

August 27, 2012

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: Jenny Leeper, Joyce Coil, Jim Brown, Susan Lantz, David Williams and James Kenyon. Others in attendance were: Michael Wells, Superintendent, Douglas Nefzger, Director of Business Affairs, Dan Conrad, Director of Secondary Education, Pam Zeigler, Director of Elementary Education and Dr. Adrian Talbot, Director of Human Resources. Also in attendance: Emily Christensen, Jim Young, Jason Wedgbury, Tony Reid, Liz Kressig, and Nikole Lockhart.

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: Hansen Phase II:

President Senchina stated that she has in her possession an affidavit of publication showing that the notice of time and place of hearing for the proposed Hansen Elementary School Phase II project. This notice was published in the Waterloo/Cedar Falls Courier on August 8, 2012. The Board will now hold a hearing. No written or public comments were offered.

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

Director Coil moved and Director Lantz seconded the motion to approve the following items:

1. The agenda of the August 27, 2012, Board of Education meeting
2. Approval of August 13, 2012 Board of Education Minutes
3. Approval of the bills as presented for payment as reviewed by Director Lantz.
4. Approval of Human Resource Report
5. Approval of Open Enrollment Requests
6. Non-Profit Organizational Membership

Open Enrollment Report

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Calvin L. Petersen	12 th Grade
Current resident district:	Cedar Falls
District requested:	Waterloo
Effective date:	2012-2013
Keara Riley	2 nd Grade
Current resident district:	Cedar Falls
District requested:	Waterloo
Effective date:	2012-2013 -C
Braden J Friedrich	Kindergarten
Current resident district:	Hudson
District requested:	Cedar Falls
Effective date:	2012-2013
Samantha L Hartman	9 th Grade
Current resident district:	Waverly-Shell rock
District requested:	Cedar Falls
Effective date:	2012-2013
Mychael F Johannsen	10 th Grade
Current resident district:	Cedar Falls
District requested:	Waterloo
Effective date:	2012-2013

****New Contracts - Recommended for Approval***

2012-13 School Year

Allison Lickteig	Lincoln	First Grade	BA Step 3	(\$36,747)
Mackenzie Brus	Lincoln	Kindergarten	BA Step 3	(\$36,747)

Coach

Kenton Engels	Senior High	Asst Golf	\$1,498
Kevin Kuker	Holmes JH	Asst JH Football	\$1,498

Coach Resignations – Recommended for Approval

<i>Cory Cantrall</i>	<i>Peet JH</i>	<i>Head 7th Grade Girls Basketball</i>
<i>Jacob Grafenberg</i>	<i>Peet JH</i>	<i>7th Grade Asst Boys Basketball</i>

**Cedar Falls Community School District
Service for Non-Profit Organizations**

It is the practice of the Cedar Falls Community School District that participation by our employees in activities of certain outside organizations provides benefits to both the employee and the District. The Cedar Falls Community School District therefore, approves the participation of Administration in the following organizations and considers such participation to be part of the scope of employment:

Organizations in which paid membership is in the name of the school or in the name of the employee which offers a benefit to the District in the form of professional development, information or other professional service, included but not limited to:

- AEA 267 Advisory Committee
- American Association of School Administrators
- American Association of School Personal Administrators (AASPA)
- Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD)
- Association of School Business Officials International
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Black Hawk County
- Cedar Falls Chamber of Commerce
- Cedar Falls Community Schools Foundation
- Cedar Valley Coalition
- Cedar Valley United Way
- Cedar Valley's Promise
- Community United Child Care Centers Board of Directors
- Greater Cedar Valley Alliance Board of Directors
- Iowa Association of School Boards
- Iowa Association of School Business Officials
- Iowa School Employee Benefits Association Board of Trustees
- Iowa Superintendents Finance and Leadership Consortium
- Junior Achievement
- Kiwanis International
- Lions International
- National Association of Elementary School Principals
- National Association of Secondary School Principals
- Phi Delta Kappa
- Rotary International
- School Administrators of Iowa
- Society for Human Resources Management (SHRM)
- University of Northern Iowa Principal's Advisory Council
- University of Northern Iowa Professional Development School
- University of Northern Iowa Superintendent's Advisory Council

Other organizations, employment related participation that will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

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

Item No. 3 – Approval of Blue Zone Resolution

Director Leeper reviewed the Blue Zone resolution to the Board of Education. Director Leeper reported the wellness committee is working very diligently. The individual schools plan on having their goals established and submitted to the wellness committee by January 2013 with a goal of implementation during the fourth quarter of the 2012-2013 school year. Director Leeper moved and Director Williams seconded the motion to approve the following Blue Zone Resolution. Directors voting in favor of the motion Senchina, Brown, Leeper, Coil, Kenyon, Lantz, and Williams. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried.

**Cedar Falls Community School District
Board of Education
Blue Zones Project Resolution**

Blue Zones Project to Improve Well-Being and Economic Vitality

Cedar Falls Community School District Board of Education

WHEREAS, Cedar Falls, Iowa was selected in May, 2012, to become a Blue Zones Project™ Demonstration Site; and

WHEREAS, it is the public schools responsibility to provide an environment where children are best positioned to learn; and

WHEREAS, children who have greater well-being learn better; and

WHEREAS, improving the overall well-being of the citizens of Cedar Falls will improve productivity, lower healthcare costs, and improve the economy; and

WHEREAS, our children are, very literally, our future; and

WHEREAS, the Cedar Falls Community School District has a strong stakeholder group in place to assist schools in achieving certification; and

WHEREAS, the Cedar Falls Community School District has recently completed three years of Physical Education Program (PEP) Grant funding, resulting in an existing foundation of supporting processes for well-being which will facilitate district certification; and

WHEREAS, the Cedar Falls Community School District will utilize an existing District Wellness Committee for leadership, input, adoption and implementation of Blue Zones® policies and programs at specified district buildings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cedar Falls Community School District Board of Education will seek to improve the well-being of our staff, students and families by supporting the efforts of our District Wellness Committee in ensuring that at least 25% of our schools achieve certification as a Blue Zones School™, contributing to the improved well-being, productivity and economic vitality of our community.

Through the appropriate processes determined by our District Wellness Committee and building staff, the Cedar Falls Community School District will formally consider adoption of Blue Zones policies and programs as outlined in the Blue Zones® School Pledge to achieve certification as a Blue Zones School during the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 school years.

Item No. 4 – Communications

- President Senchina distributed a thank you from Jill Bergman.
- Discussion was held on Board members attending PTO/PTA group meetings during the school year. Directors Brown, Leeper and Williams volunteered to attend.
- Mr. Wells reminded the Board of the IASB fall regional meetings. These meetings will be held on September 12th in Sumner and September 25th in State Center.

Item No. 5 – Approval of Public Hearing Date for the Demolition of Home and Structures Located at 2420 Hawthorn Dr. Cedar Falls

Director Coil moved and Director Brown seconded the motion that the Cedar Falls Community School District Board of Education set September 10, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the James L. Robinson Administrative Center, 1002 West First Street, Cedar Falls, Iowa, as the date, time and place to hold a public hearing on the demolition of the home and other structures locally known as 2420 Hawthorne Dr., Cedar Falls Iowa, and legally described as N 150 Feet W 89.3 Feet E 187.9 Feet Lot 101, Auditors Whitney Road Plat, Cedar Falls, Iowa. Directors voting in favor of the motion: Senchina, Coil, Williams, Brown, Kenyon, Lantz, and Leeper. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried.

Item No. 6 – Approval of Public Hearing Date for the Demolition of Home and Structures Located at 3815 Rownd St. Cedar Falls

Director Williams moved and Director Lantz seconded the motion that the Cedar Falls Community School District Board of Education set September 10, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the James L. Robinson Administrative Center, 1002 West First Street, Cedar Falls, Iowa, as the date, time and place to hold a public hearing on the demolition of the home and other structures locally known as 3815 Rownd St., Cedar Falls Iowa, and legally described as S 115 Feet N 203 Feet W 196 Feet South ½ Lot 25, Orchard Hill Plat, Cedar Falls, Iowa. Directors voting in favor of the motion: Senchina, Coil, Williams, Brown, Kenyon, Lantz, and Leeper. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried.

Item No. 7 – Informational Reports: ACT and World Class Schools

Mr. Conrad reviewed ACT test scores for the graduating class of 2012 in English, reading, math, science and overall composite.

The composite score was 24.2, up from 23.8 from the previous year. The state composite score is 22.1 and the national average 21.1.

Mr. Conrad reviewed the following overall history of:

- Composite scores
- Graduating seniors individual scores in English, reading, math and science
- Projected ACT readiness
- Percentage of graduates taking the ACT test
- Break down of ethnicity and gender test scores

Mr. Conrad noted that the overall composite of 24.2 is the highest overall test composite score for graduating students at Cedar Falls High School since records were tracked back in 1991.

Superintendent Wells presented on “World Class Schools”. The presentation began with a “2012 Did You Know Video” on “Information Technology”. Mr. Wells reported that world class schools consist of eight components including:

1. Global citizenship
2. Quality facilities
3. Rigorous/Relevant curriculum
4. Prepare for life after graduation
5. Bilingual education
6. Advanced technology
7. High academic standards and assessment system
8. Teacher collaboration/ quality professional development

Mr. Wells reported that meetings with staff will be held at all elementary schools during the month of September concerning world class schools and the components associated with world class schools.

Board members then discussed technology, bilingual, career academics, equity and the overall process of developing world class schools for Cedar Falls Community School District.

Item No. 8 – Superintendent’s Report

Mr. Wells and the Board discussed a school board challenge for students in grades K-6. The challenge includes daily exercise that would need to be completed over a specific number of days. If the challenge is accomplished students would receive a small reward for their accomplishment. More information will be forthcoming at future school board meetings.

Item No. 9 – Questions, Comments, and Concerns

None

Item No. 10 – Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Secretary

President