

Unapproved CENTRAL SPRINGS SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES – January 17, 2022

The Regular Board meeting for the Central Springs Community School Board was held in the Middle School Library in Nora Springs on January 17, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Dave Luett. Other Board members present were Lori Ginapp, Joe Rowe, and Jean Schilling by Zoom. Ashley Kohler was absent. Also attending were Superintendent Lehmann, Laura Cunningham, Jessica Lutz, and Bill Carlson attended via Zoom.

Motion was made by Ginapp, seconded by Rowe to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments were heard by Laura Cunningham who wished to report that they received another \$5000 in grant monies to be used for a Voc-Ag program and would like to be in attendance for the workshop planned to address this and other CTE concerns at Central Springs. Jessica Lutz echoed her comments. Supt Lehmann wanted the Board to know and to thank Laura for her advocacy efforts with our legislators, especially concerning the At-Risk/DOP issue.

For Administrative Reports, Principal Carlson shared that the elementary has been using the data from FAST testing and will be targeting the areas of concern, especially our 1st grade who lost the last part of their preschool time due to the pandemic shut down, staff has started again to clean their rooms when students leave, he would like to thank the Board for allowing him to hire another Title I teacher for 2nd semester to help students get caught up in reading, and he has finished his bus licensure and is already enjoying being able to sub drive; Supt Lehmann let the Board know that February 1st is IASB Day on the Hill and to let him know if they'd like to attend and he'll get them registered, would like to have a special board meeting on February 7th at 5:30 in Manly to study CTE issues and student enrollment numbers, we were told today that we will be receiving a preschool grant for 3 year olds from the Adams Family Foundation so be sure to thank them when you see any of those foundation members, and he let the board know that we are getting very short staffed due to illness but everyone has stepped up to help keep the school open. Principal Hoffman gave his report when he joined the meeting at 6:05 pm. The middle school staff has also been working hard to cover vacancies so the school can remain open, they have been using their professional development time to study the FAST assessments and determine areas of concern, the number of students failing a core class have dropped significantly this year in part due to the teachers taking a more active role with individuals, he would like to thank the Board for allowing him to hire an Interventionist this 2nd semester who is working to help students catch up through small group instruction, and MS extra-curricular activities are going well with participation and the focus being on learning basic skills and teamwork.

Ashley Kohler arrived at 5:47 p.m.

For the Consent Agenda motion was made by Rowe, seconded by Ginapp to approve the minutes from the December 14, 2021 board meeting, to approve the open enrolled in requests of Margo Miller, K, from Mason City (for 2023 school year), Rory Prazek II, 10th, Charlene Prazak, 8th, Patience Prazak, 4th, and Josiah Prazak, 3rd from Forest City, Jaxon Zech, K, and Americus Johnson, 8th, from Northwood-Kensett, open enrolled out request of Hope Rutham. K, to Lake Mills for 2023 school year, and to approve the employee contract adjustments for Janet Pridgen and Barb Shafer. Motion carried unanimously.

For Old Business, motion was made by Schilling, seconded by Ginapp to approve the 2nd reading of Board Policies 700 Series, 800 Series, 900 Series, and 409.1. Motion carried unanimously.

Also in Old Business, Superintendent Lehmann gave the Board an update on the 2022 legislative session and topics that included 2.5 SSA, transportation equity, vouchers, and tax cuts.

In New Business motion was made by Kohler, seconded by Rowe to approve the Return to Learn Plan that follows the CDC and Iowa Dept of Public Health guidance which allows a person who had a positive Covid test to return to school after 5 days if they are symptom free and will wear a mask until day 10. Motion carried unanimously.

Facility Project Plans were reviewed along with the timeline for these projects, realizing that this is a draft spreadsheet that can change. Discussion included funding and looking ahead to a voted PPEL. Motion was made by Ginapp, seconded by Kohler to approve moving forward with these facilities projects. Motion carried unanimously.

The HVAC upgrade project for the Manly High School was discussed. A public hearing is set for Monday, February 21st at 6:00 pm at the Central Springs High School at which time the Board will review the bids received. Motion was made by Kohler, seconded by Schilling to move forward with the HVAC project. Motion carried unanimously.

Lori Jost joined the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Also in New Business the itinerary for a Washington DC trip for the juniors and seniors for the Spring of 2023 was presented. Social Studies teachers Bill Shafer and Chris Arians will be in charge. Bill Shafer joined the meeting at 6:37 pm and was available to answer questions from the Board. After discussion motion was made by Ginapp, seconded by Rowe to approve moving forward with the trip with the understanding that the school is not responsible for any of the financial aspects. Motion carried unanimously.

The Federal Funds and Procedures documents will be tabled at this time.

Financial statements were presented. Secretary Mellmann didn't have much commentary to add to the reports other than we are beginning to look at budget figures, and will plan to share Forecast5 reports at the next meeting or so. Motion was made by Rowe, seconded by Kohler to approve the financial reports as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Board bills were presented in the amounts of: General - \$458,001.93, Management - \$22,941.49, SAVE - \$7,326.40, PPEL - \$10,730.03, Daycare - \$57.40, Trust Fund - \$500.00, Activity - \$16,282.37, and Nutrition - \$25,451.71. Motion was made by Schilling, seconded by Ginapp to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Suggested topics for the February Board meeting include the WCDA budget, the voted PPEL, follow-up from the CTE workshop session.

President Luett adjourned the meeting at 6:45 pm.

The Board went into an exempt session to set up a strategy for the negotiation process with the Central Springs Education Association according to Iowa Code 20.17(3).

Our Board work session is scheduled for February 7th at 5:30 in Manly, and our next regular Board meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in the High School library room in Manly.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Luett, Board President

Gwen Mellmann, Board Secretary