

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 James Kenyon in the chair, and the following named Directors: Jeff Hassman, Susie Hines, Susan Lantz, Jenny Leeper and Doug Shaw. Others in attendance were: Dr. Andrew Pattee, Superintendent, Douglas Nefzger, Director of Business Affairs, Dan Conrad, Director of Secondary Education, Dr. Adrian Talbot, Director of Human Resources and Pam Zeigler, Director of Elementary Education. Also in attendance: Edrick McKnight, Sarah Eastman, Larry Wyckoff and J. Sprau.

President Kenyon stated the mission of the Cedar Falls Community School District is to educate each student to be a lifelong learner and caring responsible citizen.

Item No. 1 – Public Hearing: 2016 Southdale Elementary Remodeling Project

President Kenyon reported that he had in his possession an affidavit of publication showing the notice of time and place of the public hearing for the proposed 2016 Southdale Elementary classroom remodeling project Phase III. This notice was published in the Waterloo/Cedar Falls Courier on November 11, 2015. The Board will now hold a public hearing on this project. President Kenyon asked for public comments.

Larry Wyckoff of 4241 East Park Road, Cedar Falls addressed the Board and asked the Board if the vote to remodel the Southdale Elementary classroom Phase III was a unanimous vote to enter into that project. Mr. Wyckoff reported that both of his sons have recently purchased homes in the Cedar Falls area that were less than the total budgeted amount to do the Southdale Elementary classroom remodeling project. He also questioned whether the future plan of the Board was to do small incremental steps of remodeling projects and stated it was appalling that the school district would use funds to remodel Southdale Elementary when there are other needs within the District.

No written comments were received. President Kenyon then declared the public hearing closed.

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

Director Lantz moved and Director Hines seconded the motion the Board approves the following items:

1. The agenda of the November 23, 2015 Board of Education agenda as presented.
2. Approval of the November 9, 2015 regular and work session Board of Education meeting minutes as presented.
3. Approval of the bills as presented for payment as reviewed by Director Lantz
4. Human Resource Report
5. Open Enrollment Report
6. River Hills agreement with GMG CSD

Director Hassman questioned items within the November 9, 2015 Board work session minutes. It was the recommendation of Board Secretary Nefzger to approve the November 23, 2015 consent agenda items with the exclusion of the minutes from the November 9, 2015 Board work session. Director Shaw moved and Director Hassman seconded the motion to modify the original motion and delete the November 9, 2015 Board work session minutes from the November 23, 2015 consent agenda. Directors voting in favor of the motion: Hassman, Hines, Kenyon, Lantz, Leeper and Shaw. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried.

Director Lantz moved and Director Hines seconded the motion the Board approves the following items:

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**Open Enrollment Report
November 23, 2015**

Sophia J. Nissen

Current resident district:

District requested:

Effective date:

2nd Grade

Cedar Falls

Waterloo

2015-2016 – C

Human Resources Report
November 23, 2015

2015-16 School Year *New Contracts - Recommended for Approval*

Kristen Shrock Fourth Grade Lincoln Lane BA 15 Step 5 (\$26,661**)

**Salary projected to be effective December 1, 2015, based on 117/190 day contract
Employment with the Cedar Falls Community School District is contingent upon confirmation of medical examination and acceptable verification of employment, licensure, reference, education, criminal background, child abuse registry, release from current contract (if applicable), and other pre-employment checks deemed necessary.

Directors voting in favor of the motion: Hassman, Hines, Kenyon, Lantz, Leeper and Shaw. Those voting “no” none.
Motion carried.

Item No. 3 – Public Comment

None

Item No. 4 – Communications

High School Student Senate representative Michael Flanscha presented to the Board on the following activities:

- Volleyball girls reached the semi-finals of the State tournament
- The High School collected 15,550 pounds of food and a total District wide of 37,766 pounds was collected from the food drive.
- Tigers Den: Trivia Tournament was held for an employee at the High School that is undergoing cancer treatment
- All-State music festival activities took place in Ames
- Winter sports activities have begun

Board members thanked Mr. Flanscha for his report.

Item No. 5 – Informational Report: Project Lead the Way (PLTW)

Dirk Homewood, Katie Nagle, and Zeb Nicholson of the High School, Brad Pierschbacher, Ryan Weiss of Holmes Junior High and Matt Johnson from Peet Junior High reported on the Project Lead the Way.

At the Junior High level the group reported on the Gateway to Technology, which includes automation and robotics. The group discussed the following:

- Class projects with actual samples
- Design process
- Mechanical and Automated systems
- Programming code for these project

It was reported that start-up grant came from the Iowa Department of Education.

At the High School level it was reported that STEM is the focus of all PLTW activities. Cedar Falls High School is a PRIME (partnership in response, manufacturing and education) school. That partnership has produced over \$15,000 in grants and over \$30,000 in student scholarships since the inception. There is an advisory council that helps with the STEM and Project Lead the Way classes at the High School. The advisory council consists of six major manufacturers in the Cedar Valley area, two post-secondary educational institutions as well as a society of manufacturing engineers.

The team reviewed the following:

- Different course offerings, as well as a 3D animation of work done within the class.
- Course work and growth enrollment since inception of 2009-2010 school year
- Current and future classroom needs: Certain classes are capped due to classroom space and staffing.
- Restrictions at the High School

There was a brief question and answer session with the Board. The Board thanked the team for their time on the presentation.

Item No. 6 – Approval of Renaming Holmes Swimming Pool

Dr. Pattee recommended to the Board of Education that the Holmes Junior High swimming pool be named after the long-time swimming coach Dick Marcussen. Coach Marcussen has coached in the District for 47 years. During that time he has accomplished 13 state titles. The recommendation was met with unanimous agreement by the Board. Director Lantz moved and Director Hassman seconded the motion to rename the Holmes Junior High swimming pool to the Coach Marcussen swimming pool. Directors voting in favor of the motion: Hassman, Hines, Kenyon, Lantz, Leeper and Shaw. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried.

Item No. 7 – Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Pattee reviewed the following:

- December 14, 2015 board meeting will include an informational report on the Teacher Leadership Committee program.
- January 13, 2016 is the Board /Administrative Council retreat beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Dr. Pattee then reviewed the public bid process for the Southdale Elementary remodeling project based on the questions by Mr. Wyckoff earlier in the Board meeting.

Item No. 8 – Questions, Comments, and Concerns

Director Leeper commented on the Leader Valley council meeting.

Director Kenyon commented on the quality of speakers at the IASB conference.

Director Hassman is interested in potentially adding a work session to discuss information from the IASB convention.

Item No. 9 – Closed Session of the Board of Education Under Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(j)

Director Hassman moved and Director Hines seconded the motion that the Cedar Falls Board of Education enter into closed session to discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property. The minutes and the audio recording of a session closed under this paragraph shall be available for public examination when the transaction discussed is completed under 2011 Iowa Code 21.5(1)(j). Directors voting in favor of the motion Hassman, Hines, Kenyon, Lantz, Leeper, and Shaw. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried.

Board room cleared at 8:20 p.m.

Board entered closed session at 8:22 p.m.

Board returned to open session at 9:10 p.m.

Item No. 10 – Adjournment

Director Hassman moved and Director Leeper seconded the motion to adjourn. Directors voting in favor of the motion: Hassman, Hines, Kenyon, Lantz, Leeper and Shaw. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Board Secretary

Board President