

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, Dr. Allan Heisterkamp, Susie Hines, Jeff Orvis, Sasha Wohlpert and Jenny Leeper by Tele Conference. Others in attendance were: Dr. Andrew Pattee, Superintendent, Dr. Adrian Talbot, Executive Director of Human Resources, Denelle Gonnerman, Chief Financial Officer and Janelle Darst, Director of Communications and Community Relations. Others in Attendance by teleconference: Tara Estep, Executive Director of Enrichment & Special Programs, Amya Thornton, Megan Droste, Kim Cross, Saniah Bell, Black Lives Matter, Anna Patch, Jennifer Onuigbo, Kathryn Mahoney, Diamond Round Tree, Andrea Geary, Justin Max Tensen, Joyce Levingston, Karyn Yasusa, Maggie Dvorak, Andrea Tate, Megan Johnson, and Sam Blatt.

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: Due to COVID-19 and the recommendation by the CDC/Iowa Department of Public Health to social distance.

Item No. 1 – Public Hearing: BBP-14-1; High School Elevators

President Hassman reported that he had in his possession an affidavit of publication showing the notice of time and place of the hearing for the BBP-14-1; High School Elevator and Lift project. This notice was published in the Waterloo/Cedar Falls Courier February 9, 2021. The Board will now hold a hearing. No public comments were offered. No written comments were received. President Hassman then declared the public hearing closed.

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

Director Hines moved and Director Gruber seconded the motion that the Board approves the following consent agenda items:

1. The agenda of the February 22, 2021 Board of Education
2. Approval of the February 8, 2021 Board of Education minutes
3. Approval of the bills as presented for payment as reviewed by the designated Board member, Jeff Hassman
4. Approval of Human Resource Report

Human Resources Report

February 22, 2021

2020-21 School Year

New Contracts* - Recommended for Approval Teacher:

Megan Bowden	Peet Jr High	School Counselor	MA 4	SOSY 2021-22	\$48,125**
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Resignations – Recommended for Approval

Teacher:

Logan Mork	Senior High	Science	EOSY 2020-21
Kari Schwartz	Peet JH	Special Education	EOSY 2020-21

*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, Hassman, Heisterkamp, Hines, Leeper, Orvis, and Wohlpert. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried.

Item No. 3 – Public Comment

Public comments were received from the following on Equity representation and the need for education to bridge the gaps and the continuous need to take action on racism.

Jennifer Onuigbo

Maggie Dvorak

Tami Blackledge – Not available

Joyce Levingston

Andrea Tate

Megan Johnson

Sam Blatt

Item No. 4 – Communications

Janelle Darst reported on the following District news activities:

- Kindergarten round up
- Kenton Swartley 2021 STEM Teacher of the Year
- State wrestling
- McDonalds All Americans
- State Bowling
- Equity Resources Website
- Virtual Campus
- Virtual Screening
- Men's State swim team
- High School Choir Black History Month
- Jazz Band
- Tall Corn Jazz Festival
- Tools 4 Schools awards
- Cedar Heights Elementary Americans for Independent Living fund raiser
- Hansen Elementary First Lego League to State competition
- North Cedar Communication Board
- LIKE Virtual
- Virtual Campus enroll by March 1, 2021
- Side Car Coffee

Janelle thanked the community for feedback on the Equity Resources Website

Item No. 5 – Secretary's Monthly Financial Report

Mrs. Gonnerman reviewed with the Board the January 2021 fund balances for general, schoolhouse, student activity, and food service. President Hassman stated the report would be filed subject to audit.

Item No. 6 – Informational Report: Equity Committee Presentation

President Hassman introduced Tara Estep, Executive Director of Enrichment & Special Programs. Mrs. Estep introduced the presenters whom are also on the Equity Committee; Principal Kim Cross, Megan Droste, CAPS Instructor, and students Amya Thorton and Karen Yasuda. Presenters provided an overview of the District's Equity action plan and partnerships. The Equity Committee is created to develop and provide actionable change for students and staff and provide an action plan for awareness, as well as a voice to our students of color to be heard and represented for a positive sustaining change of social justice.

Item No. 7 – Approval of ESC Parking Lot Bids

Mrs. Gonnerman reviewed the Education Support Center parking lot project. After discussion, Director Wohlpert moved and Director Orvis seconded the motion that the Cedar Falls Community School District Board of Education approve the bid for ESC Parking Lot Replacement from Barry Smith Grading & Excavating, Waverly Iowa in a base bid amount of \$211,308.34 and Alternate #1 of \$10,866.62 for a total bid amount of \$222,174.96. Directors voting in favor of the motion Gruber, Hassman, Heisterkamp, Hines, Leeper, Orvis, and Wohlpert. Those voting "no" none. Motion carried.

Item No. 8 – Approval of Amendment to Deed of Dedication for McMahill First Addition

Dr. Pattee reviewed the amendment to the Deed of Dedication for the McMahill first addition. After discussion, Director Orvis moved and Director Gruber seconded the motion that the Cedar Falls Board of Education approve the resolution to amend the Deed of Dedication for McMahill First Addition and ratifying and confirming approval of final plat of McMahill First Addition as presented. Directors voting in favor of the motion Gruber, Hassman, Heisterkamp, Hines, Leeper, Orvis, and Wohlpert. Those voting "no" none. Motion carried.

Item No. 9 – Set Public Hearing Proposed Issuance of Approximately \$32,900,000 School Infrastructure Sales, Services, and Use Tax Revenue Bonds

After discussion, Director Heisterkamp moved and Director Hines seconded the motion Cedar Falls Community School Board of Education adopt the resolution to set March 8, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at the City of Cedar Falls City Hall, 220 Clay Street, Cedar Falls Iowa as the date and time for the public hearing on the proposed issuance of approximately \$32,900,000 of school infrastructure sales, services, and use tax revenue bonds as presented. Directors voting in favor of the motion Gruber, Hassman, Heisterkamp, Hines, Orvis, and Wohlpart. Abstaining: Leeper. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION FIXING THE DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED
ISSUANCE OF APPROXIMATELY \$32,900,000 SCHOOL INFRASTRUCTURE SALES,
SERVICES AND USE TAX REVENUE BONDS

WHEREAS, the School District receives revenue from the State of Iowa Secure an Advanced Vision for Education Fund ("SAVE Revenue") pursuant to Iowa Code Section 423F.2; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 423F and an election duly held in accordance therewith on March 3, 2020 approving a revenue purpose statement (the "Revenue Purpose Statement"), the Board of Directors is currently entitled to spend SAVE Revenue for school infrastructure purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors is in need of funds for the following school infrastructure project: to construct, build, furnish and equip a new high school building and to improve the site, including public infrastructure such as streets, water, sewer and stormwater, including costs of issuance and a debt service reserve fund if required by the purchaser; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has deemed it necessary and advisable that the District issue School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Bonds, which may be issued in one or more series over multiple fiscal years pursuant to Iowa Code Section 423F.2 and 423E.5, in the approximate amount of \$32,900,000 for the purpose of providing funds to construct, build, furnish and equip a new high school building and to improve the site, including public infrastructure such as streets, water, sewer and stormwater, including costs of issuance and a debt service reserve fund if required by the purchaser. Any bond proceeds remaining after completion of this project will be used for other school infrastructure projects as authorized by the School District's Revenue Purpose Statement; and

WHEREAS, before said Bonds may be issued, it is necessary to comply with the provisions of Iowa Code Section 423F.4, and to publish a notice of the time and place of the public hearing on the proposal to issue such Bonds; and

WHEREAS, notice of the time and place of a public hearing must be published not less than ten nor more than twenty days before the public hearing in a newspaper having general circulation in the District:

NOW, THEREFORE, it is resolved

Item No. 10 – Set Public Hearing for 2021-2022 School Year Calendar

Dr. Pattee reviewed the proposed 2021-2022 school year calendar. The first day of school, allowed by Iowa Code, is scheduled for August 23, 2021 with the last day tentatively scheduled for May 27, 2022. There are no snow or make-up days scheduled within the calendar. All make-up days will be added on to the end of the year. Director Hines moved and Director Wohlpart seconded the motion to approve March 8, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at the City of Cedar Falls, City Hall, 220 Clay Street, Cedar Falls Iowa as the date and time to hold a public hearing for the 2021-2022 school year calendar. Directors voting in favor of the motion Gruber, Hassman, Heisterkamp, Hines, Leeper, Orvis, and Wohlpart. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried.

Item No. 11 – Superintendent's Report

Dr. Pattee reported on the following:

- March 8, 2021 Board meeting to include the preliminary budget

Dr. Pattee thanked our community for their public comments. Dr. Pattee reported we have great staff, students and Administrators and we all have work to do and have areas to improve upon.

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

President Hassman inquired how the COVID 19 vaccinations are going for staff. Dr. Pattee reported two weeks ago 85 staff members 65 and older received vaccinations, this past Friday 300 additional staff members were vaccinated. On March 1st & 8th another 300 staff members each day will be vaccinated and that will conclude the first round of shots for all of our staff and substitutes prior to spring break.

Director Heisterkamp asked if there are any bills in Legislation that we should be keeping an eye on. Dr. Pattee mention SSA bill is on the Governor's desk awaiting her signature; 2.4% increase.

Dr. Heisterkamp inquired about the district's virtual campus and open enrollment. Dr. Pattee reported that we are finding a lot of interest to a virtual and blended approach.

Vice President Wohlpert inquired about how we will be impacted by the new preschool legislation. Dr. Pattee reported that preschool enrollment has not seen the decreasing trends other schools have seen across the State.

Director Heisterkamp inquired about how equity is incorporated in the demand of preschool seats. How do we as a District give our families access through equity and equality? Dr. Pattee reported we have partnership with Head Start and we have slots in each classroom that are not based on access, but need.

Director Hines reported on the Cedar Falls School Foundation survey.

Director Hines reported the last week in July the men's and women's athletic organization passed a noncontact week for athletics.

Item No. 13 – Adjournment

President Hassman reported following the meeting there will be a Board strategy meeting.

Director Gruber moved and Director Heisterkamp seconded the motion to adjourn. Directors voting in favor of the motion Gruber, Hassman, Heisterkamp, Hines, Leeper, Orvis, and Wohlpert. Those voting "no" none. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Secretary

President