

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 5:30 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, RJ Meyer, Bett Peterson, Jenny Stipe, Megan Witt and Jeff Orvis. Others in attendance were: Dr. Andrew Pattee, Superintendent, Denelle Gonnerman, Chief Financial Officer/Board Secretary, Dr. Adrian Talbot, Executive Director of Human Resources, Dr. Jill White, Director of Student Services and Janelle Darst, Communications. Also in attendance: Linda Fitzgerald.

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

Director Peterson moved and Director Meyer seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.

1. Approval of January 13, 2025 agenda
2. Approval of the December 9, 2024 regular and December 20, 2024 special Board of Education meeting minutes
3. Approval of the bills as presented for payment as reviewed by the designated Board member, Director Orvis
4. Open Enrollment
5. Human Resources Report (amended)

**Open Enrollment Report
January 13, 2025**

<p>Jeylah Ewing</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Current Resident District:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">District Requested:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Effective Date:</p>	<p>8th Grade</p> <p>Cedar Falls</p> <p>Clayton Ridge – IA Virtual Academy</p> <p>2024-2025</p>
<p>Sade Linnor Miller</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Current Resident District:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">District Requested:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Effective Date:</p>	<p>7th Grade</p> <p>Cedar Falls</p> <p>Clayton Ridge – IA Virtual Academy</p> <p>2024-2025</p>
<p>Riley VanGelder</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Current Resident District:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">District Requested:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Effective Date:</p>	<p>9th Grade</p> <p>Cedar Falls</p> <p>Cam-IA Connections Academy</p> <p>2024-2025</p>
<p>Denied: Selena Leeann Berg</p>	<p>9th Grade</p> <p>Cedar Falls</p>

**Human Resources Report
January 13, 2025**

Resignations - Recommended for Approval

New Contracts – Recommended for Approval

Teacher:

Ivee Williamson	North Cedar	Special Education	BA 3	January 13, 2025	\$25,506 (revised)
Haley Iehl	Orchard Hill	Fourth Grade	BA 6	January 13, 2025	\$27,111 (revised)

Resignations – Recommended for Approval

All resignations will be effective the End of School Year (EOSY) 2024-25 unless otherwise noted.

Teacher:

Kristin Peace	Hansen	Fifth Grade	EOSY 2024-25
Autumn Umbarger	Senior High	Physics	EOSY 2024-25

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, Meyer, Orvis, Peterson, Stipe, Stutzman, and Witt. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried.

Item No. 2 – Public Comment

No public comments.

Item No. 3 – Communications

Janelle Darst reported on the following District news activities:

- Scheels Tiger Performance Ground Breaking January 15, 2025 at 4:00p.m.
- Preschool on-line registration 1/31/2025 at 12:00 p.m.
- School Resource Officers
- School Foundation and the Excellence Grant
- Gregg Groen 200th Career win for women’s Basketball
- Ryan Schultz 200th Career win for men’s Basketball
- Winter weather reminder

Student Board Liaison Natalie Schmadeke introduced students attending the new high school. The students shared their experiences in the new facility. General consensus is that the students love the building. President Stutzman and the Board thanked the students.

Item No. 4 – Secretary’s November Financial Reports

Mrs. Gonnerman reviewed with the Board the November 2024 fund balances for general, schoolhouse, student activity, and food service. President Stutzman stated the report would be filed subject to audit.

Item No. 5 – Secretary’s December Financial Reports

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Item No. 6 – Approval of 2025/26 Allowable Growth for Drop-Out/At-Risk Prevention Application

Dr. White reviewed the application for modified allowable growth for Drop-Out/ At-Risk prevention for the 2025-26 school year. Dr. White provided an overview of the different ways in which the District provides resources and support specifically intended to mitigate the risk some students face of dropping out of school. After discussion, Director Gruber moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion that the Cedar Falls Community School District Board of Education approve the 2025-2026 application to the School Budget Review Committee for Dropout prevention and At-Risk modified supplemental aid in the amount of \$1,069,188 as presented. Directors voting in favor of the motion: Gruber, Meyer, Orvis, Peterson, Stipe, Stutzman, and Witt. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried.

Item No. 7 – Approval of Final Acceptance & Completion for New High School Bid Packages 03-2, 05-1, and 07-2

Director Witt moved and Director Gruber seconded the motion that the Cedar Falls Community School District Board of Education accept, as complete, the following bid packages for the construction of the new high school, 2701 W 27th St. for the following contractors and bid packages: 03-2, 05-1 & 07-2. All claims for materials furnished, labor performed and/or services provided for these contracts must be filed per Iowa Code. Directors voting in favor of the motion: Gruber, Meyer, Orvis, Peterson, Stutzman and Witt. Director Stipe abstained. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried.

Item No. 8 – Approval of Final Acceptance & Completion for New High School Natatorium Bid Packages 07-2 and 09-1

Director Peterson moved and Director Meyer seconded the motion that the Cedar Falls Community School District Board of Education accept, as complete, the following bid packages for the construction of the natatorium, 2701 W 27th St. for the following contractors and bid packages: 07-2 and 09-1. All claims for materials furnished, labor performed and/or services provided for these contracts must be filed per Iowa Code. Directors voting in favor of the motion: Gruber, Meyer, Orvis, Peterson, Stutzman and Witt. Director Stipe abstained. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried.

Item No. 9 – Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Pattee reported on the following:

- Legislative Update: First day of Legislation session is January 13, 2025
- Pool/TPC Update: Ground breaking on the Tiger Performance Center January 15, 2025.

Dr Pattee and the Board thanked Dr. Adrian Talbot for his years of service and wished him well in his retirement.

Item No. 10 – Questions, Comments, and Concerns

Director Meyer inquired about the cell phone ban. Dr. Pattee reported it is waiting on legislation for future direction.

Director Witt announced she is resigning from the Board as of January 27, 2025 due to relocation and per Iowa Code will not be able to remain on the Cedar Falls Board of Education.

Item No. 11 – Board Work Session

Board “Strengths Finder”: TJ Warren introduced the Board to strength finder and walked members through their strengths and how to relate to others.

Item No. 12 – Adjournment

Director Gruber moved and Director Meyer seconded the motion to adjourn Directors voting in favor of the motion: Directors voting in favor of the motion: Gruber, Meyer, Orvis, Peterson, Stipe, Stutzman, and Witt. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

President

Secretary