

October 1, 2012

The Board of Directors of the Cedar Falls Community School District in the County of Black Hawk, State of Iowa, met in special work 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 6:00 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, James Kenyon, Susan Lantz, Jenny Leeper, David Williams and Joyce Coil. Others in attendance were: 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: Shane Paige, Matthew Switzer, Kim Abbas, Corrine Brown, Brian Winkle and Jordan Henrichs

President Senchina thanked everyone that was present.

Item No. 1 – Approval of the Agenda

Director Williams moved and Director Leeper seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

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

Item No. 2 – Teacher Technology Presentation

Jordan Henrichs and Matthew Switzer, 5th and 6th instructors at Lincoln Elementary were first to present. Mr. Henrichs and Mr. Switzer reviewed how internet and iPod tools are used in the classroom. Specifically touching on:

- Gmail
- Google Docs
- Google Docs presentation
- Wiki’s
- Various support sites including IXL, Spell City, Blogging, Kid blog, and Dropbox

Mr. Henrichs and Mr. Switzer also reviewed specific iPad applications including:

- Math Board
- EduCreations
- Math Bingo
- Operations Math
- Spell Board
- Spell City
- Miscellaneous applications available on the iPad

Brian Winkle, journalism instructor at the High School presented information on how technology is used in the Cedar Falls High School journalism classes including Tiger Hi-Line broadcast journalism and year book. Mr. Winkle was accompanied by three of his students, Mia, Anna and Christina. The three students spoke specifically on how technology has enhanced their learning opportunities in broadcast journalism, yearbook preparation and journalism newspaper classes.

Kim Abbas, 2nd grade instructor at North Cedar Elementary demonstrated the Mimeo interactive whiteboard system and how it is used in the classroom. Ms. Abbas stated there are various lessons available for use with the Mimeo and described how students are using the Mimeo on daily activities in the classroom.

Corrine Brown, 4th grade instructor at Cedar Heights Elementary reviewed how technology is used in her classroom on a daily basis. The presentation included the development of iMovie videos that were used to create public service announcements by students at Cedar Heights Elementary, a claymation video, as well as collaborating with students in other schools in both Iowa and worldwide using rockourworld.org. Ms. Brown described the use of Blogging through kidblog.org, Google Docs and Web2.0 tools.

At the conclusion of the presentation, Superintendent Wells distributed a technology packet that included the following:

- Articles and information on mobile devices in the classroom
- Technology based classroom assessments
- Technology applications
- What a classroom would like in the future with 3D technology and virtual learning

Mr. Wells distributed results from the elementary enhancement meetings that were held at all six elementary schools in September.

The Board reviewed comments that were made by staff members from the six elementary schools and discovered the basic themes coming from staff include an emphasis on training, consistency between schools and equity for technology. The Board realized and appreciated the importance of the teacher's comments that were made. The Board also discussed the technology accomplishments that have been made throughout the District, including the issuance of laptops for every teacher in the District.

The Board then discussed overall technology usage in the District including:

- Budget
- Vision of a technology plan
- Types and use of devices available
- Implementation plan to continue or change the current devices available throughout the District
- Connection with the Iowa Core Curriculum and Guaranteed Viable Curriculum
- Equity amongst all students in the District
- Board's role in determining technology that will be used

Item No. 3 - Adjournment

Director Williams moved and Director Leeper seconded the motion to adjourn. Directors voting in favor of the motion: Brown, Kenyon, Coil, Senchina, Williams, Lantz and Leeper. Those voting "no" none. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:56p.m.

Secretary

President