those operations could be located in a different facility. In a nutshell, we're going to be looking at this situation from a

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wide angle, and discussing what would be best for all of these programs, which will result in an administrative recommendation for the school board in the coming months.

- The Board approved an agreement with Eastern Iowa Community College that includes all of the college courses that will be available for high school students this coming school year. The list can be viewed [at this link](#).

- Under the monthly personnel report, the board approved the following:
 - Resignation of Laurie Wildes as 7th Grade Girls Track Coach
 - Hiring of Grady Gallagher as Assistant Varsity Football Coach.
 - Resignation of Abbi Lievens as 2nd Grade Teacher
 - Hiring of Hailey Delf as 7th Grade Girls Track Coach
 - Hiring of Morgan Burbach as 8th Grade Girls Track Coach
 - Hiring of Matt Ohnemus as Instructional Coach
 - Resignation of Megan Till as Assistant Girls Soccer Coach
 - Hiring of Megan Till as Assistant Varsity Volleyball Coach
 - Hiring of Chris Higgins as Special Education Associate
 - Hiring ofCarolynn Bretschneider as Special Education Associate
 - Transfer of Renae Havener from High School to Middle School Special Education Associate
 - Resignation of Judy Jansen as Middle School Secretary
 - Resignation of Sarah Penniston as Special Education Associate
 - Transfer of Dan Selzer from part-time to full-time custodian
 - Reduction of Roxanne Kueter as Middle School Cook from 7 hours to 6.5 hours per day
 - Transfer of Dar Johnston from Ekstrand Kitchen Manager to Special Education Associate
 - Hiring of Jason Weiss as High School Custodian

- Contracts for administrators, supervisors, and remaining support personnel not covered by collective bargaining agreements were approved at a 3.4% total package increase (including salary/wage, insurance, Fica, IPERS, etc.). This percentage is the same percentage that was negotiated with the Central DeWitt Education Association for the teachers for the coming school year.

- New contracts and master agreements were approved for the secretaries, associates, nutrition, and bus drivers. We negotiate with all of these groups, and their negotiated settlements can be viewed at the following links:
 - [Secretaries](#)
 - [Associates](#)
 - [Nutrition](#)
 - [Bus Drivers](#)

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Those are the highlights of last night's regular meeting. The next regular board meeting is on Wednesday, August 12, 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

