

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 7:00 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: Eric Giddens, Susie Hines, Jenny Leeper, Jeff Orvis and Sasha Wohlpert. Others in attendance were: Dr. Andrew Pattee, Superintendent, Douglas Nefzger, Director of Business Affairs, Daniel Conrad, Director of Secondary Education, Pam Zeigler, Director of Elementary Education, and Dr. Adrian Talbot, Director of Human Resources. Also present Larry Wyckoff.

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

Item No. 1 – Public Hearing on 2018-2019 School Year Calendar

President Coil reported that she had in his possession an affidavit of publication showing the notice of time and place of the public hearing for the proposed 2018-2019 school year calendar. This notice was published in the Waterloo/Cedar Falls Courier on February 14, 2018. The Board will now hold a public hearing on this project. President Coil asked for public comments. No public comments were offered. No written comments were received. President Coil then declared the public hearing closed.

Item No. 2 – Public Hearing on Hansen Elementary Water Main Project

President Coil reported that she had in his possession an affidavit of publication showing the notice of time and place of the public hearing to replace the water main serving Hansen Elementary. This notice was published in the Waterloo/Cedar Falls Courier on February 14, 2018. The Board will now hold a public hearing on this project. President Coil asked for public comments. No public comments were offered. No written comments were received. President Coil then declared the public hearing closed.

Item No. 3 – Public Hearing on Furniture for Aldrich, North Cedar, and Orchard Hill Elementary Projects

President Coil reported that she had in his possession an affidavit of publication showing the notice of time and place of the public hearing for the furniture for Aldrich, North Cedar, and Orchard Hill Elementary building projects. This notice was published in the Waterloo/Cedar Falls Courier on February 14, 2018. The Board will now hold a public hearing on this project. President Coil asked for public comments. No public comments were offered. No written comments were received. President Coil then declared the public hearing closed.

Item No. 4 – Approval of the Following Consent Agenda Items:

Director Hines moved and Director Wohlpert seconded the motion that the Board approves the following consent agenda items:

1. The agenda of the February 26, 2018 Board of Education
2. Approval of the February 12, 2018 Board of Education minutes
3. Approval of the bills as presented for payment as reviewed by the designated Board member, Jenny Leeper
4. Approval of Human Resource Report
5. Open Enrollment

Human Resources Report
February 26, 2018
2018-19 School Year

New Contracts* - Recommended for Approval

Teacher:

Mary Ascher	Aldrich	Teacher/Librarian	MA15 16	SOSY 18-19	\$64,677**
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*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 and adult abuse registry, release from current contract (if applicable), and other pre-employment checks deemed necessary.

**NOTE: Salary amounts are projections based on placement on the 2017-18 CFEA Total Salary Schedule; actual salary will be finalized once the 2018-19 schedule is determined.

Open Enrollment Report

February 26, 2018

Kallob J Ortiz-Rash	9 th Grade
Current resident district:	Cedar Falls
District requested:	Waterloo
Effective date:	2017-2018
Saniah Bell	5 th Grade
Current resident district:	Waterloo
District requested:	Cedar Falls
Effective date:	2017-2018 – C
Arianna Tate	2 nd Grade
Current resident district:	Waterloo
District requested:	Cedar Falls
Effective date:	2017-2018 – C
Kyann Kay Simmons	3 rd Grade
Current resident district:	Waterloo
District requested:	Cedar Falls
Effective date:	2017-2018 – C
Matthew Alan Simmons, Jr.	Kindergarten
Current resident district:	Waterloo
District requested:	Cedar Falls
Effective date:	2017-2018 – C

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

Item No. 5 – Public Comment

Susan Roberts-Dobie commented on potential elementary scheduling changes for specials and was concerned about the loss of time for special classes and staff travel and loss of teacher relationships due to the travel.

Kimberly Hurley commented on the potential elementary scheduling changes and reduced physical education class time due to the elementary staffing for the 2018-2019 school year.

Jody Huegerich commented on the shift of special class schedules and questioned if the District’s wellness policy aligned with the proposed schedule changes.

Larry Wyckoff of 4241 East Park Rd., Cedar Falls commented on the school resource officer and believes there should be an armed resource officer in every school building each day.

Item No. 6 – Communications

Dr. Pattee commented no final decisions have been made in the daily elementary class schedule. The District is looking at moving from a six day cycle to a four day cycle for elementary special classes. Some special classes would actually increase with the proposed change. By going to a four day schedule it allows for a greater team meeting time and part of the process is to develop buddy schools to eliminate the actual travel time for staff involved.

Dr. Pattee commented the Cedar Falls Community School District has a great relationship with the Cedar Falls Police Department and the first responders.

High School Student Senate representative Arlo Hettle reported on the following:

Individual District speech competitions
Peaceful protest students held on February 23, 2018
Girls and Boys State tournament basketball
Spring play will be held at the High School on March 2, 2018

Informational Report on the Center for Advanced Professional Studies - CAPS Program:

CAPS Instructor, Maria Perez Gonzalez gave an update on the CAPS program and reviewed the status of the program including the number of students involved and number of projects being participated in. Ms. Perez also commented on the mentor organizations that are partnering with the school district to make the CAPS program a success. There are currently 10 different organizations and businesses involved in the CAPS program.

CAPS student, Chimzim Ogbondah presented on his experience in partnering with the Invision Architecture. The work with Invision included information and disseminating ideas for the potential new Cedar Falls High School.

CAPS student, Zach Brede presented on his experience in partnering with Viking Pump and Kryton Engineered Metals. Mr. Brede had been involved in developing promotional items for the CAPS program.

Monica Gerdes, Talent Engagement Business Partner at Viking Pump, thanked the Board for the support of the CAPS program.

President Coil and Dr. Pattee thanked all those involved in the CAPS presentation and all the work they have done.

Janelle Darst reported on the District newsletter:

- Girls State basketball tournament
- Holmes and Peet Math Counts competition
- 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th grade Knights of Columbus spelling bee
- Know your Constitution school winner is from Holmes Jr. High
- On-line lunch account balance information is now easier access for parents
- New attendance boundary map information is now on District website
- Kindergarten parent meeting is scheduled for March 20

Item No. 7 – Secretary’s Monthly Financial Report

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

Item No. 8 – Informational Report on Science

Hilary Iehl, Amanda Johnson, Lisa Johnson, Lynn Griffin presented on Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). New standards were discussed on the secondary level. There are three dimensional learnings associated with new standards that science and engineering practices, including cross cutting concepts and disciplinary core ideas, which include life, physical earth, and space, engineering technology and application of science. The group reviewed the development timeline for the implementation of the new standards. The new standards will be implemented in 7th and 8th grades in 2018-19 school year and grades 9-12 in the 2019-20 school year. The group reviewed how the standards are used in daily instruction and how the standards will be made clear for all students. Common assessments were reviewed and how the new standards plan will be incorporated into the secondary curriculum.

Dr. Pattee commented on an extreme amount of work the science team has been put in to make this transition to the new standards. Mr. Conrad thanked the team for their hard work and flexibility in developing these with the current curriculum. Mr. Conrad also thanked Mr. Wedgbury for leading the team through this transition.

Christine Mangrich, Coordinator of Instructional Services reviewed K-6 standards, development timeline, curriculum material and discussed grade level strategies.

President Coil thanked everyone for the presentation and for all the hard work.

Item No. 9 – Approval of Cedar Falls High School Portable Project Bid

Mr. Nefzger introduced Brian Sanderman from InVision Architecture. Mr. Sanderman reviewed the bid for the installation of foundation, utility and ramps associated with the moving of the two classroom portable unit from Southdale Elementary to the High School. The lone quote is from Koch Construction, Cedar Falls, Iowa at a cost of \$161,878. This project is included in the ten-year facility improvement plan and payment will come from the Physical Plant & Equipment levy.

Dr. Pattee commented on the need to move the portable unit to the high school. He stated educational needs have changed considerably over the past 40 years or so. Larger spaces are needed for student collaboration, special education, technology and other curriculum offerings use classroom space was not needed 40 years ago.

After a short discussion, Director Orvis moved and Director Hines seconded the motion to approve the Cedar Falls High School portable project bid of \$161,878 from Koch Construction of Cedar Falls. Directors voting in favor of the motion: Coil, Giddens, Hines, Leeper, Orvis, and Wohlpart. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried

Item No. 10 – Approval of Two-Year Extension to Auditor Bid

Mr. Nefzger reviewed the audit extension proposal from Carney Alexander and Marold, Co. The District completed a three agreement with an option for a two year extension. Pricing for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 will be \$20,400 and fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 for \$20,900. After a short discussion, Director Hines moved and Director Giddens seconded the motion to approve the two year extension to Carney, Alexander and Marold, Co.. for audit services. Directors voting in favor of the motion: Coil, Giddens, Hines, Leeper, Orvis, and Wohlpart. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried.

Item No. 11 – Approval of Bus Purchase

Mr. Nefzger reviewed the bids for the purchase of two used school buses. The bids were received from School Bus Sales and Thomas Bus Sales. After review of the bids, Director Wohlpart motioned and Director Leeper seconded the motion to approve the bid from School Bus Sales in the amount of \$115,700 for two 2016 Blue Bird 65 passenger busses with air ride. This purchase will be funded through the Physical Plant and Equipment Levy. Directors voting in favor of the motion: Coil, Giddens, Hines, Leeper, Orvis, and Wohlpart. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried.

Item No. 12 – Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Pattee reported on the following:

- March 7, 2018 will be Special Board meeting at 4:00 p.m. to award the furniture bid
- March 26, 2018 Board meeting will include preliminary budget

Dr. Pattee provided a Legislative update:

- Potential school day start changes, which no action will be taken.
- Statewide one-cent sales tax extension
- Transportation Equity Funding
- Supplemental State aid equity funding
- Private school voucher bill. Did not make it pass the funnel date.
- Standard assessment
- Potential Tax bill impacts

Item No. 13 – Questions, Comments, and Concerns from Board Members

None

Item No. 14 – Closed Session of the Board of Education - Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(i).

Director Leeper moved and Director Giddens seconded the motion that the Cedar Falls Board of Education enter into closed session to evaluate the professional competency of individuals whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session under 2011 Code of Iowa 21.5(1) (i). Directors voting in favor of the motion: Coil, Giddens, Hines, Leeper, Orvis, and Wohlpart. Those voting "no" none. Motion carried.

Board room was cleared at 7:10 p.m.

Board entered closed session at 7:15 p.m.

Board returned to open session at 8:00 p.m.

Item No. 15 – Adjournment

Director Leeper moved and Director Orvis seconded the motion to adjourn. Directors voting in favor of the motion Coil, Giddens, Hines, Leeper, Orvis, and Wohlpart. Those voting "no" none. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Secretary

President