

**Monday February 19, 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 February 19, 2018 at the Central DeWitt Middle School Media Center at 5:30 p.m. The presentation was on “What Can the Board Know?” President Huff, Director Rheingans, Director Perrone, Director Kunz and Director Blandin were present along with Superintendent Peterson, Asst Superintendent Jen Vance and Board Secretary Cyndie Johnson. Administrative Staff present were Bill Petsche, Mike Miller and George Pickup.

The Central DeWitt Community School Board of Education met for a regular board meeting on February 19, 2018 at the Central DeWitt Middle School Media Center at 6:00 p.m. President Huff, Director Perrone, Director Rheingans, Director Kunz and Director Blandin were present along with Superintendent Peterson, Asst Superintendent Jen Vance and Board Secretary Cyndie Johnson. Administrative Staff present were George Pickup, Bill Petsche, Kurt Kreiter and Mike Miller. Media representation included The Observer. Also present were Jim Irwin and Skylar Bloom.

**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 Perrone to approve the tentative agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Moved by Director Perrone, Director Kunz to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2018 board meeting as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

**Public Forum**

Skylar Bloom highlighted the “FFA Week” events. A flyer was passed out and the Board was invited to the FFA breakfast on February 21, 2018.

**Information & Discussion Item(s)**

**Administrative Reports**

George Pickup informed the Board that grades 7-12 would be packaging meals this week for both statewide and worldwide hunger drives. They will be assembling 50,000 meals along with National FFA Week. .

The Robotics team qualified to move to their State competition in Coralville. Speech teams have been successful as well. Kudos to the coaches/sponsors for leading these teams.

Kurt Kreiter announced the Robotics send off for their competition. A send off for Special Ed Basketball and Cheer Teams will be forthcoming. He reported on the Good Conduct Policy. Working to obtain all the parent/student signatures. He also reported he is in the process of

communicating with other conference schools as to what they do to provide strength training and conditioning for their athletes.

Bill Petsche reported that the Intermediate School has finished up screeners in Amath and Aread for 4<sup>th</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> graders. We are 10% ahead of where we were last year. They have finished Iowa Assessment testing last week. Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled. Intervention time is measuring math skills the next six weeks. Letters for summer school are going out. Honor band this past weekend went to Cedar Rapids. Student Council did a breakfast for Nutrition Workers and Custodians. 4<sup>th</sup> graders will be attending a symphony at the Adler.

Mike Miller reported Ekstrand's winter screening data. They are progressing on track. Stats on proficiency were shared. Most all proficiency numbers improved. Planning for students not meeting goals will be additionally assisted via summer school. At the completion of Iowa Assessment testing the building celebrated by holding the Saber Olympics celebration.

Jen Vance stated she is looking to revamp the model-teaching program to benefit staff more efficiently. Looking to see what other districts are doing to improve. Looking at adding a host teacher program where the teacher attends training and then offers training to the district to share the learning.

Dan Peterson reported on phone calls and emails he has received regarding school safety. He has collected many ideas and suggestions. He would like the Board to participate in this process. He stated our schools were not built to keep people out but as community rooms. Statistics on door and window location was discussed as well as the current phone system in each building. We will continue to educate staff and students on this topic. Jim Irwin reported that he had done some research on obtaining other types of protection devices, both the costs and amount of support people required. Open discussion was held among those attending the meeting.

Geoff Blandin reported that he attended his first Clinton County Assessors Committee meeting. He stated appraisals would be updated soon with possible changes on school district payments.

#### Legislative Report

Dan Peterson reported that the State is still working on what allowable growth will be for the upcoming school year. They are also working to expand the SAVE tax until 2050. Discussions regarding the flexibility of fund usage are also being discussed by the State.

#### **Action Item(s)**

#### Personnel Report

#### **Licensed Personnel**

Resignation of Dave Jenkins from his position as Assistant Varsity Football Coach, effective immediately. We appreciate all of Dave's efforts in recent years, especially all the time he has dedicated to helping train our athletes.

#### **Support Personnel**

Recommendation to hire Marlanna Davis to be a 1 on 1 associate in the Middle School. She will work 7 paid hours/day at \$12.50/hour starting January 25, 2018.

Resignation of Megan Tobey from her position as Special Education Associate at the Intermediate School. Her last day was February 16, 2018.

Recommendation to hire Creighton Fox to be a 1 on 1 associate for a particular student at the High School. He will work 7 paid hours/day at \$12.50/hour starting February 8, 2018.

Resignation of Heather Reed from her position as Special Education Associate at Ekstrand. Her last day was February 16, 2018.

Recommendation to hire Michele Luna as a Special Education Associate at the Intermediate School. She will work 5 paid hours/day at \$12.50/hour starting February 19, 2018.

Recommendation to hire Paula Mess as a Special Education Associate at Ekstrand. She will work 6.5 paid hours/day at \$12.50/hour starting February 28, 2018.

Resignation of Kurt McCaulley from his position as Maintenance/Turf Manager. His last day will be March 18, 2018.

Recommendation to hire Sharon Larson as CDPAC Director. She will work 15 hours per week at \$22/hour and receive IPERS benefits. She started February 12, 2018.

#### **Summer Personnel**

Recommendation for the following 7th-12th science teachers to work 22 hours at the rate of \$25/hour during the summer of 2018. These hours will all occur in June and will be comprised of 14 hours in attendance at an AEA workshop and 8 hours back in our district working with aligning instruction and assessments with the Next Generation Science Standards.

- Trisha Brookins
- Kayleen Keehner
- Cody LaKose
- Katie Moulton
- Craig Reuter
- Clay Waterbury

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

1:1 Special Education Associate for MS Track Athlete  
Assistant Varsity Football Coach

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

#### **Financial Report**

Cyndie Johnson presented the Financial Reports for January 2018. She explained several items on the abstract. Moved by Director Rheingans, Director Perrone to approve the Financial Report as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

#### **Donations to the School District**

Donation of \$300 to the CDPAC for the Jack Scott Memorial, received January 2018.

Donation of \$4,859.70 from the Saber Athletic Boosters for the fall equipment request, received January 2018.

Donation of \$180.00 from Benevity Causes to the Central DeWitt CSD, received January 2018.

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

Partnership School Agreements:

Central DeWitt CSD-Mississippi Bend AEA Partnership School Program (PSP) Agreement  
Central DeWitt CSD-Imagine the Possibilities (ITP) Lease  
Central DeWitt CSD Consortium Agreement with Districts

Dan Peterson reported that the district has drawn all the agreements together via our legal team so the language is similar. There are still possibilities of changes to these documents as we move forward to finalize. Moved by Director Kunz, Director Blandin to approve the documents as presented agreeing to the finalization being signed by President Huff at a future date. Motion carried 5-0.

Bus Repair Invoices

Cyndie Johnson presented bills from Thompson Truck and Trailer for bus repair. She requested approval to pay as the combined dollar amount exceeds what the Board allows the district to pay without Board approval. Moved by Director Perrone, Director Rheingans to approve the payment of the invoices as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

### **School Board Policy Revisions as Recommended by IASB - 1st Reading**

The first reading and review of the following School Board Policies were noted:

201: Board of Directors' Elections  
202.3: Term of Office  
406.1: Licensed Employee Compensation  
406.2: Licensed Employee Compensation Advancement  
406.3: Licensed Employee Continued Education Credit  
406.4: Licensed Employee Compensation for Extra Duty  
406.6: Licensed Employee Tax-Shelter Programs  
412.4: Classified Employee Tax-Shelter Programs  
706.2: Payroll Deductions

IASB recommends reviewing varying policies each month. This reading will be brought back next month as well as any other new first reading requests or revisions. Moved by Director Kunz, Director Rheingans to approve the first reading of the above stated policies. Motion carried 5-0.

### **Consent Agenda Item(s)**

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

Open Enrollment

Professional Leave Report  
Student Activity Fund Report  
Abstract of Bills  
Iowa State Cooperative Student Teaching Agreement

**Future Board of Education Meetings & Opportunities**

Pre-Agenda Meeting Wednesday, March 14, 2018: 8:00 am (Cory Huff, Angela Rheingans)

School Board Development Session Wednesday, March 21, 2018: 5:30 pm

School Board Regular Meeting Wednesday, March 21, 2018: 6:00 pm

President Huff adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

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Cory Huff, Board President

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Cyndie Johnson, Board Secretary