

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 Jeff Hassman in the chair, and the following named Directors: Nate Gruber, Susie Hines, Jenny Leeper, R.J. Meyer, Lowell Stutzman, and Joyce Coil by conference call. Others in attendance were: Dr. Andrew Pattee, Superintendent, Pam Zeigler, Associate Superintendent of Instruction/Learning, Denelle Gonnerman, Chief Financial Officer, Dr. Adrian Talbot, Executive Director of Human Resources and Janelle Darst, Director of Communications and Community Relations. Also in attendance: Janel Ruzicka, Andy Milone, Jo McDougle, Jana Speck, Melanie Wirtz, Kathy Butler, Megan Witt, and Jim Young.

President Hassman stated that a governmental body may conduct a meeting by electronic means only in circumstances where such a meeting in person is impossible or impractical and only if the governmental body provides public access to the conversation of the meeting to the extent reasonably possible. The place of the meeting is the place in which the communication originates and the minutes of the meeting shall include a statement explaining why the meeting in person was impossible or impractical as pursuant to Iowa Code 21.8. The reason for the meeting being held by electronic means: Board member unable to attend due to travel.

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

Director Hines moved and Director Meyer seconded the motion to approve the following agenda:

1. The agenda of the January 23, 2023 Board of Education agenda as presented.
2. Approval of the January 9, 2023 Board of Education minutes
3. Approval of January 11, 2023 Board/Admin Council Retreat Minutes
4. Approval of the bills as presented for payment as reviewed by Lowell Stutzman
5. Human Resource Report
6. Open Enrollment

Human Resources Report
January 23, 2023
2022-23 School Year

Resignations - Recommended for Approval

Teacher:

Carissa Andermann	Peet JH	Special Education	EOSY
Susan Langan	Senior High	School Counselor	06/05/2023

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.

Open Enrollment Report
January 24, 2022

Ryan Mitchell Gudgeon	11 th Grade
Current resident district:	Cedar Falls
District requested:	Dike-New Hartford
Effective date:	2022-2023
Cooper Michael Wendling	3 rd Grade
Current resident district:	Hudson
District requested:	Cedar Falls
Effective date:	2022-2023
Dominick Gregory Deutsch	6 th Grade
Current resident district:	Waterloo
District requested:	Cedar Falls
Effective date:	2022-2023 – C
*Norrielle Diane Edwards	1 st Grade
Current resident district:	Waterloo
District requested:	Cedar Falls
Effective date:	2022-2023

*Na'Siah Noel Harris	4 th Grade
Current resident district:	Waterloo
District requested:	Cedar Falls
Effective date:	2022-2023

*Jaiden Alijah Bowman	6 th Grade
Current resident district:	Waterloo
District requested:	Cedar Falls
Effective date:	2022-2023

*These will be denied

Directors voting in favor of the motion: Coil, Gruber, Hassman, Hines, Leeper, Meyer, and Stutzman. Those voting “no” none.
Motion carried.

Item No. 2 – Public Comment

None

Item No. 3 – Communications

New Student Board Liaison Keiana James reported on the following.

- Student Senate Rose sale for Valentine’s Day
- Student Senate Candy Cane sales donation
- Do Better Be Better 5k in April
- Women’s Wrestling
- Large group speech
- Senior Leadership nominations

Janelle Darst reported on the following District news activities:

- Preschool Registration
- Pack the Dome for NE Food Bank
- Peers group
- Congratulations to Andrea Christopher for Leader Valley Administrator of the Year
- Hearst Center for the Arts
- Men’s swimming
- Gold Star teacher nominations
- New High School video
- One Team One Dream Fundraiser

Item No. 4 – Approval of the 2021-2022 School Year Audit

President Hassman introduced Janel Ruzicka, partner with Carney Alexander & Marold Inc. Mrs. Ruzicka reviewed the summary of the Independent Auditor’s results reporting that the audit was an unqualified opinion and the audit did not disclose any deficiencies in internal controls or non-compliance that are material to the financial statements.

Mrs. Ruzicka highlighted notes of financial statements including:

- Revenue and expenditures for all funds for fiscal year 2022
- Condensed statement of net position
- Historical net position for the previous three school years
- Condensed balance sheet of governmental funds
- Condensed statement of net position for proprietary funds
- Capital assets

- Revenue and debt obligations including:
- Compensated absences
- OPEB liability
- Net pension liability
- School infrastructure Sales, Service and Use tax debt
- Debt coverage for District's revenue bonds
- Component unit: Cedar Falls Community School's Foundation

Mrs. Ruzicka reviewed the summary of findings and expressed their gratitude and thanked the business office for their courtesies they offered during the audit. Director Stutzman moved and Director Hines seconded the motion the Cedar Falls Community School Board of Education accept the 2021-2022 school year audit as presented. Directors voting in favor of the motion: Coil, Gruber, Hassman, Hines, Leeper, Meyer, and Stutzman. Those voting "no" none. Motion carried.

Item No. 7 – District Financial Report

Mrs. Gonnerman presented the district financials ending June 30, 2022, including information on the following:

- Revenue and expenditures
- Four Key factors for the Iowa Public School Foundation Formula: Enrollment, Equalization, Supplemental State Aid Growth, and Balance
- Fund balances
- Current and projected unspent budget authority
- Enrollment
- Assessed valuation
- Other financial indicators

President Hassman and the Board thanked Mrs. Gonnerman and the business office for all they do for the District.

Item No. 8 – Approval of Statement in Support of Public Education

Dr. Pattee reported on the importance of our public school funding, transparency, academic accountability and reviewed the statement in support of public education. Director Gruber moved and Director Leeper seconded the motion the Cedar Falls Community School Board of Education accept the Statement in support of public education as presented. Directors voting in favor of the motion: Coil, Gruber, Hassman, Hines, Leeper, Meyer, and Stutzman. Those voting "no" none. Motion carried.

WHEREAS, the Iowa legislature will consider an expansion of the state funds available to non- public schools; and

WHEREAS, the Board with support of the Cedar Falls Education Association and the Cedar Falls Education Support Professionals, has determined that the Iowa legislature should continue to prioritize and fully invest in Iowa's public schools. We believe in the following principles:

- *Public schools educate 90% of students in Iowa and they are essential for a strong democracy.*
- *Public schools are open to all students regardless of race, religion, gender, socio- economic status and disability.*
- *Funding for Iowa's public schools should be the state's first priority and the legislature should ensure adequate funding for the next school year prior to any school choice legislation.*
- *Public schools are overseen by a publicly elected citizen governing board, are required to report academic results to the general public, have an annual public financial audit, and be transparent with all expenditures and decision-making.*
- *Taxpayers have a right to know how their funds are being used.*

WHEREAS, the Board agrees that parents should have the choice to enroll their child in a private or religious school however, these institutions should have the same academic accountability and transparency as public schools,

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes the state currently provides significant financial support for school choice and any expansion of that funding should not be at the expense of public schools.

WHEREAS, the Board urges the Iowa Legislature to fully fund public schools in recognition of the essential education provided to the students by the dedicated teachers and staff of the Cedar Falls School District.

Item No. 9 – Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Pattee reviewed the following:

- Legislative Update:
IASB - Advocacy – through Day on the Hill, Tuesday, February 14th

Item No. 10 – Questions, Comments, and Concerns

Director Coil stated the House is currently debating the voucher bill and encouraged everyone to reach out to their Legislator.

Item No. 11 – Adjournment

Director Leeper moved and Director Stutzman seconded the motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m. Directors voting in favor of the motion: Coil, Gruber, Hassman, Hines, Leeper, Meyer, and Stutzman. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried.

Board Secretary

Board President