

**Monday, November 27, 2017**  
**Central DeWitt Community School Board Regular Meeting**  
**Middle School Media Center, 425 E. 11th Street, DeWitt, Iowa**  
**Central DeWitt School District DeWitt – Grand Mound – Low Moor – Welton**

The Central DeWitt Community School Board of Education met for a School Board development session November 27, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. Jen Vance facilitated 'Whose Job Is It?' as a board discussion roundtable. President Cory Huff, Directors Geoff Blandin, Angela Rheingans and Hannah Perrone were present along with Superintendent Dan Peterson and Board Secretary Cyndie Johnson. Also present was Jen Vance. Director Christy Kunz arrived at 5:55 p.m.

The Central DeWitt Community School Board of Education met for a regular board meeting on November 27, 2017 at the Central DeWitt Middle School Media Center at 6:00 p.m. President Cory Huff, Directors Geoff Blandin, Angela Rheingans, Hannah Perrone and Christy Kunz were present along with Superintendent Dan Peterson and Board Secretary Cyndie Johnson. Administrative Staff present were Jen Vance, Mike Miller, Bill Petsche, and Kurt Kreiter. Media representation included Jan Huffman, Clinton Herald and Larry Lough, The Observer. Also present were Josh Greubel, Gayle Pepmeier and Val Betz with students from her Meal Management class as well as David Ford from the AEA.

**Opening of Meeting:**

Board President Cory Huff 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 5-0.

Moved by Director Rheingans, Director Perrone to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2017 board meeting as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

**Public Comments:**

Josh Greubel reported on the HS Band events. Rachel Green was selected for All State, many are participating in the Conference Band event with one student going to perform at Drake. He also reported that 16 students participated at the Iowa Association of School Boards Conference in Des Moines this month. There is a Band Concert scheduled for December 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. Students are actively involved in fundraising for new uniforms. Plans are ongoing for the Florida trip for the 2018-2019 school year.

**Information & Discussion Items(s)**

**Meal Management Class Presentation:**

Val Betz presented her Meal Management students. They were invited to work with mentoring chefs in Bettendorf at the River Center. Six members that participated presented on the learning experience.

**College & Career Readiness (CCR) Data Presentation by David Ford, Mississippi Bend AEA:**

David Ford presented information on College & Career Readiness. Discussion was held regarding the difference between Proficiency vs. College & Career Readiness with backup data.

**Administrative Reports:**

Mike Miller reported that Ekstrand just completed the Hurricane Harvey Relief Fundraiser. \$684.05 was raised via Penny Wars with an additional \$100.00 contributed by PTO as well. Jean Day for gift cards for these schools was held and raised \$181.00. Camanche Curriculum Director visited Ekstrand and required

information on STEMScopes from our district. Very impressed with our classrooms. Also the Buddy Bench was presented and the students are very excited with it.

Bill Petsche reported that the Intermediate School had 4 classes recently complete participation in Global Read Aloud, partnering with schools in Canada, Florida and New Zealand. They also have been providing new behavioral interventions that have been very successful in keeping students in class and engaged more. Both Ekstrand and the Intermediate School are working together to prioritize the needs that they would like to partner with the PTO on for further purchases and fundraising.

Jen Vance reported that after a visit from our STEMScopes sales rep and trainer they have asked to use our district as a model for their nationwide publications. We look forward to partnering with STEMScopes to showcase the work of our teachers. Also included was an update on upcoming Professional Development that includes vertical conversations next week that will allow teachers to talk in a vertical manner to identify gaps and overlaps with the identification of our essential standards. The annual Connections Conference is coming up on January 4th. We will be welcoming guest speakers Pernille Ripp and Rae Hughart.

Dan Peterson stated he had received a letter from Dr. Deb Van Gorp, Clinician and Director of the Iowa School Business Management Academy, stating that Cyndie Johnson has completed the Authorization for School Business Officials Academy. This is a required 2-year program through the Iowa State University for all School Board Officials. Dan congratulated Cyndie stating that she has worked very hard to complete the program.

**Legislative Report:**

ISFIS is presenting webinars with updates. All Board Members were encouraged to view, as they are very informative.

**Special Education Enrollment Report:**

Cyndie Johnson gave the Special Education Enrollment Report, showing a 3-year comparison. Our total enrollment for Special Education is up as well as our weighted total.

**Update on Sale of School Buses and Van:**

Dan Peterson that the sale of the 4 vehicles was successful. It was advertised on Ebay, social media and The Observer. Total sale was just under \$10,000 for all four vehicles.

**Action Item(s)**

**Donations to the School District:**

Moved by Director Kunz, Director Blandin to accept the donations to the school district as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

**School Resource Officer (SRO) Agreement:**

Moved by Director Blandin, Director Rheingans to approve the contract for School Resource Officer as presented. Motion carried 5-0. There was an increase in the contract cost, which is paid for from At Risk funds. There was a note in the time change in the contract as well to 7:30 am – 3:30 p.m.

**Disposition of District Equipment – 2 School Buses:**

Dan Peterson requested to dispose of two district school buses. He recommended disposing of them similarly to the last vehicles. Moved by Director Perrone, Director Kunz to approve the disposition of district equipment. Motion carried 5-0.

## **Personnel Report:**

### **Licensed Personnel**

Recommendation to hire Larissa Wilming as the .875 FTE Vocal Music Teacher at the Intermediate School, pending her licensure upon graduation. She will be a December graduate from the University of Iowa. She will be placed on BA step 1 with her first contract day on Thursday, January 4, 2018. Her contract will be prorated to the number of contract days she will be working, times her FTE.

Recommendation to hire Courtney Belk as the Middle School (7th) Girls Track Coach. The stipend of .07 is \$2076.38. Courtney currently teaches at the MS level in our district and coaches 9th grade volleyball. She has a good background in track and I anticipate her doing a great job in this role.

### **Support Personnel**

\*Recommendation to amend the hours of RaeLynn McAleer, Special Education Associate at the Intermediate School, from 7 hours down to 6.75 hours/day starting November 27, 2017. She is no longer needed to pick up a student from the van until later in the morning.

Recommendation to hire Michelle Wiebers as a Special Education Associate to work one-on-one with a particular student at the Middle School, starting November 6, 2017. She will work 6.5 paid hours/day on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. She will work 5 paid hours/day on Wednesdays. Her pay rate \$12.50/hour.

Resignation of Angela Yender from her position as CDPAC Events Coordinator. Her last day was November 10, 2017.

Recommendation to amend the hours of Carolynn Bretschneider, Special Education Associate at the High School, from 7 hours down to 6.75 hours/day starting November 15, 2017.

Resignation of Cody Birks from his position as Library Associate at the High School. His last day was October 31, 2017.

Recommendation to transfer Alyssa Dalrymple from her current position as Special Education Associate at Ekstrand to the Library Associate position at the High School. The date of the transfer is yet to be determined. She will work 7.5 paid hours/day at \$12.50 per hour.

### **FYI - Vacancies Currently Posted:**

Special Education Associate at Ekstrand  
Part-Time Events Coordinator for the CDPAC  
Assistant Middle School 8th Football Coach

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

### **Amend Depository Amount of First Central State Bank:**

Cyndie Johnson recommended amending the depository amount of First Central State Bank to \$8,000,000. This more accurately reflects our balances during several months. The RFP for this service will be amended to reflect this as well. Moved by Director Blandin, Director Rheingans to approve the recommendation as presented. Motion carried 4-0-1 with Director Perrone abstaining.

**Financial Report:**

Cyndie Johnson presented the October Financial Reports. She stated that the annual audit would be reported at the next Board Meeting in December. She is working toward verifying and amending line items for the fiscal year and will be working on W-2's, 1099 and 1095's in the upcoming month. Moved by Director Rheingans, Director Perrone to approve the Financial Report as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

**School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) Request for Modified Allowable Growth for Increasing Enrollment in the Amount of \$1,332.80**

This amount is reflective of the .2 increase in student enrollment. Moved by Director Kunz, Director Perrone to accept the request as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

**School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) Request for Modified Allowable Growth for Open Enrolled Out in the Amount of \$104,137.80**

This amount is reflective of resident students enrolled out of the district for which we pay other districts. Moved by Director Kunz, Director Perrone to accept the request as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

**Consent Agenda Item(s)**

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

Moved by Director Rheingans, Director Perrone to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

**Future Board of Education Meetings & Opportunities**

- School Board Tour of Facilities Friday, December 8, 2017: 8:00 am starting at the Administration Center
- Pre-Agenda Meeting Tuesday, December 12, 2017: 8:00 am (Cory Huff, Hannah Perrone)
- School Board Development Session Wednesday, December 20, 2017: 5:30 pm
- School Board Regular Meeting Wednesday, December 20, 2017: 6:00 pm

**Adjournment of Open Session 7:01 p.m.**

The Central DeWitt Community School Board of Education entered into a Closed Session board meeting on November 27, 2017 at the Central DeWitt Middle School at 7:01 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent Evaluation (Iowa Code 21.5.1i) at 7:01 p.m. Moved by Director Kunz, Director Rheingans to adjourn Open Session and enter Closed Session. Motion carried 5-0. Roll call was taken.

- President Huff                 -Aye
- Director Rheingans         -Aye
- Director Perrone             -Aye
- Director Kunz                 -Aye
- Director Blandin             -Aye

Also present were Superintendent Dan Peterson and Board Secretary Cyndie Johnson.

The Central DeWitt Community School Board of Education adjourned Closed Session and re-entered into an Open Session board meeting at the completion of the Superintendent's Evaluation. Moved by Director Rheingans, Director Blandin to adjourn Closed Session and re-enter Open Session. Motion carried 5-0. Roll call was taken.

President Huff           -Aye  
Director Rheingans      -Aye  
Director Perrone         -Aye  
Director Kunz            -Aye  
Director Blandin         -Aye

Also present were Superintendent Dan Peterson and Board Secretary Cyndie Johnson.

**Adjournment**

Moved by Director Perrone, Director Kunz to adjourn the Open Session at 8:41 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

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Cory Huff, Board President

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Cyndie Johnson, Board Secretary