

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: Jeff Hassman, Susie Hines, James Kenyon, Jenny Leeper, and Susan Lantz. Others in attendance were: Dr. Andrew Pattee, Superintendent, Douglas Nefzger, Director of Business Affairs, Daniel Conrad, Director of Secondary Education, and Dr. Adrian Talbot, Director of Human Resources. Also present: Cathy Pingas, Bob Kressley, Jim Moody, Brenda Moody, Larry Wyckoff, Dean Sorensen, Margaret Sorensen, Ethan Hughes, Stephen Hughes, Kimi Du, Kevin Du, Xinhua Shen, Ethan Weichmann, Joe R. Sevcik, Kim Cross, Chris Hansen, Lisa Sevcik, Kellen Chenoweth, and Kathleen Sihler.

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 Land Purchase

Dr. Pattee reviewed the process that led up to the decision of purchasing 50 acres of land for the future high school from the University of Northern Iowa (UNI). Those decisions included partnerships that would be created between UNI and the school district and the increasing enrollment projections provided by RSP & Associates. The high school is projected to be over capacity by the 2019-2020 school year. The current high school site sits on 17 acres and is estimated to cost \$60 million to renovate. The renovation would only be a solution for approximately 15 to 16 years. A new high school is projected to cost 80 to 85 million dollars. Dr. Pattee reviewed potential site options for the high school that were researched and after review the decision was made to purchase the 50 acres from UNI at a total cost of \$1,240,000. There is an option within the purchase agreement that if the District does need or want to keep the site in the future it can be sold back to UNI. If UNI chooses not to want the property the District has the option to sell the site on the open market. Funding for the purchase of the 50 acres will come from current state-wide one cent sales tax funds the District currently has on hand. Dr. Pattee reviewed future population growth areas within the District, as well as future street construction projects that will be taking place, including the Green Hill Road extension.

President Coil reported that she had in her possession an affidavit of publication showing the notice of time and place of the public hearing for the purchase of property from the University of Northern Iowa. This notice was published in the Waterloo/Cedar Falls Courier on January 27, 2017. The Board will now hold a public hearing on this project. President Coil asked for public comments. The following public comments were offered:

Lisa Sevcik of 1421 Clay Street, Cedar Falls Iowa questioned the wisdom of the Board purchasing land without a plan for the current high school building and site, as well as knowing the cost associated in razing the whole high school building. Ms. Sevcik has concerns about allowing the current high school to develop into an eye sore, as the District has an obligation to the neighbors in the area.

Bob Kressley of 2511 Garden Avenue, Cedar Falls Iowa expressed concerns on how students are going to get to and from the new high school, as Hudson Road and West 27th Street are major streets and can become congested with traffic.

Chris Hansen of 13011 University Avenue, Cedar Falls Iowa complimented the Cedar Falls School Board of Education on their thoroughness. Mr. Hansen stated currently there are a lot of high school students attending classes at the UNI campus. Mr. Hansen agreed with Mr. Kressley that congestion will need to be addressed, but with 50 acres to work with he is confident that between the City and UNI the District will be able to work out a solution. The proposal for the future new high school is a 50 year plus solution. Repairing and remodeling the current high school would not be an appropriate use of District funds.

Larry Wyckoff of 4241 East Park Rd., Cedar Falls Iowa asked how the District could legally purchase the land with no authority to build a new high school. Mr. Wyckoff believes the percentage of student increase is out of line with the proposed percentage increase in the size of the current high school versus the new high school. Mr. Wyckoff commented on RSP & Associates projections being slightly lower compared to what they were two years ago, as well as a possible state voucher program that may reduce future enrollment and funds to the school district. Mr. Wyckoff commented that he heard one of the reasons the high school bond issue did not pass is that parents did not want to send their students near the UNI campus. Mr. Wyckoff commented that the high school is not overcrowded in comparison to enrollment back in the 1970s and believes RSP & Associates projections are scaring the community.

Jim Moody of 1702 Walnut Street, Cedar Falls Iowa commented that this is a great opportunity for the District to purchase this land and the District can dispose of the land in the future if it is not needed. Mr. Moody complimented the District on the recent refinance of the 2011 Series revenue bonds, saving the District a considerable amount of money. Mr. Moody stated most businesses in the community would take this proposal in a heartbeat. To be able to purchase that land at that price with zero interest with the option to sell in the future is good business. Mr. Moody thanked the Cedar Falls School Board of Education for doing their due diligence and for their fiscal responsibility. Mr. Moody commented that now is the time to purchase that site as that site may not be available in the future. It is saving money today on tomorrow's purchases.

No written comments were received. President Coil reported that there will be no action taken tonight and thanked everyone for coming and sharing their comments. President Coil then declared the public hearing closed.

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

Director Lantz moved and Director Kenyon seconded the motion that the Board approves the following consent agenda:

1. The agenda of the February 13, 2017 Board of Education
2. Approval of the January 23 and 30, 2017 regular and February 7, 2017 special Board of Education meeting minutes.
3. Approval of the bills as presented for payment as reviewed by the designated Board member, Susie Hines
4. Quarterly Transportation Report
5. Approval of Human Resource Report
6. Open Enrollment
7. Agreements: River Hills Consortium amended agreements:
 - Alden CSD
 - Gladbrook-Reinbeck CSD
 - Hubbard Radcliffe CSD
 - Rudd-Rockford-Marble Rock CSD

**Human Resource Report
February 13, 2017**

Resignations - Recommended for Approval**

Teacher:

Joseph Brown	Senior High/Holmes	Mathematics	EOSY 2016-17
James Sprau	Lincoln	Fourth Grade	EOSY 2016-17
Kim Traw	Senior High	Teacher/Librarian	EOSY 2016-17

Administrator:

Jennifer Hartman	North Cedar	Principal	06/30/2017
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'EOSY': End of School Year is the final day of teacher service, as determined by the official school calendar. In the event the school year is extended due to weather make up days, or other unanticipated causes, the Superintendent may, at his sole discretion, approve an employee request to terminate employment prior to the end of the school year.

**Open Enrollment Report
February 13, 2017**

Isaiah Moore	9th Grade
Current resident district:	Cedar Falls
District requested:	Waterloo
Effective date:	2016-2017 – C
Ella Johnston	4th Grade
Current resident district:	Cedar Falls
District requested:	CAM – IA Connections Academy
Effective date:	2016-2017
Brayden Smith	3rd Grade
Current resident district:	Waterloo
District requested:	Cedar Falls
Effective date:	2016-2017 – C
Keyara Smith	2nd Grade
Current resident district:	Waterloo
District requested:	Cedar Falls
Effective date:	2016-2017 – C

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

Item No. 3 – Public Comment

No public comments were offered.

Item No. 4 – Communications

High School Student Senate representative Julie Jorgensen reported on the following:

- Dance Marathon will be held February 17, 2017: The high school in conjunction with UNI are involved with the annual dance marathon with all donations going towards the University of Iowa Children’s Hospital and pediatric cancer.
- Coaches cancer event held last weekend was very successful
- State wrestling is this weekend
- Prom Dress sale was very successful

Dr. Pattee reported in response to the public comment section of the public hearing. Dr. Pattee reiterated the thoughts of importance of working with developers and others within the community for the importance of the repurpose of the current high school and land.

Dr. Pattee shared that we have over 600 college students in all areas that interact with our students every year. The Board has discussed this and it is a collaborative adventure and learning opportunity for our students. We know there are many questions and understand the necessity of additional planning that needs to take place. The purchase of this land is for future focus and not tied into building a high school today or tomorrow, but in the future.

Item No. 5 – Approval of Substantial Completion of the Southdale Portable Classroom - 2016

Mr. Nefzger reviewed the 2016 Southdale Portable classroom project and recommended that the Board accept substantial completion of the project. Mr. Nefzger reported that the original budget for the project was \$279,145 and total expenditures were \$258,442 leaving the project at \$20,703 under the estimated budget. Discussion was held on the cost of portable classrooms. Mr. Nefzger reminded the Board the District made the decision to purchase the Southdale portable and the plan is to move the portable to one of the secondary buildings at the end of 2017-2018 school year. Mr. Nefzger reported the original cost to provide foundation and utilities typically costs about \$100,000 each time a portable classroom is moved and set. At the end of discussion, Director Hassman moved and Director Hines seconded the motion that the Cedar Falls Board of Education accept as complete the 2016 Southdale Elementary portable classroom and portable classroom foundation projects and all claims for materials furnished, labor performed and service on this contract must be filed within the next 30 days. Directors voting in favor of the motion Coil, Hassman, Hines, Kenyon, Lantz, and Leeper. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried.

Item No. 6 – Approval of Cedar Heights Entrance Project Bid

Mr. Channer of Struxture Architects reviewed the bids for the Cedar Heights Elementary School entry remodeling project. There were three bids received and it is Mr. Channer and the Administration’s recommendation to accept the low quote from Kidder Construction of Waterloo, Iowa in the amount of \$167,285. This project will be funded through the 2017-2018 physical plant and equipment levy and is part of the ten-year master plan. After a short discussion, Director Lantz moved and Director Kenyon seconded the motion to approve the bid from Kidder Construction of Waterloo, Iowa in the amount of \$167,285 for the Cedar Heights Elementary entrance project. Directors voting in favor of the motion Coil, Hassman, Hines, Kenyon, Lantz, and Leeper. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried.

Item No. 7 – Approval of Aldrich Elementary Food Service Equipment Bid

Mr. Channer of Struxture Architects reviewed the food service equipment bids for the new Aldrich Elementary. There were five bids received and it is Mr. Channer’s and the Administration’s recommendation to accept the low bid from Rapids Food Service of Marion, Iowa in the amount of \$270,000. This portion of the Aldrich Elementary project will be funded by a combination of budget dollars within the building project, physical plant and equipment levy and food service dollars. After a short discussion, Director Kenyon moved and Director Leeper seconded the motion to approve the bid from Rapids Food Service of Marion, Iowa in the amount of \$270,000 for the Aldrich Elementary food service equipment bid. Directors voting in favor of the motion Coil, Hassman, Hines, Kenyon, Lantz, and Leeper. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried.

Item No. 8 – Approval of Summer 2017 Roofing Project Bid

Mr. Nefzger reviewed the bids for the summer 2017 roof project bids. A total of four bids were received and it is the recommendation of the Administration and the Terracon consultant, Darrel Smith, to approve the low quote from Service Roofing Co. of Waterloo, Iowa in the amount of \$107,179. This project includes reroofing three sections of Hansen Elementary School plus other repairs. After discussion, Director Kenyon moved and Director Hines seconded the motion to approve the low quote from Service Roofing Co. of Waterloo, Iowa in the amount of \$107,179. This project will be funded through the 2017-2018 physical plant and equipment levy. Directors voting in favor of the motion: Coil, Hassman, Hines, Kenyon, Lantz, and Leeper. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried

Item No. 9 – Set Public Hearing for 2017-2018 School Year Calendar

Dr. Pattee reviewed the proposed calendar for the 2017-2018 school year. The first day of school will be August 24, 2017 and the last day of school is projected to be May 30, 2018. However, there is no snow make-up days incorporated into the calendar and spring break is scheduled for the week of March 12, 2018. After discussion, Director Leeper moved and Director Hassman seconded the motion to approve February 27, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. as the date and time to hold a public hearing for the 2017-2018 school year calendar. Directors voting in favor of the motion: Coil, Hassman, Hines, Kenyon, Lantz and Leeper. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried.

Item No. 10 – Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Pattee reported on the following:

- “All City Vocal Concert” will be held April 10, 2017: Due to Cedar Falls Utilities inability to stream live coverage simultaneously coverage for the concert will be streamed to the auditorium at the high school and the Board meeting scheduled for April 10, 2017 will be taped and shown on a delayed taped basis.
- UEN Legislative advocacy trip is scheduled for February 15, 2017.
- Board meeting February 27, 2017:
 1. Informational report on Workshop Model
 2. Closed session under Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i)

Item No. 11 – Questions, Comments, and Concerns from Board Members

Director Hines stated the Cedar Falls Community Schools Foundation 10-year celebration will be held February 25, 2017 at the Hilton Garden Inn at Cedar Falls.

Director Leeper commented that she attended a Legislation forum that took place last Saturday and encourages those citizens to attend one of those forums.

Item No. 12 – Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Secretary

President