

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, 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, Eric Rosberg, Director of Secondary Education, Tara Estep, Director of Elementary Education, and Janelle Darst, Communications. Also in attendance: Linda Fitzgerald and Danielle Stutzman.

Item No. 1 – Public Hearing: Scheels Tiger Performance Center – Phase I

President Stutzman reported that he had in his possession an affidavit of publication showing the notice of time and place of the hearing for the Scheels Tiger Performance Center – Phase I. This notice was published in the Waterloo/Cedar Falls Courier October 29, 2024. The Board will now hold a hearing. No public comments were offered. No written were received. President Stutzman then declared the public hearing closed.

Item No. 2 – Approval of the Following Consent Agenda Items:

Director Gruber moved and Director Meyer seconded the motion the Board approves the following items:

1. The agenda of the November 11, 2024 Board of Education as presented.
2. Approval of the October 14, 2024 Board of Education meeting minutes as presented.
3. Approval of the bills as presented for payment as reviewed by the designated Board member, Director Peterson
4. Approval of Open Enrollment
5. Approval of Substantial Completion –Work Space
6. Annual Review of Policy 203.1 – Long Range Needs Assessment

**Open Enrollment  
November 11, 2024**

Kyrce Dajon-Lee Fox Current Resident District: District Requested: Effective Date:	Kindergarten Waterloo Cedar Falls 2024-2025 – C
Shyne Lee Evans Current Resident District: District Requested: Effective Date:	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Waterloo Cedar Falls 2024-2025 – C
Beckham Cole Housch Current Resident District: District Requested: Effective Date:	Kindergarten Cedar Falls Hudson 2024-2025 – C
Avery Jean Housch Current Resident District: District Requested: Effective Date:	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Cedar Falls Hudson 2024-2025 – C

The following will be denied:

Justin Antwan Cole Jr	Kindergarten	Waterloo
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Directors voting in favor of the motion: Gruber, Meyer, Orvis, Peterson, Stutzman and Witt. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried.

Item No. 3 – Public Comment

Public comment was heard from Danielle Stutzman of Cedar Falls on the negative effects of cell phones in schools and presented a book to each Board member “The Anxious Generation” for a tool on a phone free policy.

Item No. 4 – Communications

New Student Board Liaison Natalie Schmadeke reported on the following.

- North East Iowa Food Drive over 100,000 meals from all schools and 31,000 meals from Cedar Falls Community Schools
- Fall sports accomplishments
- Greeks Gone Wild
- Winter dance connected to dance marathon

Superintendent Pattee reported on the following District news activities:

- Golf champions
- Women's Rugby Team runner up at State
- Men's State Cross Country placed 2<sup>nd</sup> at State
- Football and Volleyball seasons
- Girls Swimming and Diving
- All-State musicians
- Megan Bowden Iowa Counselor of the year
- Main access to Natatorium named Marcussen Way to the High School
- CF School Foundation 34 Grants funded

Item No. 5 – Secretary's Financial Reports

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

Item No. 6 – Adoption of the American Education Week Proclamation

Jason Lang presented the following proclamation for American Education Week, which will be observed the week of November 18-22, 2024. Dr. Pattee and the Board of Education thanked Mr. Lang.

**WHEREAS**, public schools are the backbone of our democracy, providing young people with the tools they need to maintain our nation's precious values of freedom, civility and equality; and

**WHEREAS**, by equipping young Americans with both practical skills and broader intellectual abilities, schools give them hope for, and access to, a productive future; and

**WHEREAS**, all education employees, be they teachers, school counselors, teacher librarians, instructional coaches, curriculum specialists, paraprofessionals, school secretaries, custodians, nurses, maintenance and grounds personnel, technology specialists, bus drivers, food service, building principals, business services, human resources, district administrators, school boards, or substitute ESPs and teachers, work tirelessly to serve our children and communities with care and professionalism; and work together to provide a safe and healthy learning environment for students”.

**WHEREAS**, schools are community linchpins, bringing together adults and children, educators and volunteers, business leaders, and elected officials in a common enterprise.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, we as Representatives of the Cedar Falls Educational Support Professionals and the Cedar Falls Education Association do hereby proclaim November 18-22, 2024 as the annual observance of American Education Week.

Signed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of November 2024.

Item No. 7 – IASP/Achievement Presentation

Mr. Rosberg, Director of Secondary Education and Mrs. Estep Director of Elementary Education shared a tremendous amount of information and data on academic advancements and achievements, as well as anticipated District goals for the 2024-2025 school year.

Item No. 8 – Resolution to Approve Proposed Plans, Specifications and Form of Contract for Scheels Tiger Performance Center.

Director Peterson moved and Director Orvis seconded the motion that the Cedar Falls Community School District Board of Education approve the proposed plans, specifications, proposed form of contract for the Scheels Tiger Performance Center. Superintendent Pattee thanked the Scheels Tiger Performance Center Committee for all their commitment and time in bringing this project together. Directors voting in favor of the motion: Gruber, Meyer, Orvis, Peterson, Stutzman and Witt. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried.

Item No. 9 – Approval of Final Acceptance & Completion for New High School Bid Packages

Director Gruber moved and Director Peterson 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 27<sup>th</sup> St. awarded on December 21, 2020 for the following contractors: BP07-3, 11-1, 11-3, 12-2, 12-3, 32-2 and 33-1. All claims for materials furnished, labor performed and/or services provided for these contracts must be filed within the next 30 days. Directors voting in favor of the motion: Gruber, Meyer, Orvis, Peterson, Stutzman and Witt. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried.

Item No. 10 – Approval of Final Acceptance & Completion for Natatorium Bid Packages

Director Meyer moved and Director Orvis 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, Phase I awarded on October 6, 2022 for the following contractors: BP 04-1, 05-1, 08-1, 31-1, 32-1 and 33-1. All claims for materials furnished, labor performed and/or services provided for these contracts must be filed within the next 30 days. Directors voting in favor of the motion: Gruber, Meyer, Orvis, Peterson, Stutzman and Witt. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried.

Item No. 11 – Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Pattee responded to Mr. Lang American Education Week Proclamation and thanked all staff for all they do and reported we truly do have the best staff in the nation.

Dr. Pattee reported on the following:

1. IASB Convention is November 20-21, 2024. (Confirmation email being sent out)
2. Board Goals and PLC/PTO google doc sign up
3. Strength Finder: Take assessment to be shared following the January 2025 board meeting.
4. First 9<sup>th</sup> grade Career Day November 11, 2024
5. Next board meeting is December 9, 2024.

Item No. 12 – Questions, Comments, and Concerns from Board Members

No comments

Item No. 13 – Adjournment

Director Meyer moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to adjourn. Directors voting in favor of the motion: Gruber, Meyer, Orvis, Peterson, Stutzman and Witt. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.