

Tuesday March 20, 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 Board Secretary Cyndie Johnson on March 20, 2018 at the Central DeWitt Middle School Media Center at 5:30 p.m. The presentation was a Budget Workshop for 2018-2019 year. President Huff, Director Perrone, Director Kunz and Director Blandin were present along with Superintendent Dan Peterson, Asst Superintendent Jen Vance and Board Secretary Cyndie Johnson. Director Rheingans was absent. Administrative Staff present were Bill Petsche, Mike Miller and George Pickup. Media representation included The Observer.

The Central DeWitt Community School Board of Education met for a regular board meeting on March 20, 2018 at the Central DeWitt Middle School Media Center at 6:12 p.m. President Huff, Director Perrone, Director Kunz and Director Blandin were present along with Superintendent Dan Peterson, Asst Superintendent Jen Vance and Board Secretary Cyndie Johnson. Director Rheingans was absent. Administrative Staff present were George Pickup, Bill Petsche, Kurt and Mike Miller. Media representation included The Observer. Also present were Bob Goodall, Josh Greubel, Rory Maricle, Clara Lindner and Zoey Brokaw.

Opening of Meeting:

Board President Cory Huff opened the meeting at 6:12 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Moved by Director Blandin, Director Perrone to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2018 board meeting as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Instrumental Music Performance

Josh Greubel presented students who highlighted their learning and performances in honor of Music In The Schools month. Students performing were Rory Maricle (Marimba), Clara Lindner (Clarinet) and Zoey Brokaw (Flute).

Public Forum:

Bob Goodall, FFA Alumni, stated the FFA membership is at an all time high with over 15,000 members and 235 Chapters. There are five new Iowa schools starting Ag education this next year. He also stated that Monsanto has several grants that allow additional funds to flow into the district. These grants are between \$10,000 - \$25,000. The FFA Alumni are working to assist in helping the District receive these funds.

Information & Discussion Item(s)

Administrative Reports:

George Pickup, High/Middle School Principal, thanked the Administrative Team and the Board for their support during the recent passing of his father. He also reported that our students received much support for the Student Walk earlier last week in support of those who lost their lives in the Florida school shooting. High School registration is upcoming soon. Intermediate and High School students will be registering for next year late March/early April. He is continuing to add classes. Teachers were formally invited to attend graduation. They will have a designated area and are encouraged to wear the robes and honors from college. We are hoping to make this a tradition. The Senior Walk will also be done again this year. Awards Day is May 16th this year.

Bill Petsche, Intermediate Principal, reported that the Parent/Teachers conference have been held with positive feedback. Seventy-nine of the 84 surveys returned stated the parents like this format better. Teachers also felt they saw more parents. The second trimester has ended with an improved fail rate of students. Intermediate school is busy with scheduling and transitioning students for the new school year. Teachers will also be leading a Student Appreciation Week.

Mike Miller, Ekstrand Principal, stated that Donuts for Dads went very well and was highly attended. This event was planned by Ms. Prombo and sponsored by PTO. This Friday is also PTO Family Movie night at Ekstrand from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Ekstrand also held a "Jump Rope for Heart" event this past week. Major Saver Fundraising event for the Central Ed Foundation will be held April 11 – April 23. Changes to the Jump Start program were discussed. Rosters should be complete the end of May.

Legislative Report:

Dan Peterson, Superintendent, reported the legislative updates from the Department of Education, Rural School Advocates of Iowa, Iowa Association of School Boards and School Administrators of Iowa. Various upcoming changes were discussed.

Action Item(s)

Special Education Delivery Plan Updates

Jen Vance reviewed the updated Special Ed Delivery Plan for the district. This plan has been reviewed by the Teachers and Parent Groups prior to this board meeting. Motion by Director Kunz, Director Blandin to approve the plan updates as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

2018-2019 Secretary Tentative Agreement, Master Contract, and Handbook

Cyndie Johnson presented the Tentative Agreement, Master Contract and Handbook for the Secretary for board review. Total package was a one-year, 2.93% increase agreement. Moved by Director Perrone, Director Blandin to approve as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

2018-2019 Custodian Tentative Agreement, Master Contract, and Handbook

Cyndie Johnson presented the Tentative Agreement, Master Contract and Handbook for the Custodian for board review. Total package was a one-year 2.69% increase agreement. Moved by Director Blandin, Director Kunz to approve as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Personnel Report

Licensed Personnel

Recommendation to hire Brittany Wedeking as the 1:1 Special Education Associate in assisting a MS student during the track season. Pay rate is \$12.50/hour. Brittany filled the same role during the cross-country.

Resignation of Jason McEwen from his position as Assistant Varsity Girls Basketball Coach, effective immediately. I want to thank Jason for his service to our school, program and teams. Jason has been a model coach in our programs and done an outstanding job. We will miss his leadership in our athletic department.

Resignation of Jeff Frick from his position as Head Varsity Boys Basketball Coach, effective immediately. I can't thank him enough for the honor he has brought to our program including some historic games and seasons at Central DeWitt. Our 2014 State Runner-up season was very special for everyone. Mostly I want to thank him for coaching the RIGHT way! I place a high value on our profession and what we do with our program, how we teach our youth and relationships with colleagues. He has been a true professional.

Support Personnel

Recommendation to hire Doug Crank for the Turf/Maintenance position starting March 19, 2018. He will work 8 hours/day at a rate of \$19.00/hour.

Recommendation to hire Rebecca Green for a Transportation Associate position starting March 8, 2018. She will work 1.5 hours/day at a rate of \$12.50/hour. (She was hired in October 2017 to be the Office Associate for the Operations Dept.)

Recommendation to amend the contract of Creighton Fox, Special Education Associate at the High School, from 7 hours/day to 6.5 hours/day starting March 12, 2018. No change in pay rate.

FYI - Vacancies Currently Posted:

Elementary Teacher for the 2018-2019 school year
Art PD Facilitator for the 2018-19 school year
Head Varsity Boys Basketball Coach
Assistant Varsity Girls Basketball Coach
Assistant Varsity Football Coach

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

Financial Report:

Cyndie Johnson presented the February Financial Report for the District. Highlights of monthly transactions were discussed. Motion by Director Blandin, Director Perrone to accept the February 2018 Financial Reports as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Set Date and Publication of Public Hearing for 2017-2018 Amended Budget

Cyndie Johnson presented the 2017-2018 Amended Budget document as requested that it be set for Public Hearing. Moved by Director Kunz, Director Perrone to set the Public Hearing date for April 4, 2018, at Central DeWitt CSD Middle School Media Center at 7:00 p.m. for the Amendment to the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Budget. Motion carried 4-0.

Set Date and Publication of Public Hearing for 2018-2019 Certified Budget

Cyndie Johnson presented the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Certified Budget using a zero allowable growth for revenue and a 1% for expenditures. With our new money adding only 1% we will be looking to stay under a 1% increase. The proposed new tax rate will be 14.319 that is down from \$14.65806 last year. Moved by Director Blandin, Director Perrone to set the Public Hearing date for April 4, 2018 at Central DeWitt CSD Middle School Media Center at 7:00 p.m. for the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Certified Budget. Motion carried 4-0.

Donations to the School District

Donation of \$89.00 from Donald and Ann Green to the High School Speech account toward the cost of a hotel room during contest.

Donation of \$1180.00 from Benevity Causes to Central DeWitt CSD
Donations of \$900 to the High School Boys Soccer Fundraising account for posters

Moved by Director Kunz, Director Blandin to approve listed donations. Motion carried 4-0.

School Board Policy Revisions as Recommended by IASB - 2nd Reading and Final Adoption

Dan Peterson reported the recommendations of the Iowa School Board Association for the policy revisions listed below. Moved by Director Blandin, Director Perrone to approve the following revisions as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

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

Consent Agenda Item(s)

Moved by Director Kunz, 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
Athletic Sharing Agreements
MBAEA Induction Consortium Agreement for 2018-2019
UNI Student Teaching Cooperative Agreement
Account Service Agreement with One Source, The Background Check Company

Future Board of Education Meetings & Opportunities

School Board Development Session Wednesday, April 4, 2018: 6:30 pm
School Board Regular Meeting Wednesday, April 4, 2018: 7:00 pm
Founders Day Breakfast Wednesday, April 11, 2018 6:30 a.m.

The Central DeWitt Community School Board of Education entered into Closed Session board meeting on March 20, 2018 at the Central DeWitt Middle School at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent Evaluation (Iowa Code 21.5.1i). Moved by Director Perrone, Director Blandin to adjourn Open Session and enter Closed Session. Motion carried 4-0. Roll call was taken.

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

Also present were Superintendent Dan Peterson, Asst Superintendent Jen Vance 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 at 7:53p.m. Moved by Director Kunz, Director Perrone to adjourn Closed Session and re-enter Open Session. Motion carried 4-0. Roll call was taken.

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

Also present were Superintendent Dan Peterson, Asst Superintendent Jen Vance and Board Secretary Cyndie Johnson.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by President Huff at 7:56 p.m.

Cory Huff, Board President

Cyndie Johnson, Board Secretary