

**CENTRAL COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
ELKADER, IOWA
School Board Meeting
January 14, 2019
6:00 PM
BOARD MEETING**

President Jered Finley called the board meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Board Present: Jered Finley, Michael Whittle, NiCole Dennler, Amy Pope, Taylor Alexie and Ed Hertrampf

Board Absent: Suzy Hilgerson

Staff: Nick Trenkamp, Aaron Reinhart, Trevor Hunt and Joyce Piorkowski

Guests: Barb Bossard

Consent Items

Approval of Printed Minutes – December 17, 2018 & January 01, 2019

Approval of Agenda - January 14, 2019

Approval of Bills – Michael Whittle & Taylor Alexie

Treasurer's Report

Pay Request – Larson Construction – Improvement Project – 12/31/2018

Michael Whittle made a motion to approve the Consent Items.

Amy Pope seconded. Motion carried. 5-0

Learning & Leadership

Remodel Update

Building & Grounds Committee met with Matt Gillaspie with discussion on funding of project. Need to update public on progress of project.

New Business

Resignations

Michael Whittle made a motion to approve the resignation of Deb Mulford.

NiCole Dennler seconded. Motion carried. 6-0

Amy Pope made a motion to approve the resignation of Jane Koehn.

Taylor Alexie seconded. Motion carried. 6-0

Michael Whittle made a motion to approve the resignation of Joseph Kremer.

Amy Pope seconded. Motion carried. 6-0

NiCole Dennler made a motion to approve the resignation of Debora Camp

Amy Pope seconded. Motion carried. 6-0

Ed Hertrampf made a motion to approve the resignation of Ann Gibney

Taylor Alexie seconded. Motion carried. 6-0

5-12 Math Teacher

Amy Pope made a motion to approve Staci Schmeling as 5-12 Math Teacher.

NiCole Dennler seconded. Motion carried. 6-0

Officials

Michael Whittle made a motion to approve the Basketball Officials.

Ed Hertrampf seconded. Motion carried. 6-0

Volunteer Track Coaches

Amy Pope made a motion to approve Molly Scherf, Becky Lower, Katie Lower and Stacey Weber as Volunteer Track Coaches.

NiCole Dennler seconded. Motion carried. 6-0

Strength & Conditioning Position

Taylor Alexie made a motion to approve the Strength & Conditioning Position and Job Description. NiCole Dennler seconded. Motion carried. 6-0

Early Retirement – Maintenance

Michael Whittle made a motion to approve the Early Retirement Incentive for Maintenance staff that qualify. Amy Pope seconded. Motion carried. 6-0

Resolution of Intent to Participate in the Instructional Support Levy

Michael Whittle made a motion to approve the resolution to participate in the Instructional Support Program Levy for a period of five (5) years.

Amy Pope seconded. Motion carried. 6-0

Fundraising Request

Nicole Dennler made a motion to approve the Girls Track Hearts of Hope Fundraiser on January 22 or January 25; the Spanish Club JH Dance Fundraiser on February 22 and the Central Basketball Cancer Night Fundraiser on January 22.

Taylor Alexie seconded. Motion carried. 6-0

Policy Review

Second Reading of Policy 903, 905.1, 905.1R, 905.1E1

Michael Whittle made a motion to approve the second reading of Policies 903, 905.1, 905.1R and 905.1E1. Amy Pope seconded. Motion carried. 6-0

First Reading of Policy 905.1

Amy Pope made a motion to approve the first reading of Policy 905.1

Taylor Alexie seconded. Motion carried. 6-0

Hunter Safety Course

The board agreed to explore offering a Hunter Safety Course.

AD – Mr. Hunt

Participation Numbers

JH Boys Basketball – 12 (4 in 7th grade and 8 in 8th grade)

Positive comments on the Wrestling Invitational held January 5. It was a team effort, great to see everyone willing to help and make it a success. Working on getting information on a new/updated sound system in the gym, softball field and football field. Working on ways to get students excited about our activity programs to increase participation.

MS/HS Principal – Mr. Reinhart

Connect with every student

The new School Performance Profiles present good data to analyze, ask questions and reflect on. The “Conditions for learning” part of the report is good data.

Connect/Communicate with every family

Received positive feedback on the weekly communications home by 5-12 staff. Our goal is to increase communication with families; build positive relationships and share positive stories about their kids. Mid-year is a good time to reflect and to continue these efforts.

Core Values

Student first – student centered, with an emphasis on the whole child.

As part of our Trauma Sensitive Schools learning, staff watched the documentary, “Paper Tigers”.

Inclusive environment to promote school pride.

On December 21 the day was spent as a K-12 team, playing games, enjoying snacks and singing songs together. Nurse Meghan spearheaded this event.

Promote a positive team and family spirit

Our new math teacher, Ms. Staci Schmeling has been in the building this past week. She is looking for a place to live in Elkader so she can attend more student events.

Be adventurous! Embrace and drive change through Growth Mindset

One of my core beliefs about change is that change needs to be purposeful, rather than changing just to change.

Provide opportunities to achieve success

Mrs. Walz has done a great job throughout the first semester creating opportunities for students to extend their learning during 9th period. She is recruiting 6th-8th grade students to work on projects for the Keystone Science Fair in March.

Communicate openly with integrity and respect

Improving communication has been important to me since July. We are halfway through the school year and as I look back I see this improvement as a small roller coaster. We make big improvements, and have some setbacks, then make big improvements again. This improvement has an upward trajectory and I feel really good about where we are going into the second half of the year. Some of the communication issues are related to a change in how things are communicated.

Superintendent & Elementary Principal

NICC

Concerns shared with Dr. Wee at NICC about the lack of support from NICC and lack of communication. Possible meeting on January 21 after their meeting at the AEA.

Signs & Frames meeting

Mr. Reinhart and I met with Mark Collins regarding signage.

Handbook Committee

The handbook committee review is almost complete. We will have the handbook ready for approval in February.

STEM Best Grant

I have been finalizing arrangement for our STEM Best Team to visit New Technology High in Napa. We will have two West Delaware teachers joining our team of four from Central. We have registered Ann Gritzner, Nancy Healy, Jerry O'Brien and Cheryl Kremer for the STEM Innovator course through the University of Iowa.

PLC

North Fayette Valley, Starmont, Edgewood-Colesburg and Central will begin having joint PLC's after contract time for employees interested. This allows our "singletons" to share ideas and resources.

Volkswagon Settlement Grant

Jeff Harbaugh, Joyce Piorkowski and I will be working on the Volkswagon Settlement Grant which will cover 25% of a new bus. More information about propane buses when Ed-Co's new bus comes in.

2019-2020 Budget

Budget time of the year is beginning. Will have to wait for final numbers once the state sets the SSA for the year.

Committee Reports

NiCole Dennler – Dollars for Scholars Junior's fundraiser on January 25.

Through Board Members

Ed Hertrampf – New Coop manager asking about donations and a way to consolidate donations to all groups in one check.

Michael Whittle – Set up meeting with Fine Arts Boosters.

NiCole Dennler – Positive comments regarding Handbook Committee. Music Carnival on February 9th at 5:30 pm

Jered Finley – Work Session for Buildings & Grounds

Adjournment

NiCole Dennler made a motion to adjourn.

Ed Hertrampf seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm. Motion carried. 6-0

Respectively Submitted,

Joyce M. Piorkowski
Board Secretary

Jered Finley
Board President