

## Board Meeting Update

September 4, 2014

Central Constituents,

As I do every month, the following are the highlights of the September 3, 2014 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. There were some very important issues discussed and decisions made, including the following:

- 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](#).
- Each September, the school board elects a president and vice president of the school board for the coming year. These positions run from September through August. Christy Kunz has served as our board president for three years now, she has done an incredible job of running our board meetings and serving as the voice of the school board. At last night's meeting Christy nominated Steve Fuglsang to serve as our new board president, and the board approved this nomination. Steve in turn nominated Christy as the board's vice president, which the board also approved. Congratulations to both Christy and Steve for being selected for these leadership positions on the board!
- During the public forum portion of our school board meeting, we had parents in attendance that had concerns with the current rental fee schedule. Dave Necker served as the spokesperson for the group of parents, and he asked that the board reconsider the rent that is charged for student. He indicated that the cost to rent gym space for basketball teams is expensive and it is hard for some students/families to afford. The board had some conversation regarding this issue, and they explained the history of where the rental fee school came from and what it was based on. It was also explained that groups that are open to all children are free of charge. Groups that are select, audition, or hand-picked are charged for the rental of the facility. There was no action on this issue since it took place during the public-forum portion of the board meeting. The rental fee schedule can be found [at this link](#). Also a list of those individuals and groups that rented the school facilities, and what they were charged, during the 2013-2014 school year can be viewed [at this link](#).

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- Bill Petsche, Business Education Teacher and FBLA Sponsor, gave an update on the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) program that we have going in our high school. High school students, Wayne Mooc and Nicholas Riedesel, were also in attendance to share with the board their experiences with the FBLA program.
- Amy Wichman, Director of Innovation & Instruction, highlighted the 5-Year Strategic Plan update. The district's strategic plan can be viewed [at this link](#).
- The board approved the purchase of a 2011 Chevy 2500 4x4 truck with 20,500 miles from Poell's Enterprises Inc., for the amount of \$24,500. The truck also comes with a new 2014 Western 8'6" MVP snowplow. The board also approved the sale of a 1996 Chevy 2500 4x4 with a covered utility box and Western 7'6" snowplow. This truck will be advertised and sold on eBay, like we have done with other school vehicles.
- The board gave Keith Walker, Director of Operations, the approval to work with Knapp-Warden, architectural and engineering firm, to write the specs for the high school corridor project. This is a project that needs to be completed by 2016, per Fire Marshall orders. It removes the asphalt shingles and wood structure above the original three hallways of the high school. Getting the specs completed now will allow the district to apply for grant funding that will help offset the cost of this project.
- The board approved the monthly personnel report, which can be viewed [at this link](#).
- Several steps are required at the annual meeting, including appointing the district's legal counsel. Brett Nitzchke of Lynch-Dallas Law Firm in Cedar Rapids has served the district's legal needs for many years, and the board appointed Brett to continue in this capacity.
- Jim Irwin, board member, was appointed as the board's Legislative Liaison. Jim will be reporting to the board on key legislative issues at board meetings this year.
- The School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC) was appointed by the board. The list of individuals appointed to the SIAC can be viewed [at this link](#).
- The board approved the 2014-2015 School Board & Administrator goals. The board worked on refining these goals at a special work session last week, and this year's goals can be viewed [at this link](#). Please take time to review these goals so that you're informed on what the board's priorities are.
- A Retirement Incentive Plan was approved for the 2014-2015 school year. This plan will be available to teachers that are at or above age 55 by June 30, 2015 and have 5 years of experience in the Central Community School District. The entire retirement incentive plan can be viewed [at this link](#).

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Those are the highlights of last night's regular meeting. The next regular board meeting is on Wednesday, October 8, at 6:00 pm, in the Middle School Media Center.

If you have any comments, questions, or concerns regarding what I've written here...or regarding any else, please do not hesitate to contact me!

Thank you,



Dr. Dan Peterson, Superintendent  
Central Community School District

