

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 Joyce Coil in the chair, and the following named Directors: Jim Brown, Jenny Leeper, David Williams James Kenyon and Doug Shaw. Others in attendance were: Dr. Pattee, Superintendent, Douglas Nefzger, Director of Business Affairs, Adrian Talbot, Director of Human Resources and Dan Conrad, Director of Secondary Education. Also present student representative Andrew Stensland. Also in attendance: Brad Remmert, Pat Trampel, MacKenzie Elmer, Mike Hansel, Julie Cuvelier, Darrell Smith, Robert Dusenberry, Sarah Eastman, Jon Wiebers and Katy Resop.

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

Item No. 1 – Public Hearing: Southdale Elementary 2014 Remodeling Project

President Coil reported that she had in her possession an affidavit of publication showing the notice of time and place of the public hearing for the proposed Southdale Elementary 2014 remodeling project. This notice was published in the Waterloo/Cedar Falls Courier on January 15, 2014. The Board will now hold a public hearing on this project. President Coil asked for public comments. No public comments were offered. No written comments were received. President Coil then declared the public hearing closed.

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

Director Brown moved and Director Kenyon seconded the motion to approve the following items:

1. The January 27, 2014 Board of Education agenda as presented
2. Approval of the January 8th, 13th and 21st, 2014 Board of Education meeting minutes as presented
3. Approval of the bills as presented for payment as reviewed by the designated Board member, David Williams
4. Foundation Teacher Representation
5. Open Enrollment report
6. Approval of Agreements: Denver/ River Hills
Independence / River Hills
JROTC/ Waterloo

Open Enrollment Report

January 27, 2014

Sarah Leyen	10 th Grade
Current resident district:	Cedar Falls
District requested:	Waterloo
Effective date:	2013-2014
Nathan Graves	9 th Grade
Current resident district:	Cedar Falls
District requested:	Hudson
Effective date:	2013-2014 - C
Isaiah T Hampton	9 th Grade
Current resident district:	Waterloo
District requested:	Cedar Falls
Effective date:	2013-2014 - C
Jayda L Hampton	7 th Grade
Current resident district:	Waterloo
District requested:	Cedar Falls
Effective date:	2013-2014 - C
Cole J Schmitz	6 th Grade
Current resident district:	Waterloo
District requested:	Cedar Falls
Effective date:	2013-2014 - C

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

Item No. 3 – Public Comment

No public comments were heard.

Item No. 4 – Communications

Student representative Andrew Stensland reported on the following:

- Planning for high school student senate dance marathon
- Upcoming events for boys and girls basketball, wrestling and bowling, swimming and the recent distribution of Chromebooks to every student at the high school.

Dr. Pattee reported that student representative Andrew Stensland has applied to be a student representative on the State of Iowa Board of Education.

Item No. 5 – Informational Report: 7-12 Business Education

Brad Remmert, Jennifer Knox, Julie Cuvelier and Mike Hansel represented the secondary business department. The group presented a business department overview including staffing, activities at Holmes and Peet Junior High Schools and Cedar Falls High School, including electronic, informational and consumer technology. The group reported on student opportunities, such as course offerings in finance, technology, marketing, course offerings at Hawkeye Community College, cadet teaching opportunities, cooperative education, DECA program, connections with the Cedar Falls community businesses and organizations, as well as the recent professional learning communities (PLC) and future trends in business education. A question and answer session took place between the business department presenters and the Board. The Board thanked all for their presentation.

Item No. 6 – Approval of Plans, Specifications and Set Public Hearing Date for 2014 Summer Tuckpointing Project

Mr. Nefzger introduced Darrel Smith from Brown Engineering Company. Mr. Smith reviewed the plans and specifications for the upcoming 2014 summer tuckpointing project. The total cost for the project is estimated to be \$167,711, plus contingency and design fees. An Alternate bid is asked for work at Orchard Hill Elementary. The total cost for the Alternate is \$57,895 plus contingency and design fees. The total cost for both projects with contingency is \$259,446 plus design fees. Director Leeper moved and Director Kenyon seconded the motion that the Cedar Falls Community School District Board of Education approve the proposed plans, specifications, proposed form of contract and set February 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. as the date and time to hold a public hearing for the 2014 summer tuckpointing project. Directors voting in favor of the motion: Brown, Coil, Leeper, Kenyon, Williams and Shaw. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried.

Item No. 7 – Approval of Plans, Specifications and Set Public Hearing Date for 2014 Summer North Cedar Remodeling Project

Mr. Nefzger introduced Dan Channer from Structure Architects and Mike Brocka from Modus Engineering. Mr. Channer and Mr. Brocka reviewed the plans and specifications for the upcoming 2014 North Cedar Elementary project. The project consists of remodeling four classrooms and installing new cabinetry, flooring, lighting, ceiling, windows, air conditioning, as well as installing window air conditioners throughout the remainder of the school building with the exception of the gym/cafeteria. Additional items to be installed include new clock system, fire alarm, paging system and digital head-end system for communications and internet services throughout the building. The construction cost for the project is \$808,560, design fees are estimated to be \$70,749 and contingency fees at \$95,600 for a total cost of \$974,909. Director Shaw moved and Director Kenyon seconded the motion that the Cedar Falls Community School District Board of Education approve the proposed plans, specifications, proposed form of contract and set February 24, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. as the date and time to hold a public hearing for the 2014 summer North Cedar Elementary remodeling project. Directors voting in favor of the motion: Brown, Coil, Leeper, Kenyon, Williams and Shaw. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried.

Item No. 8 – Approval of School Bus Bids

Mr. Nefzger reviewed the school bus bids received for the purchase of two 84 passenger school buses for the 2014-2015 school year. After review of the bids it was the recommendation of the administration to add front air-ride option to both busses and accept the bid from School Bus Sales out of Waterloo, Iowa at a total cost for both busses after trade in of \$192,346. Director Kenyon moved and Director Brown seconded the motion to approve the bid from School Bus Sales for the purchase of two 84 passenger school buses in the amount of \$192,346 after trade in as presented. Directors voting in favor of the motion: Brown, Coil, Leeper, Kenyon, Williams, and Shaw. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried.

Item No. 9 – Discussion on 2014-2015 School Year Calendar

Dr. Pattee reviewed the overview of the new school calendar Legislation that was provided to school districts from the Iowa Department of Education. The new Legislation allows school districts to select whether they want to offer a day or hourly school calendar. Under current Legislation a school day is required to be six hours of instructional time in length or under the hours option a school district must have 1,080 hours of instructional time throughout the course of the school year. Dr. Pattee stated the day option is not a valid option for Cedar Falls Community Schools as six hours per day is required by the new Legislation.

Dr. Pattee noted that Cedar Falls Community Schools is one of eighteen school districts in the state that is short the minimum number of instructional hours. The challenge for the District is how to maximize the instructional time to meet the 1,080 hour minimum of hours required. Dr. Pattee stated that currently the District is approximately 36 hours short at the elementary schools, 10 hours short at the junior highs and 4 hours over at the high school. The four hours over is only for 2013-2014 school year under an arrangement with CFEA. Dr. Pattee stated that one option could possibly be to add seven additional days to the school calendar. Another option would be to add instructional minutes to the current school day. The District will need to add 15 instructional minutes per school day in order to meet the requirement. There are also going to be additional issues with early outs and late starts due to the weather. Dr. Pattee discussed the start date for the 2014-2015 school year. The District is currently surveying secondary staff for a preference whether to continue the practice of the first semester ending before winter break as has taken place this current school year.

Dr. Pattee stated he will bring the framework for a school calendar to the February 10, 2014 school board meeting for review with a public hearing and formal action to be taken at the February 24, 2014 school board meeting. Board members discussed with Dr. Pattee and Executive Cabinet the reasons the District is short in individual instructional hours compared to other schools throughout the state.

Item No. 10 - Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Pattee stated that he has met with local Legislators last week and will continue to do so this current week. The Urban Education Network (UEN) is planning a Legislative session day for February 18, 2014.

Item No. 11 – Questions, Comments, and Concerns

Director Williams commented on the US News and World report stating Cedar Falls High School was one of the top four best high schools in the state of Iowa.

Director Leeper commented on the cold weather and not having school. Dr. Pattee commented that in accordance with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration national weather service frost bite can occur in little as 10 minutes when individuals are exposed to wind chills of 26 degrees Fahrenheit below zero or greater.

Item No. 12 – Adjournment

Director Kenyon moved and Director Brown seconded the motion to adjourn. Directors voting in favor of the motion: Brown, Coil, Leeper, Kenyon, Williams, and Shaw. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Secretary

President

At the conclusion of the meeting there will be a negotiations strategy session.