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 Susie Hines in the chair, and the following named Directors: Nate Gruber, Bett Peterson, Grace Rogers, Lowell Stutzman, Kim Cross, and Alan Heisterkamp. Others in attendance were: Dr. Andrew Pattee, Superintendent, Denelle Gonnerman, Chief Financial Officer/Board Secretary Amber Youngblut, Executive Director of Human Resources and Janelle Darst, Communication Director.

Item No. 1 – Approval of the Following Consent Agenda Items:

Director Peterson moved and Director Rogers seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented:

1. The agenda of the October 12, 2026 Board of Education meeting
2. Approval of the September 14, 2026 Board of Education minutes
3. Approval of the bills as presented for payment as reviewed by Director Cross
4. Open Enrollment

OPEN ENROLLMENT REPORT
October 12, 2026

Lila Coleman	11th Grade
Current resident district:	Jesup
District requested:	Cedar Falls
Effective date:	2026-27
Carlos Ortiz	9th Grade
Current resident district:	Waterloo
District requested:	Cedar Falls
Effective date:	2026-27-C

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Kiefer Petersen	12th Grade
Current resident district:	Cedar Falls
District requested:	Iowa Connections Academy
Effective date:	2026-27
Liberti Yeager	11th Grade
Current resident district:	Cedar Falls
District requested:	Iowa Connections Academy
Effective date:	2026-27
Bennett Heckendorf	1st Grade
Current resident district:	Cedar Falls
District requested:	Waterloo
Effective date:	2026-27
Holden Heckendorf	4th Grade
Current resident district:	Cedar Fall
District requested:	Waterloo
Effective date:	2026-27
Paisley Heckendorf	6thGrade
Current resident district:	Cedar Falls
District requested:	Waterloo
Effective date:	2026-27

Directors voting in favor of the motion: Gruber, Hines, Rogers, Heisterkamp, Peterson, Cross, and Stutzman. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried.

Item No. 2 – Public Comment
No public comments.

Item No. 3 – Communications

Helen Pang, Student Board Liaison, reported on the following:

- Food Drive
- Trunk or Treat
- Food Bank
- Multiple fund-raising activities
- Girls of Mail – Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- DECA
- Environmental Wall

Janelle Darst reported on the following District news activities:

- Congratulations to women's tennis team
- Congratulations to men's golf at state
- Congratulations to marching band at state
- North Cedar classroom zoo
- Lincoln Elementary Jam Fest
- Cedar Heights medal casting
- Orchard Hill Elementary tree planting
- Southdale Fire Prevention week
- Aldrich Kaleidoscope
- Hansen Bike Bus
- Hansen surgery day in 1st grade
- Rocket Club to NASA
- Leaders in Public dinner
- Peet Jr. High "1000 Acts of Kindness"
- Cedar Heights Elementary pancake day
- Trunk or Treat
- Military Appreciation night at the football game

Item No. 4 – Approval of Certified Annual Report (CAR) and Special Education Supplement (SES)

Mrs. Gonnerman reviewed the certified annual report and special education supplement for the Cedar Falls Community School District for the 2025-2026 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 years and detailed information of miscellaneous income and federal funds received. Mrs. Gonnerman reviewed the special education supplement for the certified annual report showing trend lines over the past five years for revenue, expenditures and special education fund balances. Mrs. Gonnerman reported that the District's special education fund balance for the 2025-2026 school year totaled a negative $842,880.64. Director Rogers moved and Director Cross seconded the motion to approve the 2025-2026 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 of $842,880.64. Making this request to the SBRC will not cause the unspent balance to exceed the Board's maximum unspent balance as defined by Iowa Code as presented. Directors voting in favor of the motion: Gruber, Hines, Rogers, Heisterkamp, Peterson, Cross, and Stutzman. Those voting "no" none. Motion carried.

Item No. 5 – Approval of SBRC Application for LEP Modified Allowable Growth

Mrs. Gonnerman reviewed the application to the School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) for additional allowable growth for Limited English Proficient (LEP) allowable costs for the 2025-2026 school year. Mrs. Gonnerman reported the District is requesting for a maximum allowable growth request to the School Budget Review Committee in the amount of $96,499.58. The District served approximately 149 students in the program covering 44 different languages by four teachers. After discussion, Director Heisterkamp moved and Director Peterson seconded the motion to approve the application to the School Budget Review Committee for excess Limited English Proficient (LEP) student costs in the amount of $96,499.58. Directors voting in favor of the motion: Gruber, Hines, Rogers, Heisterkamp, Peterson, Cross, and Stutzman. Those voting "no" none. Motion carried.

Item No. 6 – Superintendent's Report

Next Board meeting October 26, 2026 will include a presentation on the Holmes and Peet pool remodeling.
IASB State Convention: November 18-20, 2026
Delegate Assembly: November 18, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

Item No 7 – Questions, Comments and Concerns

Dr. Pattee thanked everyone for coming out to the Scheels Tiger Performance Center to review progress.

Director Gruber reported that he will be sending out an agenda for sign up for PTA visits.

Director Rogers had questions on the building visit sign up

Director Hines reported on the following:

- Book study for October and November
- Board member volunteer activities – High five Friday at Orchard Hill Elementary
- Plant Wall through CAPS
- Although there is no Board election for Cedar Falls Schools on November 3rd is Election day for State and Local positions

Director Rogers reported on the resolution to vote on the Board Resolution for the Constitutional Amendment

Item No 8 – Board Work Session

Continue IASB Book Study: The Board entered a formal work session to review Book study on Chapters 4 & 5.

Item No 9 – Adjournment

Director Cross moved and Director Stutzman seconded the motion to adjourn. Directors voting in favor of the motion: Gruber, Hines, Rogers, Heisterkamp, Peterson, Cross, and Stutzman. Those voting "no" none. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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President Secretary