

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: Jim Brown, Susan Lantz, James Kenyon, Jenny Leeper, Joyce Coil, and David Williams. Others in attendance were: Dr. David Stoakes, 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 were Nancy Miller, Mark Miller, Ben Olsen, Jen Schultz, Kim Young-Kent, Jerry Brown, Jill Danielsen, Wade Olson, Debbie Paulsen and Emily Christensen.

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 – 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 April 9, 2012, Board of Education agenda as presented.
2. Approval of the March 14th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 26th, 27th and 30th, 2012 Board of Education meeting minutes as presented
3. Approval of the bills as presented for payment as reviewed by the designated Board member, David Williams
4. Approval of open enrollment requests
5. Human Resource report
6. Approval of Agreements:
 - Luther College Field Experience Agreement
 - Wayne State College Student Teaching Agreement
 - Tri-County Child and Development Council Inc. Agreement
 - 2012-2013 Activity Sharing Agreements

Open Enrollment Report

April 9, 2012

Jacob Cronan	1 st Grade
Current resident district:	Cedar Falls
District requested:	Hudson
Effective date:	2011-2012 – C
Alex Fouts	8 th Grade
Current resident district:	Cedar Falls
District requested:	Hudson
Effective date:	2011-2012 – C
Kameron J. Westley-Sorrell	Kindergarten
Current resident district:	Hudson
District requested:	Cedar Falls
Effective date:	2012-2013
Dylan Bergmann	Kindergarten
Current resident district:	Cedar Falls
District requested:	Waverly-Shell Rock
Effective date:	2012-2013

Human Resources Report

April 9, 2012

****New Contracts - Recommended for Approval***
2012-13 School Year

Sarah Carlson	Peet JH	Social Studies	BA, Step 5	(\$37,929)**
Zeb Nicholson	Peet JH	Mathematics	BA, Step 3	(\$35,753)**

**NOTE: Salary amounts are projections based on placement on the 2011-12 CFEA Total Salary Schedule; actual salary will be finalized once the 2012-13 schedule is determined through collective bargaining.

Resignations - Recommended for Approval

Larry Bockes	Peet JH	Social Studies	EOSY	Reason: Retirement
Frank Jowitt	Senior High	Mathematics	EOSY	Reason: Retirement
James Gosnell	Peet/Holmes	Band	EOSY	Reason: Retirement

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

Item No. 2 – Public Hearing to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Certified Budget

President Senchina reported that she had in her possession an affidavit of publication showing the notice of time and place of the hearing for the 2012-2013 school year budget having been published in the Waterloo/Cedar Falls Courier on March 28, 2012. The Board will now hold a hearing on the proposed school budget summary for fiscal year 2012-2013. No public comments were offered. No written or oral objections were received.

Item No. 3 – Public Hearing to Amend the 2011-2012 School Year Budget

President Senchina reported that she had in her possession an affidavit of publication showing the notice of time and place of the hearing for the proposed school budget amendment for fiscal year 2011-2012 having been published in the Waterloo/Cedar Falls Courier on March 28, 2012. The Board will now hold a hearing on the proposed budget amendment for fiscal year 2011-2012. No public comments were offered. No written or oral objections were received.

Item No. 4 – Approval of the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Certified Budget

Director Williams moved and Director Brown seconded the motion that the Cedar Falls Board of Education approve the 2012-2013 school year budget as follows:

	2012-13 Estimated Expenditures	Estimated Amount Necessary to be Raised by Taxation
General Operating Fund	\$46,550,649	\$17,476,021
Management Fund	\$730,000	\$550,000
Physical & Plant Equipment Levy	\$3,199,990	\$2,969,190
Capital Projects Fund	\$13,370,142	\$0
Nutrition Fund	\$2,112,900	\$0
Student Activity Fund	\$1,300,000	\$0
Debt Service Fund	\$1,770,142	\$0
Fiduciary Fund	\$17,500	\$0
Total	\$69,051,323	\$20,995,211

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

Item No. 5 – Approval of Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 School Year Budget

Director Williams moved and Director Brown seconded the motion that the Cedar Falls Board of Education approve the proposed expenditure amendments to the 2011-2012 school year budget for instruction from \$32,146,136 to \$32,388,218 and total support services portion of the budget from \$12,235,132 to \$12,848,921. Directors voting in favor of the motion: Brown, Leeper, Coil, Kenyon, Williams, Lantz and Senchina. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried.

Item No. 6 – Secretary’s Monthly Financial Reports

Mr. Nefzger reviewed the monthly balances for March 2012 for the general fund, schoolhouse, student activity, and food service. President Senchina reported that the report would be filed subject to audit.

Item No. 7 – Communications

There will be a Board work session scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on May 7th, 2012 to discuss district technology.

Item No. 8 – Approval of Peet Junior High School Press Box Bids

Mr. Nefzger reviewed the bids received for the Peet Junior High press box. There were four bids received and Mr. Nefzger recommended to the Board the acceptance of the low quote from Don Gardner Construction of Waterloo, Iowa in the amount of \$63,157. This project will be funded through the physical plant and equipment fund. Director Lantz moved and Director Kenyon seconded the motion to approve the low quote from Don Gardner Construction in the amount of \$63,157. Directors voting in favor of the motion: Coil, Brown, Senchina, Kenyon, Williams, Lantz, and Leeper. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried.

Item No. 9 – Informational Report – K- 12 Science

Mr. Conrad introduced Ben Olsen, 6th grade teacher at North Cedar Elementary, Wade Olson, science teacher at Holmes Junior High, Jen Schultz, science teacher at Peet Junior High and Deb Paulsen, science teacher at the High School. These teachers reviewed the K-12 science program within the District.

Mr. Olsen reviewed the following science activities at the elementary level:

- Reviewed test scores
- Topics of science study
- Curriculum
- Relationship with the Iowa Core
- Recommendation to reevaluate the current curriculum to align with the Iowa Core and move towards an inquiry based curriculum in all grade levels.

Ms. Schultz and Mr. Olson reviewed the following science activities at Peet and Holmes Junior High:

- Review of student test scores
- Course offerings and areas of study
- Collaborative work with Professional Learning Communities, Iowa Core, AIW, common assessment and essential learning.

Ms. Paulsen reviewed the following science activities at the High School:

- Review of test scores and ACT test scores
- Science graduation requirements
- Course offerings
- Collaborative work with Professional Learning Communities, Iowa Core, AIW, common assessment and enrichment activities.

Presenters then answered questions the Board members had on PLC work, Iowa Core alignment with current district curriculum, test scores, and common assessments. President Senchina thanked all the presenters for their fine report to the Cedar Falls Board of Education.

Item No.10 – Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Stoakes reported on the following:

1. Commencement will be May 27, 2012
2. Retirement reception for Cedar Falls retiring employees is scheduled for May 24th, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. at Pheasant Ridge.
3. April 23rd Board meeting will have an informational report on K-12 physical education

Item No. 11 – Questions, Comments, and Concerns

Director Coil thanked everyone for the structure of the recent math and science reports the Board had received.

Item No. 12 – Adjournment

Director Coil moved and Director Lantz seconded the motion to adjourn. Directors voting in favor of the motion: Brown, Williams, Kenyon, Coil, Senchina, Leeper, and Lantz. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Secretary

President