

Wednesday, January 17, 2018
Central DeWitt Community School Board Meetings
Middle School Media Center, 425 E. 11th Street, DeWitt, Iowa

The Central DeWitt Community School Board of Education met for a School Board Development Session presented by Jen Vance on January 17, 2018 at the Central DeWitt Middle School Media Center at 5:30 p.m. The presentation was on Ethical Dilemmas. President Huff, Director Rheingans, Director Perrone and Director Blandin were present along with Superintendent Peterson and Board Secretary Cyndie Johnson. Administrative Staff present were Bill Petsche, Mike Miller and George Pickup. Absent was Director Kunz.

The Central DeWitt Community School Board of Education met for a regular board meeting on January 17, 2018 at the Central DeWitt Middle School Media Center at 6:00 p.m. President Huff, Director Perrone, Director Rheingans and Director Blandin were present along with Superintendent Peterson and Board Secretary Cyndie Johnson. Administrative Staff present were Jen Vance, George Pickup, Bill Petsche, Kurt Kreiter and Mike Miller. Media representation included Jan Huffman, Clinton Herald and Larry Lough, The Observer. Also present were Mia Frommelt, Bohnsack & Frommelt LLP and Jay Ganzer. Absent was Director Kunz.

Opening of Meeting:

Board President Cory Huff opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Moved by Director Rheingans, Director Perrone to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2017 board meeting as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Public Forum

No discussion took place in Public Forum.

Information & Discussion Item(s)

Administrative Reports:

High School/Middle School:

George Pickup stated the district has been charting HS students receiving a no pass (F) grade for some time. We now have a mentoring program to assist with this process. We are currently using at the MS and will be implementing the same system at the HS. Using QUEST software, teachers can request listings of those students not meeting standards and work toward assisting them further. Iowa assessments will be held next week at the HS and the following week at the MS.

Intermediate School:

Bill Petsche is working to improve culture and climate in the building. Building Leadership Teams are working on developing a structure to support our Standards Based Learning approach and opportunities for re-teaching. Teams are also working collaboratively to improve Parent-Teacher Conferences and Iowa Assessment schedules.

Ekstrand:

Mike Miller reported that Ekstrand completed reader's theatre during the week of January 8th. We started our winter screenings this week through FastBridge. Next week we will begin our Iowa Assessments. Saber Senate meetings by our Student Leadership teacher committee started initial meetings this week. The goal for the group will be to expand student voices at Ekstrand.

Athletics:

Kurt Kreiter thanked the Boosters, Coaches and students for their help during the Saber Shootout. It was a successful event.

Asst Superintendent:

Jen Vance stated a District-wide Professional Development day was held January 4th. She received great feedback from our teachers and the messages delivered were timely. She also reported that she visited College Community School District to learn more about Standards Based Grading and the interaction with Infinite Campus.

Legislative Report:

Dan Peterson reported the State is currently suggesting 1.5% in new money for next year. There is nothing concrete yet as this can still change.

Action Item(s):

Audit Report

Mia Frommelt reported on the FY1617 fiscal audit. She presented hardcopies along with two letters. She explained the audit process started in June with internal controls and state auditor reports. She then stated they came back the end of July and tested our accounting data. The final visit was in August to make sure all revenues were collected and recorded in the proper period. All of this information works into the CAR. Once the Department of Ed completes their tests, the financials are complete. This process completes September 15th. After this date, the final reports can be combined and prepared for the district.

The district received an Unmodified Opinion for the Audit. All Government Auditing Standards were upheld. Internal Controls have improved from the prior year. Mia also explained the Revenue sources and Expenditure history with the Board. Other comments and discussion included the Child Nutrition Enterprise Fund, Note 12-Tax Abatements and pending new Accounting Standards of GASB 75. Moved by Director Rheingans, Director Perrone to accept the audit as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Agreement with Solution Tree for PLC Hybrid Conference:

Jen Van stated the district would be sending teachers to the PLC Conference in August, 2018. The cost is \$38,870. Other districts will be invited to attend as well. This is funded by Professional Development funds. Moved to approve the expenditure for the PLC conference by Director Blandin, Director Rheingans. Motion carried 4-0.

Second Reading and Final Adoption of Revised Good Conduct Code No. 503.4:

Kurt Kreiter reviewed the proposed changes to the Good Conduct Code policy for the district. Additions included adding electronic cigarette devices as illegal. It also is proposed to change the current 4-tier system to a 3-tier system. There is no reduction of penalties. Implementation is targeted for March 1, 2018. Kurt is continuing to work to tie up loose ends with notifications and communication to parents/staff/students for a positive implementation. Moved by Director Rheingans, Director Perrone to approve and adopt the Revised Good Conduct Code with an implementation of 3/1/18.

Roll call:

Geoff Blandin	Aye
Angela Rheingans	Aye
Cory Huff	Aye
Hannah Perrone	Aye

Motion carried 4-0.

Personnel Report:

Licensed Personnel

Resignation of Troy Steffens from his position as Assistant Varsity Baseball (Shared) Coach, effective immediately. Troy has served as a coach for our program for over 10 years and during that time our program has had a lot of success. We appreciate all of the time and effort Troy has invested in our program and athletes.

Recommendation to hire Grady Gallagher as an Assistant Varsity Baseball (Shared) Coach. Grady currently is coaching in 3 of our programs (football, basketball, MS track) and does a fantastic job in each. He has been involved during the last two years with our baseball program as an announcer and knows his passion and enthusiasm for the sport and coaching will be great for our program. The current stipend of .09 for three coaches divided by the four who share it is \$2002.22/each.

Support Personnel:

Recommendation to hire Tesha Fischer as Special Education Associate at Ekstrand. She will work 6.5 paid hours/day at \$12.50/hour beginning January 8, 2018.

Resignation of Lance Muhlhausen, Special Education Associate at the High School, effective January 1, 2018.

FYI - Vacancies Currently Posted:

Special Education Associate at MS
Part-Time Events Coordinator for the CDPAC

Moved by Director Blandin, Director Rheingans to accept and approve the Personnel Report as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Financial Report:

Secretary Johnson presented the December financial reports to the Board. Highlights of the district Revenues and Expenditures were discussed. Motion by Director Perrone, Director Rheingans to accept the December 2017 Financial Report as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Bus Repair Invoice:

Presentation of Invoice/Quote for the Bus Repair Invoice/Quote from Thompson Truck and Trailer in the amount of \$7,750. Moved by Director Rheingans, Director Blandin to approve payment of the invoice as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Donations to the School District:

Donation of \$365.00 from various donors to the Central DeWitt Performing Arts Center in memory of Ruth Hlubek, received December 2017/January 2018.

Donation of \$20,565.31 from Saber Boosters for reimbursement of athletic equipment, state cross country lodging and meals, weight room repair, received December 2017.

Donation of \$180.00 from Benevity Causes to the Central DeWitt CSD, received December 2017.

Donation of \$50.00 from Nancy Aiken to the CDPAC, received January 2018.

Moved by Director Blandin, Director Rheingans to accept the donations as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

MBAEA Partnership School Building Improvements:

Dan Peterson reported the updates that were complete. This school is now up and running. Facilities are split/billed equally and instruction costs are billed by the districts direct participation in the program. Other districts may be added to the 8 that are currently participating. Request in the amount of \$40,000 was requested for project. Moved by Director Blandin, Director Perrone to provide the \$40,000 to pay vendors that will ultimately be billed to the member schools. Motion carried 4-0.

Consent Agenda Item(s)

Moved by Director Rheingans, Director Blandin to approve the following consent agenda items: Motion carried 4-0.

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

Future Board of Education Meetings & Opportunities

Pre-Agenda Meeting Wednesday, February 7, 2018: 8:00 am (Cory Huff, Geoff Blandin)

School Board Development Session Wednesday, February 14, 2018: 5:30 pm

School Board Regular Meeting Wednesday, February 14, 2018: 6:00 pm

Adjournment

President Cory Huff adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

Cory Huff, Board President

Cyndie Johnson, Board Secretary