

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, 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 Liz, Kressig, Mark Aalderks, Robert Wray, and Danny Laudick.

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 to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 School Year Certified Budget

President Coil reported that she had in her possession an affidavit of publication showing the notice of time and place of the hearing for the 2018-2019 school year budget having been published in the Waterloo/Cedar Falls Courier on March 28, 2018. The Board will now hold a hearing on the proposed school budget summary for fiscal year 2018-2019. No public comments were offered. No written comments were received. President Coil then declared the public hearing closed.

Item No. 2 – Public Hearing to Amend the 2017-2018 School Year Budget

President Coil 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 2017-2018 having been published in the Waterloo/Cedar Falls Courier on March 28, 2018. The Board will now hold a hearing on the proposed budget amendment for fiscal year 2017-2018. No public comments were offered. No written were received. President Coil then declared the public hearing closed.

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

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

1. The agenda for the April 9, 2018 Board of Education meeting as presented
2. Approval of the March 26, 2018 Board of Education meeting minutes
3. Approval of the bills as presented for payment as reviewed by the designated Board member, Director Hines
4. Approval of open enrollment requests
5. Human Resource report
6. Agreements:
 - a) Retirement Investors’ Club Service Agreement
 - b) HAVC Control System Update Agreement

Open Enrollment Report
April 9, 2018

Lexus Elizabeth Walker	9 th Grade
Current resident district:	Waterloo
District requested:	Cedar Falls
Effective date:	2017-2018 – C

2018-2019 – IN

Blake Michael Becker	12 th Grade
Current resident district:	Hudson
District requested:	Cedar Falls
Effective date:	2018-2019

Nevaeh Powell	2 nd Grade
Current Resident District:	Waterloo
District Requested:	Cedar Falls
Effective Date:	2018-2019

2018-2019 – OUT

Colby Alexander Dieckman	Kindergarten
Current Resident District:	Cedar Falls
District Requested:	Janesville
Effective Date:	2018-2019

Human Resources Report
April 10, 2017
2017-18 School Year

Resignations* - Recommended for Approval**

**All resignations will be effective End of School Year (EOSY) 2017-18 unless otherwise noted.

Teacher:

Elizabeth Forcum	Holmes	Special Education	EOSY 2017-18
Judy Kolbeck	Senior High	Special Education	EOSY 2016-17
Emily Wheeler	Senior High	Mathematics	EOSY 2016-17

***Pursuant to Iowa Code 279.19A (8) any and all coaching contracts in effect with this teacher shall automatically terminate at the end of the current school year.

'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.

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

No public comment.

Item No. 5 – Communications

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

- 5k run in partnership with Dunkerton CSD
- Senior Leadership holding prom at Bickford Cottage
- Earth Day – Campus wide clean-up day

High School Center for Advanced Professional Studies (CAPS) Program

CAPS instructor, Mark Aalderks presented on the communication and design update on the CAPS program. Mr. Aalderks introduced CAPS student associates Casey Leeper and Elizabeth Hunemuller. Mr. Leeper and Ms. Hunemuller presented on the current projects they are involved in conjunction with CAPS. From Mill Race Coworking and Collaboration, Mr. Laudick presented on the relationship in partnering with the CAPS program.

Janelle Darst reported on the District newsletter:

- NASA Rocket Competition received Judges Choice and Best Rocket Fair Display Awards
- Professional Development Leadership - Steve Ventura
- Parent University
- 3 Teachers received 93.5 Teacher of the Week (Erica Bruns, Tammy Frahm and Joe Graf)
- Mr. Nefzger was recognized by the Iowa Association of School Board Officials Professional Leadership Award for years of dedication within the Profession
- High School Associate Principal Troy Becker has been named High School Athletic Director
- CFHS Jazz band
- Orchard Hill Elementary can collection for the Swartdogs robotic team
- Traffic pattern changes due to road construction
- All City vocal April 9, 2018
- All City band April 16, 2018
- Hearst Center exhibit
- Sturgis Falls Run

Item No. 6 – 5-Year Technology Plan Update

Brian Unruh, Coordinator of Instructional Technology updated the Board on the development of the new 5-year technology plan. Mr. Unruh stated the District has come a long way since the original technology plan that began in 2013. There has been huge growth in the last 5 years with district support, teacher preparation and digital learning environments in student learning.

Teacher preparation has:

- Integrated professional development at the elementary level
- Provided district wide conference style professional development
- Ongoing building support by BTIL
- Staff have attended over 150 local, State, regional and national conferences
- Google Summit held here at Cedar Falls Community Schools.

Digital Learning Environment has changed through increased:

- Access to technology in preK-12
- Use of hardware and software
- Higher order thinking
- Technology kits
- 4C's – Critical thinking, Communications, Collaboration, and Creativity

Dr. Pattee also thanked Cedar Falls Utilities through their partnerships in working with the District on different technology improvements.

Mr. Unruh reviewed the new plan which consists of parts of the current technology plan, International Society for Technology and Education (ISTE) essential conditions, as well as the new media consortium Horizon Report efforts in technology education.

Operational goals for the new 5 year technology plan will be ongoing and include:

- Policies
- Network Health
- Leadership and vision
- Adequate funding

Long Range Goals with action plans involving BTIL include:

- Teacher use of data
- Technology scope and sequence
- Digital citizen ship for students, teachers, and parents
- Student use of 4c's

Long Range Goals with Action Plans include:

- Merging technologies
- Technology professional development
- Technology support
- Monitoring and assessing the plan

After a question and answer period from Board members, the Board thanked Mr. Unruh and all involved in the 5 year technology plan.

Item No. 7 – Approval of the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Certified Budget

Mr. Nefzger reviewed the budget for the 2018-2019 school year. The final tax rate requested is \$13.94694 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, down from \$14.27271 for the current 2017-2018 school year. It is estimated that the \$100,000 residential home in the community will see a tax decrease of approximately \$36.94 for the year. Mr. Nefzger reviewed tax rates for similar size schools across the State of Iowa and Cedar Falls continues to be one of the lowest overall tax rates in that grouping. Board members discussed with administration the possible impact of the Legislative commercial industrial funding roll back. Dr. Pattee updated the Board on questions concerning the one-cent State wide sales tax extension.

	2018-19 Estimated Expenditures	Estimated Amount Necessary to be Raised by Taxation
General Operating Fund	\$60,854.394	\$21,271,485
Student Activity Fund	\$1,210,000	\$0
Management Fund	\$639,791	\$600,000
Fiduciary Fund	\$21,441	\$0
Capital Projects	\$4,196,578	\$0
Capital Projects (SAVE)	\$9,616,889	\$0
Physical & Plant Equipment Levy	\$3,651,652	\$3,483,767
Debt Service Fund	\$4,825,525	\$2,423,200
Nutrition Fund	\$2,815,904	\$0
Total	\$87,832,174	\$27,778,452

Director Orvis moved and Director Giddens seconded the motion that the Cedar Falls Board of Education approve the proposed 2018-2019 school year budget as presented. Directors voting in favor of the motion: Directors voting in favor of the motion: Coil, Giddens, Hassman, Hines, Leeper, Orvis and Wohlpart. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried.

Item No. 8 – Approval of Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 School Year Budget

Mr. Nefzger reviewed the proposed expenditure amendment to the 2017-2018 school year for instructional programs from \$42,751,853 to \$43,577,509. This increase is for expenditures for technology equipment and additional staff. A large technology purchase was made in the spring of 2017 and was intended to arrive in June, but arrived in July. Thus the expenditure was pushed into the current budget year. Director Wohlpart moved and Director Orvis seconded the motion that the Cedar Falls Board of Education approve the proposed amendment to the 2017-2018 school year budget as presented. Directors voting in favor of the motion: Coil, Giddens, Hassman, Hines, Leeper, Orvis and Wohlpart. Those voting “no” none. Motion carried.

Item No.9 – Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Pattee reported on the following:

1. Commencement is May 27, 2018 and will be at the University of Northern Iowa McLeod Center at 1:00 p.m.
2. Retirement reception for Cedar Falls retiring employees is scheduled for 4:15 p.m., Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at Pheasant Ridge.
3. The April 23rd school board meeting will include a book study.
4. Board retreat will be held June 6, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Item No. 10 – Questions, Comments, and Concerns

None.

Item No. 11 – Adjournment

Director Hassman moved and Director Hines seconded the motion to adjourn. Directors voting in favor of the motion: 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 6:50p.m.

 Secretary

 President

At the conclusion of the meeting the Board moved in to a negotiation strategy session.