

The Board of Directors of the Cedar Falls Community School District in the County of Black Hawk, State of Iowa, met in special work session pursuant to the laws and rules of said Board at the James L. Robinson Administrative Center, 1002 West First Street, Cedar Falls, Iowa, at 2:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by the President and the roll being called there were present Joyce Coil in the chair, and the following named Directors: Jenny Leeper, Jim Brown, Dave Williams, and Susan Lantz. Others in attendance were: Dr. Andrew Pattee, Superintendent, Douglas Nefzger, Director of Business Affairs and Dr. Adrian Talbot, Director of Human Resources.

President Coil called the meeting to order and reported that we are here to focus on students and student achievement.

Item No.1 – Discussion: RSP & Associates Work

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the process for developing criteria for the upcoming boundary line study committee. Dr. Pattee briefly reviewed the need for the process from information received by RSP & Associates at the previous board meeting on establishing criteria for the boundary line committee. The criteria that will always be considered includes: Exceptional education must take place at each facility at every option, the goal is to minimize subjective comments and rumors in order to obtain Board of Education goals and priorities, as well as provide for the educational needs of each student.

Boundary line criteria examples may include:

1. One continuous attendance area
2. Demographic considerations
3. Duration of boundaries
4. Fiscal considerations - capital investments
5. Fiscal considerations – operational
6. Neighborhoods remaining intact
7. Projected enrollments
8. Building utilization
9. Student impact on boundary changes
10. Transportation considerations

The Board of Education reviewed the process that was used from the 2007-2008 school year boundary line discussion. It was noted that all boundary line committee meetings that take place this spring will be well publicized in advance and open to the public. Dr. Pattee estimated that the committee will consist of approximately 30-35 individuals and the goal is to complete the process by the middle of May 2015. Any implementation of boundary line changes would tentatively take place the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year.

Board members discussed various aspects of criteria in the process. Director Leeper commented that she was informed the school districts in the Des Moines metro area are redistricting on an annual basis. Director Williams commented that he has heard that some school districts have gone away from the concept of a neighborhood school. Director Lantz commented that our plans need to be flexible depending upon any potential future bond vote. President Coil reported that the Board will need to continue communication with the community as a whole and make sure the plan is concise and well-articulated.

Dr. Pattee concluded the board work session by briefly reviewing the RSP enrollment projection matrix.

Item No 2. – Adjournment

Director Williams moved and Director Lantz seconded the motion to adjourn. Directors voting in favor of the motion: Brown, Coil, Leeper, Williams, and Lantz. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

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Secretary

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President