

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: Susan Lantz, Jenny Leeper, David Williams and Joyce Coil. Others in attendance were: Mike Wells, Superintendent, Dan Conrad, Director of Secondary Education and Douglas Nefzger, Board Secretary. Also in attendance was student representative Andrew Stensland. Others present: Attorney John Larson, Jason Wedgbury and Sarah Eastman.

President Senchina called the meeting to order and reported that the business and action to be taken at tonight's meeting will be focused on student achievement.

Item No. 1 – Public Hearing on the Southdale 2012 Additions and Remodeling Project

President Senchina 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 summer 2013 tuckpointing project. This notice was published in the Waterloo/Cedar Falls Courier on January 24, 2013. The Board will now hold a public hearing on this project. President Senchina asked for public comments. No public comments were offered. No written comments were received. President Senchina then declared the public hearing closed.

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

Director Williams moved and Director Coil seconded the motion that the Board approves the following items:

1. The agenda of the February 11, 2013 Board of Education
2. Approval of the January 23, 25 and 28, 2013 Board of Education minutes as presented
3. Approval of the bills as presented for payment as reviewed by the designated Board member, Susan Lantz
4. Approval of the open enrollment requests
5. Approval of agreement:
 - Rudd-Rockford- Marble Rock CSD/River Hills
 - Harris Interactive School Poll

**Open Enrollment Report
February 11, 2013**

Madison Hughbanks	8 th Grade
Current resident district:	Waterloo
District requested:	Cedar Falls
Effective date:	2012-2013 – C

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

Item No. 3 – Secretary's Monthly Financial Reports

Mr. Nefzger reviewed the monthly balances for January 2013 for the general, schoolhouse, student activity and food service accounts. President Senchina reported that the report would be filed subject to audit.

Item No. 4 – Communications

None

Item No. 5– Approval of 2013 Funding Resolution

Superintendent Wells reviewed the funding resolution as proposed by the Iowa Association of School Boards and School Administrators of Iowa. Director Coil moved and Director Leeper seconded the motion to approve the following resolution as presented. Directors voting in favor of the motion: Coil, Senchina, Williams, Leeper, and Lantz. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried.

**School Funding Resolution
February 2013**

Now, therefore, be it resolved:

Over recent years, the failure of the Legislature to provide sufficient and increased annual funding to Iowa’s school districts has a cumulative effect and significantly threatens the ability of Iowa schools to meet the current needs and demands of improved student achievement.

Be it further resolved:

To ensure appropriate annual educational funding and fiscal solvency the **Cedar Falls** Community School District Board of Education resolves that to prepare for the 2013-14 and 2014-15 years, the legislature should, as statute dictates, approve allowable growth in the first thirty days of the 2013 Legislative Session.

Therefore; the **Cedar Falls** Community School District Board of Education requests that the Iowa Legislature set a 4% allowable growth rate for the 2013-14 and 2014-15 school years prior to consideration of educational reform measures. This request is based on:

- Recent years allowable growth has not kept pace with the educational needs of the district to support student learning. Iowa wants - and needs - to be a world leader, which will require a stronger educational program and funding to support that program. Iowa is failing to annually invest sufficient resources into this system.
- If education is truly the state’s priority, then allowable growth funding should be prioritized and passed in compliance with Iowa law – within 30 days of the presentation of the governor’s budget.
- The allowable growth figure has a direct impact on the number of districts on the “budget guarantee.” Adequate allowable growth of 4% reduces the number of districts on the guarantee from 223 to 62. Consequently, the additional statewide property tax asking for the budget guarantee could be reduced from \$33,637,871 to \$3,982,365.
- Improving student achievement is not just about changing policy. It is about providing the necessary resources to strengthen our educational system. Recent across-the-board cuts, low-to-no allowable growth rates and an increase in expectations have left school districts with little capacity to fund programs.
- Budgets must be passed and certified by April 15; collective bargaining agreements have to be approved; curriculum needs to be purchased; and staffing decisions need to be made. Districts must have funding information in order to plan for next school year.
- There are funds available to support 4% allowable growth. As of February 4, budget experts project the state treasury will end fiscal year 2013 with an \$822 million surplus after cash reserves and emergency accounts are full. That ending balance will likely grow because it is based on a 3.3% growth projection, which is now projected to be at least 4%.

Therefore;

With 4% allowable growth established for 2013-14 and 2014-15, we believe the funding would support the Educational Reform Proposal. We support:

- Opportunities for teacher instructional leadership with full funding provided and prescription for implementation determined at the local level for flexibility in staffing.
- A reconciliation of the Legislative Services Agency estimate versus the Department of Education funding estimate. There must be a clear understanding of the cost to districts and appropriate funding provided to support these costs.
- Funding established to ensure the sustainability of the Education Reform Proposal.
- Continued review and improvement of the current teacher evaluation system based on the Iowa Teaching Standards to include measures of student achievement.
- This positive move in Educational Reform that must include the development of a world-class curriculum with scope and sequence alignment to the statewide assessment.

This resolution is approved by the **Cedar Falls** Community School District Board of Education in support of providing adequate current funding for Iowa schools requests 4% allowable growth is approved by the Iowa Legislature for 2013-14 and 2014-15 and conceptual implications of the Education Reform Proposal.

Item No. 6 – Student Board Member Report

Student Board member Andrew Stensland reported that the dance marathon is scheduled for Friday, February 15, 2013 and they have received over \$500 in pledges to date, the high school is experimenting with the lunch shift changes in conjunction with moving to an eight period school day for next year. Three wrestlers have made it to the state wrestling tournament. The girls basketball regular season ended last week and the boys regular basketball season is scheduled to end this week.

Item No. 7 – Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Wells reported on the following:

- At the February 25th board meeting Melissa Reede from Cedar Valley will report on the “Leader in Me” program.
- English language learner (ELL) parent meeting that was held on February 11th.

Item No. 8 – Closed Session of the Board of Education Under Iowa Code Section 21.5(e)

Director Lantz moved and Director Coil 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 (e). Directors voting in favor of the motion: Lantz, Leeper, Coil, Williams and Senchina. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried.

Board room cleared at 7:21 p.m.

Board entered closed session at 7:22 p.m.

Board returned to open session at 7:54 p.m.

Item No. 9 – Closed Session of the Board of Education Under Iowa Code Section 21.5(e)

Director Williams moved and Director Coil 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 (e). Directors voting in favor of the motion: Lantz, Leeper, Coil, Williams and Senchina. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried.

Board room cleared at 7:55 p.m.

Board entered closed session at 7:56 p.m.

Board returned to open session at 8:17 p.m.

Item No. 10 – Approval of Recommendation for Exclusion of Student A

Director Coil moved and Director Williams seconded the motion that the Cedar Falls Community School Board of Education be resolved that Student A shall be excluded from attending Peet Junior High School through February 25, 2013.

During the period of Student A’s exclusion from school, Student A shall be placed in an out-of-school placement at the Behavioral Intervention Center or other facility determined to be appropriate by the Administration; and

Prior to returning to regular attendance at Peet Junior High Student A shall complete the following requirements:

1. That Student A is suspended from regular attendance at Peet Junior High School through February 25, 2013. Student A will be assigned to the Cedar Falls School Behavior Intervention Center during this period of suspension and be required to follow all academic, attendance and behavior expectations.
2. That Student A completes a substance abuse evaluation, at the student's expense, providing the school with the results of the evaluation. Student A will also be required to follow through with any recommendations made for follow up treatment as a result of the evaluation.
3. That Student A is prohibited from entering Peet Junior High or being present on school property during the period of exclusion.
4. That Student A may not participate, or attend, any school related activities (home or away) during the period of exclusion.
5. If assigned, that Student A meets with Juvenile Courts Services Officer and complete any required recommendations.
6. That Student A is required to appear before the Board of Education prior to his/her readmission to Peet Junior High for approval. This appearance is tentatively scheduled for Monday, February 25, 2013 at a time to be determined.
7. That Student A and at least one parent be required to meet with Peet Junior High administration as part of a re-entry planning conference.

Directors voting in favor of the motion: Coil, Lantz, Senchina, Leeper and Williams. Those voting "no" none. Motion carried.

Item No. 11 – Approval of Recommendation for Exclusion of Student B

Director Coil moved and Director Lantz seconded the motion that the Cedar Falls Community School Board of Education be resolved that Student B shall be excluded from attending Peet Junior High School through February 25, 2013.

During the period of Student B's exclusion from school, Student B shall be placed in an out-of-school placement at the Behavioral Intervention Center or other facility determined to be appropriate by the Administration; and

Prior to returning to regular attendance at Peet Junior High Student B shall complete the following requirements:

1. That Student B is suspended from regular attendance at Peet Junior High School through February 25, 2013. Student A will be assigned to the Cedar Falls School Behavior Intervention Center during this period of suspension and be required to follow all academic, attendance and behavior expectations.
2. That Student B completes a substance abuse evaluation, at the student's expense, providing the school with the results of the evaluation. Student B will also be required to follow through with any recommendations made for follow up treatment as a result of the evaluation.
3. That Student B is prohibited from entering Peet Junior High or being present on school property during the period of exclusion.
4. That Student B may not participate, or attend, any school related activities (home or away) during the period of exclusion.
5. If assigned, that Student B meets with Juvenile Courts Services Officer and complete any required recommendations.

6. That Student B is required to appear before the Board of Education prior to his/her readmission to Peet Junior High for approval.
7. That Student B and at least one parent be required to meet with Peet Junior High administration as part of a re-entry planning conference.

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

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

None

Item No. 13 – Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:18p.m.

Secretary

President