

The Board of Directors of the Cedar Falls Community School District in the County of Black Hawk, State of Iowa, met in special 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 5:00 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: Susan Lantz, James Kenyon, Jenny Leeper, Jim Brown, Dave Williams and Doug Shaw. Others in attendance were: Dr. Andy Pattee, Superintendent, Douglas Nefzger, Director of Business Affairs, Dan Conrad, Director of Secondary Education, and Pam Zeigler, Director of Secondary Education. Also in attendance: Mackenzie Elmer, Sarah Eastman, Dawn AskMartin and Brad Leeper.

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

Item No. 1 – Closed Session of the Board of Education Under Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(e)

Director Brown moved and Director Leeper seconded the motion to move that the Cedar Falls Board of Education enter into closed session to discuss whether to conduct a hearing or to conduct hearings to suspend or expel a student, unless an open session is requested by the student or a parent or guardian of the student, if the student is a minor as provided under the 2011 Code of Iowa 21.5(1)(e). Directors voting in favor of the motion: Lantz, Leeper, Kenyon, Coil, Williams, Brown and Shaw. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried.

Board room cleared at 5:02 p.m.

Board entered closed session at 5:03 p.m.

Board returned to open session at 5:39 p.m.

Item No. 2 – Approval of Recommendation for Exclusion of Student A

After deliberations were concluded, Director Kenyon moved and Director Williams seconded the following motion that Student A is suspended from attendance at Holmes Junior High School for the remainder of the 2013-14 school year. The suspension will begin on December 10, 2013, and would be scheduled to end on the last day of the 2013-14 school year. During this time of suspension, Student A’s educational program will continue at the Behavior Intervention Center (BIC) or comparable educational program. In addition, the following stipulations are required:

1. Student A will need to successfully complete placement at the Behavior Intervention Center (BIC) or comparable educational program.
2. Student A will work with any residential treatment facility assigned or chosen to provide treatment in providing curriculum as needed if and when a placement occurs.
3. Student A must make satisfactory academic progress in his/her classwork.
4. Student A will need to attend the Behavior Intervention Center or comparable educational program with no discipline issues and good attendance.
5. Student A must complete a substance abuse screening and follow through with any recommendations made for follow up treatment.
6. Student A will need to meet with Juvenile Corrections Services Officer and complete any required recommendations of JCS.
7. Student A will need to stay away from all school buildings and grounds while under suspension/exclusion.
8. Student A will not be allowed to participate in, or attend, any school related activities (in school or away) until fully reinstated in school.
9. Student A will be required to appear before the Board of Education prior to Student A’s readmission for regular attendance to Holmes Junior High School.

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

Item No. 3 – Approval of Student Learning Management Contract

Dr. Pattee and Mr. Conrad reviewed the contract with Schoology. Schoology is a student management software program that will be used in conjunction with the new one-on-one student computer initiative. After a brief discussion, Director Leeper moved and Director Lantz seconded the motion to approved the 3.5 year contract between Cedar Falls Community School District and Schoology for the use of a student learning management system at a total cost of \$53,125. Directors voting in favor of the motion: Lantz, Coil, Leeper, Kenyon, Brown, Williams and Shaw. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried.

Item No. 4 – Discussion: 10-Year Facility Master Plan

Dr. Pattee began the discussion by distributing a memo that was received today (December 16, 2013) from Estes Construction. This memo summarizes the December 9, 2013 school board meeting discussions on the 10-year facility master plan and questions from that meeting addressing the potential of constructing a second high school and/or constructing a K-12 school for the District. In either option Estes Construction estimates that it would cost between \$67,000 and \$150,000 more per year to operate the additional square footage of these facilities. In addition, there will be a minimum cost between \$300,000 to \$500,000 for staff to man and operate the additional facilities for the District.

After review of the document from Estes Construction, the discussion then centered on three option plan that was originally presented at the December 9, 2013 board meeting. Board members also discussed the following:

1. Having the new building and remodeling of Orchard Hill Elementary as part of the minimal plan.
2. Possibility of doing nothing at all.
3. Knowing the results of the input from District staff and public at-large.
4. Additional cons associated with remodeling of the current high school.
5. Additions to North Cedar Elementary as part of the minimal plan.
6. Minimal plan meeting the projected elementary student capacity as determined by RSP and Associates.
7. Flexible and adaptive classroom space in any plan.
8. Addition of a central kitchen for the District.
9. Expanded or new transportation facility for the District.

After further discussion there was general consensus to begin staff and district facility committee conversations with the following three option plan:

A: Minimal	B: Moderate	C: Complete
Remodel the current High School	Build a new 1,400 student High School	Includes all items in Moderate Plan; in addition to:
Expand Orchard Hill into similar size as Hansen and Southdale roughly 625 student capacity	Build a new 3-section elementary building	Include a 12-lane pool into the new High School
Remodel and add additions to North Cedar	Remodel and add additions to North Cedar and Orchard Hill	Includes small additions to each of our Junior High buildings if/when the capacity reaches a point of needed expansion.
	Create new Transportation Center to handle an additional 8-10 buses and a Central Kitchen	Include outdoor competition, activity and practice facilities on site which include new soccer facility, new baseball/softball complex, and some field turf practice fields
	Add 21 st Century learning spaces to each of the remaining school buildings	
	Add preschool to each of the seven elementary buildings for neighborhood preschool opportunities	
	Repurpose the current High School to accommodate relocation of Educational Services and Central Administration and sell two properties. Explore expanded opportunities for creative reuse and potential educational programming at the current High School.	

Dr. Pattee then presented a draft outline for presenting facility options to district staff and the facility committee. Presentations will tentatively take place in January or February of 2014. Board members discussed the possibility of condensing the time-lines for input from staff and the facilities committee.

Item No. 5 – Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Secretary

President