

September 24, 2012

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 James L. Robinson Administrative Center, 1002 West First Street, Cedar Falls, Iowa, at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by the President and the roll being called there were present Deon Senchina in the chair, and the following named Directors: Jenny Leeper, Joyce Coil, Jim Brown, Susan Lantz and James Kenyon. Others in attendance were: Michael Wells, Superintendent, Douglas Nefzger, Director of Business Affairs, Dan Conrad, Director of Secondary Education, Pam Zeigler, Director of Elementary Education and Dr. Adrian Talbot, Director of Human Resources. Also in attendance were Roark Horn, Sarah Eastman, Rich Powers and Emily Christensen.

The Board viewed the video "Perspectacles".

Retiring Board

Item No. 1 – Approval of September 10, 2012

Director Lantz moved and Director Leeper seconded the motion to approve the September 10, 2012 board minutes as presented. Directors voting in favor of the motion: Brown, Kenyon, Leeper, Coil, Lantz and Senchina. Those voting "no" none. Motion carried.

Item No. 2 – Approval of Accounts Payable

Director Coil moved and Director Brown seconded the motion to approve accounts payable as presented. Directors voting in favor of the motion: Brown, Kenyon, Leeper, Coil, Lantz and Senchina. Those voting "no" none. Motion carried.

Item No. 3 –Adjournment of the Retiring Board

Director Coil moved and Director Lantz seconded the motion to adjourn. Directors voting in favor of the motion: Coil, Leeper, Lantz, Brown, Kenyon, and Senchina. Those voting "no" none. Motion carried. The old Board adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

New Board

Item No. 1 – Organizational Regular Board Meeting Call to Order

The new Board was called to order by former President Senchina at 7:07 p.m.

Item No. 2 – Determination of a Quorum

Mr. Nefzger determined that the following Directors were present: Joyce Coil, James Kenyon, Jenny Leeper, Jim Brown, Susan Lantz and Deon Senchina. Mr. Nefzger stated six board members were present, there is a quorum for the Board of Education and the Board may proceed to perfect the permanent organization.

Item No. 3 – Election of the President of the New Board

Mr. Nefzger reviewed the Board of Education Policy 201.3, regarding the election of officers. Mr. Nefzger then distributed and collected the nomination ballots for the office of President. Mr. Nefzger counted the ballots and reported that Directors Senchina had received all nomination ballots for the office of President. Mr. Nefzger recommended that the Board enter a motion at this time for the election of the Board President. Director Coil moved and Director Lantz seconded the motion that the Board of Education dispense with the written election ballot and cast a unanimous ballot for Director Senchina as President of the Cedar Falls Community School District Board of Education. Directors voting in favor of the motion: Coil, Brown, Lantz, Kenyon, Leeper and Senchina. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried. Mr. Nefzger then administered the oath of office upon Director Senchina for the office of President of the Cedar Falls Board of Education. The oath was answered in the affirmative by President Senchina.

Item No. 4 – Election of the Vice-president of the New Board

Mr. Nefzger distributed and collected the nomination ballots for the office of Vice-president. Mr. Nefzger counted the ballots and announced that Director Coil received all nomination ballots for the office of Vice-president. Nefzger recommended the Board enter a motion at this time for the election of the Board Vice-president. Director Brown moved and Director Leeper seconded the motion that the Board of Education dispense with the written election ballot and cast a unanimous ballot for Director Coil as Vice-president of the Cedar Falls Community School District Board of Education. Directors voting in favor of the motion: Brown, Coil, Leeper, Kenyon, Lantz and Senchina. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried. Mr. Nefzger then administered the oath of office upon Director Coil for the office of Vice-president of the Cedar Falls Board of Education. The oath was answered in the affirmative by Director Coil.

Item No. 5 – Adoption of Written Policies, Rules, Regulations, and Procedures

Superintendent Wells reported that under Iowa Code 279.8 that the Board of Education may establish the policies, rules, regulations, and procedures that govern the organization. Director Coil moved and Director Lantz seconded the motion to approve the policies, rules, regulations, and procedures in place for the school district for the 2012-2013 school year. Directors voting in favor of the motion: Brown, Coil, Leeper, Kenyon, Lantz and Senchina. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried.

Item No. 6 – Approval of the Following Consent Agenda Items:

Director Lantz moved and Director Coil seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented:

1. Open enrollment report
2. Agreements:
 - Waterloo Community Schools ROTC
 - RSP & Associates
 - AEA 267 Transcriptionist

Open Enrollment Report

September 24, 2012

Kale Clay	12 th Grade
Current resident district:	Waterloo
District requested:	Cedar Falls
Effective date:	2012-2013

Directors voting in favor of the motion: Brown, Coil, Leeper, Kenyon, Lantz and Senchina. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried.

Item No. 7 – Communications

President Senchina reported on the following:

- IASB District 3 representative position is up for reelection
- Nancy Barsic received the outstanding elementary art educator award

Directors Coil and Lantz reported on Solution Tree Professional Learning Community conference at AEA 267.

Item No. 8 – Approval of 28E Agreement Between AEA 267 and Cedar Falls CSD

Mr. Wells introduced Roark Horn, Chief Administrator of AEA 267. Mr. Horn reviewed the proposed 28E agreement between the Cedar Falls Community School District and AEA 267. Due to a change in the interpretation of Federal laws it was determined that local educational agencies are responsible for the educational program for special education students. This 28E agreement would then place Cedar Falls Community School District as the local educational agency in charge of the operation of River Hills School. The school district would contract with AEA 267 for the day to day operation of that school. River Hills school serves approximately 150 special needs students throughout the Cedar Valley and Northeast Iowa. After discussion, Director Lantz moved and Director Kenyon seconded the motion to approve the 28E agreement between Cedar Falls Community School District and AEA 267. Directors voting in favor of the motion: Brown, Coil, Leeper, Kenyon, Lantz and Senchina. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried.

Item No. 9 – Approval of Public Hearing Date for the 2013-2014 Continued Innovative Calendar

Director Coil moved and Director Leeper seconded the motion to approve Monday, October 22, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. as the time and place for a public hearing for the Cedar Falls Community School district to continue the Innovative Calendar application for the 2013-2014 school year. Directors voting in favor of the motion: Brown, Coil, Leeper, Kenyon, Lantz and Senchina. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried.

Item No. 10 – Approval of the 2011-2012 Certified Annual Report and SBRC Application for Modified Allowable Growth

Mr. Nefzger reviewed the certified annual report and special education supplement for the Cedar Falls Community School District for the 2011-2012 school year. A considerable amount of data was presented in a Power Point presentation showing trends and performance of the District’s individual funds over the past seven years and detailed information of miscellaneous income and federal funds received over the previous two years. Mr. Nefzger reviewed the special education supplement for the certified annual report showing trend lines over the past seven years for revenue, expenditures and special education fund balances. Director Brown moved and Director Leeper seconded the motion to approve 2011-12 certified annual report, 2011-12 certified annual report special education supplement and submit a request to the School Budget Review Committee to seek allowable growth and supplemental aid for the negative special education balance as presented. Directors voting in favor of the motion: Senchina, Brown, Coil, Leeper, Kenyon and Lantz. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried.

Item No. 11 – Annual Yearly Progress Update

Mr. Conrad, Director of Secondary Education and Ms. Zeigler, Director of Elementary Education provided the Board with an informational report on adequate yearly progress (AYP) for “No Child Left Behind” (NCLB). Mr. Conrad noted the following NCLB annual goals:

1. All public schools and school districts are held accountable to meet annual measurable objectives (AMOs) in reading and mathematics at grades 3-8, and 11
2. Beginning in 2011-2012 student proficiency is based on growth for using the National Standards Score (NSS)
3. Beginning in 2011-2012, proficiency is determined through the scores achieved on the Iowa Assessments
4. All Qualifying subgroups (racial/ethnic, SES, IEP, ELL) within the district/building are subject to the same proficiency percentages in meeting AYP

Mr. Conrad noted there is a timeline change from the previous reports in 2011. The state of Iowa administered the new Iowa assessment aligned with the Iowa Core. Proficiency is determined by the National Standard Score for each grade level. Cedar Falls moved to spring testing from fall testing in the past. This changed the norming group that Cedar Falls is compared with. The new proficiency measures for the Iowa assessments were linked to the ITBS/ITED through the national study. The equivalent of the 41st percentile from the NPR was identified on the Iowa assessments National Standard Scale. Cut-scores for proficiency are now reported in Standard Score metric and are established at the equivalent point to the 41st NPR from the year 2000. Mr. Conrad commented briefly on the state of Iowa’s request for waiver from the “No Child Left Behind” standards. This waiver was denied, but the Federal Government did allow the state of Iowa a one year freeze. So the same requirement of 82% proficient in 2011 is now the same for the 2012 scoring. The scoring will jump to 94% in 2013 unless the state’s request for a waiver is approved. Mr. Conrad and Ms. Zeigler discussed the District’s assessment, assessment participation, reporting students with disabilities, district wide assessment, as well as science assessment. Mr. Conrad and Ms. Zeigler provided information on the testing results from spring of 2012 in the areas of reading, mathematics, science and compared test scores from Cedar Falls Community School District with scores across the state of Iowa and within AEA 267. Based on these reports Cedar Falls Community Schools has no schools on the schools in need of assistance list for 2012. After discussion the Board thanked Mr. Conrad and Ms. Zeigler for their time and effort in preparing the information for the Board.

Item No. 12 - Superintendent’s Report

Mr. Wells reported on the following:

- IASB State Convention is November 14-16,2012
- Board work session on October 1, 2012 on Technology
- Board work session on November 12, 2012 on High School timeline, along with the regular school Board meeting
- NSBA Convention April 13-15, 2012 in San Diego, CA
- Student exchange program with China: The full cost would be the responsibility of those students taking part of the program. The program would start with approximately 20 students arriving from China in 2013 and Cedar Falls students would go to China in 2014.

Item No. 13 – Closed Session of the Board of Education Under Iowa Code Section 21.5(i).

Director Lantz moved and Director Coil seconded the motion that the Cedar Falls Board of Education enter into closed session to evaluate the professional competency of an individual who's appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session 2009 Code of Iowa 21.5(i). Directors voting in favor of the motion: Coil, Leeper, Lantz, Brown, Kenyon and Senchina. Those voting "no" none. Motion carried.

Board room was cleared at 9:40 p.m.

Board entered closed session at 9:45 p.m.

Board returned to open session at 10:51 p.m.

Item No. 14– Questions, Comments, and Concerns

None

Item No. 15 – Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 p.m.

Secretary

President