

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 Joyce Coil in the chair, and the following named Directors: Jeff Hassman, Susie Hines, Jeff Orvis, Eric Giddens, Sasha Wohlpert and Jenny Leeper. Others in attendance were: Dr. Andrew Pattee, Superintendent, Douglas Nefzger, Director of Business Affairs, Daniel Conrad, Director of Secondary Education, and Pam Zeigler, Director of Elementary Education. Also present: Denelle Gonnerman, Jaci Feuss, Michell Holt, and Michelle DeGabriele.

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

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

Director Hines moved and Director Giddens seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented:

1. The agenda of the October 22, 2018 Board of Education meeting
2. Approval of the October 8, 2018 Board of Education minutes
3. Approval of the bills as presented for payment as reviewed by Director Hines
4. Open Enrollment
5. Clinton CSD River Hills Consortium Agreement

Open Enrollment Report  
October 22, 2018

Kennedy Antoinette Lewis	Kindergarten
Current resident district:	Cedar Falls
District requested:	Hudson
Effective date:	2018-2019
Asher S Ahrens	9th Grade
Current resident district:	Waterloo
District requested:	Cedar Falls
Effective date:	2018-2019 – C
Blake Alexander Ahrens	3rd Grade
Current resident district:	Waterloo
District requested:	Cedar Falls
Effective date:	2018-2019 – C
Baylee Jo Dempster	1st Grade
Current resident district:	Waterloo
District requested:	Cedar Falls
Effective date:	2018-2019 – C
Kimora Aleesha Edmond	3rd Grade
Current resident district:	Waterloo
District requested:	Cedar Falls
Effective date:	2018-2019 – C
Mikhye Lee Foster	4th Grade
Current resident district:	Waterloo
District requested:	Cedar Falls
Effective date:	2018-2019 – C
Mira Pearl Foster	3rd Grade
Current resident district:	Waterloo
District requested:	Cedar Falls
Effective date:	2018-2019 – C
Mackenzie Kathleen Mulanax	9th Grade
Current resident district:	Waterloo
District requested:	Cedar Falls
Effective date:	2018-2019 – C
Faith Smith	1st Grade
Current resident district:	Waterloo
District requested:	Cedar Falls
Effective date:	2018-2019

Owen Craig Thomas	Kindergarten
Current resident district:	Waverly-Shell Rock
District requested:	Cedar Falls
Effective date:	2018-2019
*Grace Kathleen Frost	11 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Current resident district:	Cedar Falls
District requested:	Waterloo
Effective date:	2018-2019

\*This will be denied

Directors voting in favor of the motion: Coil, Giddens, Hassman, Hines, Leeper, Orvis, and Wohlpart. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried.

#### Item No. 2 – Public Comment

None

#### Item No. 3 – Communications

The Cedar Falls Community School Board of Education student board liaison member, Marika Yang reported on the following:

- Annual powderpuff game on October 22, 2018
- Upcoming NE Iowa food drive:
  - Trunk or Treat scheduled for October 28, 2018

Janelle Darst reported on the following District news activities:

- All State music: 43 students will be participating in band, choir, and orchestra contest
- Cedar Falls High School Rocket Club: One of seven high schools teams chosen by the NASA to participate in student launch
- World Food Drive Global youth representative from Cedar Falls High School
- Orchard Hill students “Read a Thon”
- Google Expedition “Culture in the Valley”
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade science project
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters at North Cedar Elementary
- Cross Country State qualifications
- Students partnering with Viking Pump
- Men’s Golf team 4<sup>th</sup> at State
- Cedar Falls high school football team is District champs
- Cedar Falls High School volleyball is conference champs
- State competition and playoff information

Dr. Pattee reviewed briefly on the High School incident that occurred during the week of October 15, 2018. Dr. Pattee stated that student safety is of the utmost importance at all times. The District strives to make quick communications to parents when events take place. After the original communication was sent out more information became available on the situation that was not known previously and then a second communication was then sent out. Dr. Pattee asked students and parents to come forward with information when they know it in order to help Administrators and the police department to make the most accurate and up to date decisions. Dr. Pattee thanked the Cedar Falls Police Department, students, staff and parents for their patience and cooperation.

#### Item No. 4 – Secretary’s Monthly Financial Report

Mr. Nefzger reviewed with the Board the September 2018 fund balances for general, schoolhouse, student activity, and food service. President Coil stated the report would be filed subject to audit.

Item No. 5 – Informational Report: Iowa Assessments

Mr. Conrad and Ms. Zeigler reviewed the 2018 Cedar Falls Community School District Iowa Assessment results. The State of Iowa requires assessments for grades 3-8 and 11<sup>th</sup> grades. Cedar Falls Community School District assesses all students in grades 3-11. The assessment testing is administered in the spring of the school year on reading, mathematics and science. In analyzing the results, information was shared in cohort growth, which compares the percent of students in three proficiency levels (not proficient, proficient and advanced proficiency), as well as a new comparison called growth bands that compares the average individual growth within five growth band levels.

Mr. Conrad and Ms. Zeigler reported on the standard score proficiency ranges for not proficient, proficient and advanced proficiency in reading, mathematics and science. Additional data comparing Cedar Falls Community School District students with other schools in Central Rivers Area Education Agency and the State of Iowa in the proficiency of reading, mathematics and science in grades 3-11 over the past five school years. The same comparison was done in grades 3-11 in reading, mathematics and science in simple cohort growth that compares the percentage of growth from one year to the next year for that individual grade as it progresses throughout the school district. Another comparison is growth bands where students are categorized into one of five performance levels based on National Standard Score (NSS) and the National Percentile Rank (NPR). The average growth for students within each band is compared with the expected growth of students within that band as determined by the State of Iowa. The expected growth is the realistic growth that is expected for students within that growth band. Mr. Conrad and Ms. Zeigler shared the expected growth for reading, mathematics and science for grades 3-11, as well as the actual number of students who exceeded those growth areas between grades 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> in reading, mathematics and science.

In summary, Mr. Conrad and Ms. Zeigler reported the Cedar Falls Community School District continue to outperform other students in the area and in the State of Iowa. While there continues to be gaps in proficiency between sub-groups, but those gaps are shrinking. The focus on growth allow staff to sort data and “drill deeper” into the data in analyzing student by student and skill by skill, as well as by class and building. The lowest achieving students consistently outperform expected growth, greater differentiation, and enrichment opportunities will be a focus for high achieving students. The new assessment will begin with the 2018-2019 school year. The assessment is called the Iowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress (ISASP). It will be an online and pencil assessment and will be better aligned with the Iowa Core Standards. Testing in reading, math and writing will be in grades 3-11 and science will be tested in grades 5, 8, and 10<sup>th</sup>. Plans are to move to an adaptive overall format within 3 years.

Item No. 6 – Approval of Application to SBRC for Modified Allowable Growth

Mr. Nefzger reviewed the application to the School Budget Review Committee for additional allowable growth for increased enrollment, open enrollment out, and Limited English Proficiency (LEP) instruction for students in the program beyond five years. The District is requesting additional allowable growth in the amount of \$748,591.80 for increasing enrollment of 111.1 students. The District is also requesting allowable growth in the amount of \$16,305.96 for LEP instruction beyond five years for a total request of \$764,897.76. Application is for receive additional spending authority for the 2018-2019 school year. Director Orvis moved and Director Hines seconded the motion to approve the application to the School Budget Review Committee for increased allowable growth for increased open enrollment, open enrollment out, and LEP instruction beyond 5 years for the 2018-2019 school year as presented. Directors voting in favor of the motion: Coil, Giddens, Hassman, Hines, Leeper, Orvis, and Wohlpart. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried.

Item No. 7 – Approval of Agreement to Sell the Property on 1<sup>st</sup> Street to the City of Cedar Falls

Mr. Nefzger briefly reviewed the agreement between the City of Cedar Falls and the Cedar Falls Community School District to sell approximately 940 square feet or 8 feet of frontage at the Administrative Center located at 1002 West First Street in conjunction with the reconstruction of West First Street. The Board had agreed to sell the property to the City of Cedar Falls for \$1.00. After a brief discussion, Director Leeper moved and Director Wohlpart seconded the motion that the Cedar Falls Community School District Board of Education approve the Owner Purchase Agreement, Owner’s Temporary Grading Easement for Construction, Warranty Deed and Real Estate Transfer – Ground Water Hazard Statement for the sale of a portion of property located at 1002 West First Street to the City of Cedar Falls and authorize the Board President and Board Secretary to sign all documents related to this transaction. Directors voting in favor of the motion: Coil, Giddens, Hassman, Hines, Leeper, Orvis, and Wohlpart. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried.

Item No. 8 – Approval of Application to SBRC for Aldrich Elementary Start-Up Costs

Dr. Pattee and Mr. Nefzger reviewed the application to the School Budget Review Committee for start-up costs for the opening of Aldrich Elementary School. Mr. Nefzger reported the District is requesting \$574,592.55 for unduplicated new employee costs and additional \$266,617.08 for start-up materials and supplies for a total of \$841,209.63. This request would provide the District with additional budget authority for the 2018-2019 school year to assist with the start-up costs associated with Aldrich Elementary school. This is a one-time application and future year costs associated with the operation will need to come from regular District budget funds. After a short discussion, Director Hassman moved and Director Orvis seconded the motion to approve the application to the School Budget Review Committee for the new Aldrich Elementary start-up costs as presented. Directors voting in favor of the motion: Coil, Giddens, Hassman, Hines, Leeper, Orvis, and Wohlpart. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried.

Item No. 9 – 10-Year PPEL Report

Dr. Pattee reviewed the 10-year Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL) plan and the process utilized for determining projects to be selected. Annual expenditures within the 10-year plan were developed on a weighted system to determine the prioritization of projects. The weighted system is based on a ten point scale and focuses on three areas, educational improvements, safety, and efficiency. Projects anticipated for the summer of 2019 include:

- Roofing replacement at various locations
- Relocating portable classrooms from Orchard Hill Elementary to Peet Junior High School
- Implementing of carpet and tile replacement
- Implementation of ventilator (heating units) in classrooms in Southdale Elementary school.

Long term larger projects discussed:

- Bus garage addition, addition/renovation/relocation
- Classroom additions at Peet and Holmes Junior High Schools
- Swimming Pool replacement
- Carpet and flooring replacement
- Hansen classroom remodeling in original part of school
- Holmes Junior High parking lot expansion
- Air conditioning and Locker room improvements in both junior highs
- Storm water run-off improvements

Dr. Pattee discussed the need for a new High School including educational opportunities, student growth, safety, security, and economic growth. Dr. Pattee reviewed a tentative time-line for discussion on a new high school including: Surveys, high school staff input, incite participants meeting in the months of October and November 2018, January and February of 2019 community input with a goal of a Bond referendum vote to be held June 25, 2019.

A question and answer session was held discussing a new high school and other factors associated with the PPEL Plan.

Item No. 10 - Board Committee Assignments

Dr. Pattee reviewed the information submitted by individual Board members for board committee assignments for the upcoming 2018-2019 school year. It was the general consensus of the Board to accept the committee assignments as presented.

**2018-2019 Board Committee Assignments**

IASB Legislative Network	Joyce Coil, Sasha Wohlpart
IASB Delegate Assembly	Jeff Orvis
Career & Technical Education Advisory Council	Jeff Orvis
School Improvement Advisory Committee	Joyce Coil
County Conference Board	Eric Giddens
District Facility Committee	Joyce Coil, Sasha Wohlpart, Susie Hines
District Foundation Representative	Susie Hines
Wellness Committee	Sasha Wohlpart, Eric Giddens
Board Policy Review	Jenny Leeper, Jeff Orvis
District Technology Committee	Joyce Coil
Board Goal Committee	Joyce Coil, Jeff Hassman, Jeff Orvis
Superintendent Goal Committee	Joyce Coil, Eric Giddens, Sasha Wohlpart
Design Facility Committee	Joyce Coil, Eric Giddens

Item No 11 - Superintendent's Report:

Dr. Pattee discussed the following:

1. IASB State Convention – November 14-16, 2018
2. November 26, 2017 Board meeting will include work session on IASB conference follow up

Item No 12 – Questions, Comments and Concerns

Director Hines reminded the Board of upcoming parent group meetings throughout the District, as well as the Band Booster pancake breakfast at the High School on October 27, 2018.

Item No 13 – Adjournment

Director Hassman moved and Director Giddens seconded the motion to adjourn. Directors voting in favor of the motion: Coil, Giddens, Hassman, Hines, Leeper, Orvis, and Wohlpart. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried.  
The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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Secretary

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President