

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 5:30 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, Jeff Hassman, Susie Hines, Jenny Leeper, Jeff Orvis and Sasha Wohlpart. Others in attendance were: Dr. Andrew Pattee, Superintendent, Daniel Conrad, Director of Secondary Education, and Dr. Adrian Talbot, Director of Human Resources. Also present: Megan Droste, Jim Wohlpart, Morgan Clements, Estrelle Barren, Cody Mills, and Andrew Wind.

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

Item No. 1 – Approval of Acting Secretary

Due to illness of our Board Secretary, Doug Nefzger, Director Hines moved and Director Hassman seconded the motion that the Cedar Falls Community School District Board of Education appoint Adrian Talbot as Acting Secretary for this meeting. Directors voting in favor of the motion: Coil, Giddens, Hassman, Hines, Leeper, Orvis and Wohlpart. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried.

Item No. 2 – Approval to Table Agenda Items F and G

Director Orvis moved and Director Leeper seconded the motion to table items F – School Year Audit and item G District Financial Report due to the illness of our Chief Financial Officer and reschedule those items for our next Board meeting on February 12, 2018. Directors voting in favor of the motion: Coil, Giddens, Hassman, Hines, Leeper, Orvis and Wohlpart. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried.

Item No. 3 – Approval of the Following Consent Agenda Items:

Director Hines moved and Director Giddens seconded the motion to approve the following items:

1. The January 22, 2018 Board of Education agenda
2. Approval of the January 8, 2018 Board work session meeting minutes
3. Approval of the January 8, 2018 Board of Education meeting minutes
4. Approval of the January 10, 2018 Board/Administrative Council meeting minutes
5. Approval of the bills as presented for payment as reviewed by the designated Board member, Jeff Orvis
6. Open Enrollment
7. Approval of Human Resource Report
8. Quarterly Transportation Report

**Open Enrollment
January 22, 2018**

Chris Fordyce	6 th Grade
Current resident district:	Waterloo
District requested:	Cedar Falls
Effective date:	2017-2018 – C

Tyler Hunt	Kindergarten
Current resident district:	Waterloo
District requested:	Cedar Falls
Effective date:	2017-2018 – C

Jay J Minard	9 th Grade
Current resident district:	Waterloo
District requested:	Cedar Falls
Effective date:	2017-2018 – C

Miles Minard	1 st Grade
Current resident district:	Waterloo
District requested:	Cedar Falls
Effective date:	2017-2018 – C

Cassandra Saunders	9 th Grade
Current resident district:	Cedar Falls
District requested:	Dunkerton
Effective date:	2017-2018

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

Item No. 4 – Public Comment

There were no requests for public comment.

Item No. 5 – Communications

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

- Final preparations for the Winter dance that will be held January 27, 2018 at University of Northern Iowa, Maucker Union with all proceeds going towards the dance marathon.
- Sophomore leadership are holding the annual “Coaches versus Cancer” that will be at the women’s basketball game on Feb 2, 2018 and Men’s basketball game on Feb 9, 2018. Amy Denholm will be our halftime guest speaker. All proceeds are donated to the American Cancer Society.

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

Megan Droste, teacher and instructor in charge of the CAPS education strand, along with 2 of the 17 participants in the program explained how the program works and the thoughts and experiences being gained by the students.

Dr. Jim Wohlpart, Provost and Executive Vice President at the University of Northern Iowa expressed appreciation for the partnership with the District and acknowledges the practical and theoretical benefits of the programs for the University.

Dr. Pattee expressed the appreciation the District has for the partnership with the University of Northern Iowa and for Megan Droste in helping to bring this program to life for the students.

Janelle Darst reported on the District newsletter:

- Three students achieve perfect ACT scores
- CAPS program celebrating its one year anniversary and received a grant from the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa
- There were 6 students participated in the Luther College Dorian Festival
- There were 6 Lego League teams from Cedar Falls competed in the First Lego League competition. One of the teams was selected to compete in the World Championships and is one out of two teams selected to participate at Nationals to represent Iowa.
- Boys and Girls basketball teams, as well as swimming team successes in recent competitions
- 2018 Preschool Registration will be January 26, 2018. The Link can be accessed via the District website
- 2018 Kindergarten parent meetings will be held March 20, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at all elementary buildings. Aldrich Elementary kindergarten parent meeting will be held at the Administration building. Information is on the District website.

Item No. 6 – Approval of Plans, Specifications and Set Public Hearing For Cedar Falls High School Portable Project

Dr. Pattee introduced Cody Mills from Invision Architecture. Mr. Mills reviewed the plans to relocate a portable located at Southdale Elementary to the High School. Dr. Pattee reviewed the extensive construction and costs, which must be incurred in relocating the portable. Director Hassman voiced concern about the cost of installation of the portable originally and to the new location, costs that are unrecoverable and are a consequence of not moving forward on building a new high school.

Director Giddens stated that this is a reminder that we need to have a plan for a new facility that will take us into the future without spending funds on a portable for temporary uses. Director Wohlpart stated the investment is in the students that are going to be attending the high school for the next five years or forever long we are using the building. Although the portable setting is not an ideal learning environment it is better than being over crowded in an environment that is not conducive within the building. The investment is in our students today with the hopes of tomorrow we have a much more efficient newer structure. Director Wohlpart moved and Director Giddens seconded the motion that the Cedar Falls Community School District Board of Education approve the proposed plans, specifications, proposed form of contract, and set public hearing date of February 12, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at the City of Cedar Falls City Hall 220 Clay Street, Cedar Falls, Iowa for the Cedar Falls High School Portable Project. Directors voting in favor of the motion: Coil, Giddens, Hassman, Hines, Orvis and Wohlpart, with Director Leeper abstaining from the vote. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried.

Item No. 7 – Approval of 2016-2017 School Year Audit

Tabled

Item No. 8 – District Financial Report

Tabled

Item No. 9 – Adoption of Resolution in Support of Public Education

Dr. Pattee stated at the last board meeting a recommendation for a resolution in support of public education was requested. Director Giddens introduced and read the following resolution on funding for public schools. Director Wohlpart moved that the Cedar Falls Community School District Board of Education adopt the Resolution hereinafter set out. Director Hines seconded the motion after due consideration thereof by the Board, the President put the question upon the adoption of said Resolution. Dr. Pattee and the Cedar Falls Board of Education encourage all community members and individuals across the State that have a vested interest in education to reach out, advocate and share their voices as they are all for choice, but public dollars should not be diverted for non-public reasons and will have a negative impact on public school students. The Board offered many resources for information.

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

Whereupon the President declared said Resolution duly adopted as follows:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Iowa legislature will examine public school funding and may consider structural changes to the public school funding formula; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the Iowa legislature should maintain the highest priority to promote and fully invest in Iowa’s public schools and not enact any legislation which would divert funds away from public education; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that public schools provide a strong educational environment for Iowa’s children and are an economic engine for our local community and that any structural changes to the funding formula could put this environment at risk by directing resources away from public schools.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board:

Board President

Attest:

Acting Board Secretary

Passed and approved this 22nd day of January, 2018

Item No. 10 – Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Pattee reported on the following:

Urban Education Network UEN: Legislative topics

- State choice
- Extension of the State penny for school infrastructure

Facility Update:

- Update on elementary facility work
- Next steps: High School work

Item No. 11 – Questions, Comments, and Concerns

None

Item No. 12 – Adjournment

Director Hassman moved and Director Hines seconded the motion to adjourn. Directors voting in favor of the motion: Coil, Giddens, Hassman, Hines, Leeper, Orvis and Wohlpart. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried.
The meeting was adjourned at 6.16 p.m.

Acting Board Secretary

President