

The Board of Directors of the Cedar Falls Community School District in the County of Black Hawk, State of Iowa, met in regular session pursuant to the laws and rules of said Board at the City of Cedar Falls City Hall, 220 Clay Street, Cedar Falls, Iowa, at 5:45 p.m. The meeting was called to order by the President and the roll being called there were present Lowell Stutzman in the chair, and the following named Directors: Nate Gruber, Jenny Leeper, R.J. Meyer, Jeff Orvis, Bett Peterson, and Megan Witt. Others in attendance were: Dr. Andrew Pattee, Superintendent, Dr. Adrian Talbot, Executive Director of Human Resources, Denelle Gonnerman, Chief Financial Officer, and Pam Zeigler, Associate Superintendent of Instruction/Learning. Others in attendance: Arlo Mobly, Don Elderkin, Kathy Butler, Meghan Bruns, Laura Kats, Theresa Schmitt, Andy Milone, Jeremy Zehr, and Danielle Zeien.

Item No. 1 – Approval of the Following Consent Agenda Items:

Director Leeper moved and Director Witt seconded the motion that the Board approves the following items:

1. The agenda of the April 8, 2024 Board of Education agenda
2. Approval of March 19, 2024 Board of Education minutes
3. Approval of the bills as presented for payment as reviewed by the designated Board member, Director Gruber
4. Approval of the Open Enrollment requests
5. Approval of Human Resource report
6. 2024-2025 Mercy One Nursing Agreement

OPEN ENROLLMENT REPORT

April 8, 2024

2024-2025- IN

Jaxon Velasquez	Kindergarten
Current Resident District	Waterloo
District Requested	Cedar Falls
Effective Date:	2024-25

Francisco Martinez	10 th Grade
Current Resident District	Hudson
District Requested	Cedar Falls
Effective Date:	2024-25

Lainey Zeien	1 st Grade
Current Resident District	Union
District Requested	Cedar Falls
Effective Date:	2024-25

Mya Morelock	4 th Grade
Current Resident District	Waterloo
District Requested	Cedar Falls
Effective Date:	2024-25

Denied for 2024-25

Paisley Ruch	Kindergarten
Rain Winans	Kindergarten
Zane Zeien	Kindergarten
Adelyn Kiewiet	Preschool

Human Resource Report

April 8, 2024

2023-24 School Year

New Contracts – Recommended for Approval

Teacher:

Benjamin Wolgemuth	Senior High	Social Studies	BA 3	SOSY 24-25	\$45,185*
Jason Dagal	Senior High	Special Education	MA 21	SOSY 24-25	\$75,487*
Jessica Dagal	Senior High	Special Education	MA21	SOSY 24-25	\$75,487*
Jessica Vrioni	Senior High	Spanish	BA 3	SOSY 24-25	\$45,185*
Emily Getz	Hansen	ELL	MA 10	SOSY 24-25	\$60,177*
Lydia Butter	Senior High	Mathematics	BA 3	SOSY 24-25	\$45,185*

Employment with the Cedar Falls Community School District is contingent upon acceptable verification of employment, licensure, reference, education, criminal background, child and adult abuse registry, release from current contract (if applicable), and other pre-employment checks deemed necessary; projected start date of employment and salary may be revised accordingly.

*NOTE: Salary amounts are projections based on placement on the 2023-24 CFEA Total Salary Schedule; actual salary will be finalized once the 2024-25 schedule is determined through collective bargaining

Resignations - Recommended for Approval

All resignations will be effective the End of School Year (EOSY) 2023-24 unless otherwise noted.

Teacher:

Erin Gaines	TAG	Cedar Heights/Lincoln	EOSY 2023-24
Aaron Hansen	Music	Cedar Heights/Aldrich	04/08/2024
Alexis Steinlage	Mathematics	Senior High	EOSY 2023-24
Katelyn Williams	Fourth Grade	Hansen	EOSY 2023-24

Coach:

Lauren Greiner	7 th Grade Volleyball	Holmes JH	EOSY 2023-24
Baily Klammer	8 th Grade Volleyball	Holmes JH	EOSY 2023-24
Kevin Kuker	7 th Grade Basketball	Holmes JH	EOSY 2023-24

Pursuant to Iowa Code 279.19A, 8(b) termination of or resignation from a contract with a teacher constitutes an automatic termination of or resignation from an extracurricular contract in effect between the teacher and the Board.

'EOSY': End of School Year is the final day of teacher service, as determined by the official school calendar. In the event the school year is extended due to weather make up days, or other unanticipated causes, the Superintendent may, at his sole discretion, approve an employee request to terminate employment prior to the end of the school year if the request had been previously approved by the Board to take effect at the end of the school year.

Directors voting in favor of the motion: Gruber, Leeper, Meyer, Orvis, Peterson, Stutzman, and Witt. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried.

Item No. 2 – Public Comment

No public comments

Item No. 3 – Communications

Maddie Gallagher Student Board Liaison reported on the following:

- Science Olympiad placed 2nd
- All City Choir
- Orchard Hill Elem. Fun Fair
- Do Better Be Better 5K
- Staff Appreciation breakfast May 6th
- Blood Drive – May 10th
- Prom May 11th
- Student Senate

Director Leeper asked Dr. Pattee to explain the process for anyone wanting to make a public comment.

Dr. Pattee explained an open meeting means the meeting is open to the public to observe and listen to the proceedings of the meeting. At the public comment section of the agenda time is granted for citizens to make brief statements to the Board. To make a public comment, the District needs to be notified by 4:00 p.m. the day of the Board meeting, comments will be less than 3 minutes and comments should be germane to school district business.

Janelle Darst reported on the following District news activities:

- CF Caps Legacy Project
- Rocket Club NASA student launch
- Bristol Miller- Holmes student won “If I were a Mayor Award”
- Robotics awarded Engineering Inspirational
- Orchard Hill Elementary Tree Girls awarded a grant from DNR
- Jenifer Paulsen awarded history teacher of the year

- Modeling Matters- Lynn Lyon April 18th
- Save the Date CV Caps Innovation Celebration
- Spring sports

Item No. 4 – Approval of 2024-2025 School Year Calendar

Dr. Pattee reviewed the proposed 2024-2025 school year calendar. The first day of school is scheduled for August 23, 2024 and the last day of school is tentatively scheduled for May 30, 2025. There are no snow or make-up days scheduled within the calendar. Director Gruber moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to approve the 2024-2025 school year calendar as presented: Directors voting in favor of the motion: Gruber, Leeper, Meyer, Orvis, Peterson, Stutzman, and Witt. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried.



Cedar Falls Community Schools 2024-2025 Calendar



July 2024

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August 23	First Day of School
August 30	Professional Development - PM
September 2	Labor Day - No School
October 11	Professional Development; PK-12 No School
October 28	Fall Mid-Term
November 18	End of First Trimester
November 27-29	Thanksgiving: No School
Dec 23 - January 1	Winter Break: No School
January 2	Professional Development; PK-12 No School
January 3	PK-12 Students Return to School
January 15	End of Semester
January 17	7-12: No School - Teacher Workday
January 20	MLK Jr. Day: No School
February 21	Professional Development; PK-12 No School
February 28	End of Second Trimester
March 17-21	Spring Break
March 28	Spring Mid-Term
April 18	Professional Development - PM
May 14	No Kindergarten Classes
May 14	1-6 Noon Dismiss/Performance Writing
May 25	Graduation
May 26	Memorial Day: No School
May 30	End of Third Trimester
June 2	Teacher Workday

	Vacation
	Holidays
	Professional Development
	Workshop/Workday

Days missed due to inclement weather will be made up on subsequent week days at the end of the school year.

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Item No. 5– Approval of the 2024-2025 Proposed Budget for Publication and Set Public Hearing Date

Mrs. Gonnerman presented the 2024-2025 proposed budget to the Board of Education including information on operating fund revenues from local, state, federal sources and required expenditures for these funds. The proposed tax rate for the 2024-2025 school year would be \$14.78628 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation. After discussion, Director Meyer moved and Director Orvis seconded the motion that the Cedar Falls Board of Education direct the secretary to publish the budget estimate and notice of public hearing, as required by law, in the Waterloo/Cedar Falls Courier, and that the public hearing for the 2024-2025 proposed budget be held at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 22, 2024 at the City of Cedar Falls City Hall, 220 Clay Street, Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613 as presented. Directors voting in favor of the: Gruber, Leeper, Meyer, Orvis, Peterson, Stutzman, and Witt. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried.

	2024/25 Estimated Expenditures	Est. Amount Necessary to be Raised by Property Taxation
General Operating Fund	\$77,340,520	\$21,584,150
Student Activity Fund	\$1,125,621	\$0
Management Fund	\$1,503,695	\$1,943,803
Fiduciary Funds	\$62,422	\$0
Capital Projects	\$4,321,584	\$0
Capital Projects (SAVE)	\$7,962,321	\$0
Physical Plant & Equipment Levy	\$9,385,000	\$4,263,672
Debt Service Fund	\$11,406,615	\$7,404,697
Nutrition Fund	\$3,436,544	\$0
Total	\$116,544,322	\$35,196,322

Item No. 6– Approval of the 2023 -2024 School Year Budget Amendment and Set Public Hearing

Mrs. Gonnerman reviewed the proposed expenditure amendment to the 2023-2024 school year for an increase in Total Support Services from \$24,285,482 to \$24,392,057, due to adding new high school to property insurance. An increase in Other Expenditures due to payment schedule due to project timeline from \$56,191,651 to \$59,733,940. The amendment to the 2023-2024 school year budget will not raise property taxes, but will give the District the legal authority to spend the additional dollars necessary for the additional expenses. After discussion, Director Orvis moved and Director Witt seconded the motion that the Cedar Falls Board of Education set 5:30 p.m. Monday, April 22, 2024 at the City of Cedar Falls City Hall, 220 Clay Street, Cedar Falls, Iowa, as the time, date, and place to hold a public hearing to amend the current 2023-2024 school year estimated budget expenditures as presented. Directors voting in favor of the motion: Gruber, Leeper, Meyer, Orvis, Peterson, Stutzman, and Witt. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried.

Item No. 7 – Superintendent Report

Dr. Pattee reported on the following:

April 22, 2024 and May 13, 2024 will be next Board meetings.

Bett Peterson volunteered to attend commencement

Item No. 8 – Questions, Comments, and Concerns

Director Orvis inquired on the school education bill.

Dr. Pattee walked through some of the bills going through legislation at this time.

Item No. 9 – Closed Session of the Board of Education Under Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(j)

Director Peterson moved and Director Gruber seconded the motion that the Cedar Falls Board of Education enter into closed session to discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property. The minutes and the audio recording of a session closed under this paragraph shall be available for public examination when the transaction discussed is completed under 2011 Iowa Code 21.5(1)(j). Directors voting in favor of the motion: Gruber, Leeper, Meyer, Orvis, Peterson, Stutzman, and Witt. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried.

Board room was cleared at 6:32 p.m.

Board entered closed session at 6:39 p.m.

Board returned to open session at 6:58 p.m.

Item No. 10 – Adjournment

Director Leeper moved and Director Stutzman seconded the motion to adjourn. Directors voting in favor of the motion: Gruber, Leeper, Meyer, Orvis, Peterson, Stutzman, and Witt. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

President

Secretary