

CENTRAL COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
ELKADER, IOWA
School Board Meeting
March 18, 2019
6:00 PM
BOARD MEETING

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

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

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

Guests: Cathy Recker, Sue Breitsprecher, Marianne French, Jasmine Mueller, Lori Bunting, Pat Klingman, Tess Hilgerson and Lexi Clinton

Consent Items

Approval of Printed Minutes –February 24, 2019 and March 5, 2019

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Bills – NiCole Dennler/Ed Hertrampf

Treasurer’s Report

Pay Request – Larson Construction – Improvement Project – 02/28/2019

Amy Pope made a motion to approve the Consent Items.

NiCole Dennler seconded. Motion carried. 6-0

Learning & Leadership

Art Program – Cathy Recker

The visual art standards are the national standards for art assessment. The standards have changed in the last five years and implementation is new at Central. There are eleven standards within the Creating, Presenting, Responding and Connecting Strands. Vision to get art work out to be seen. Building motivation by sharing. Thinking big and outside the box. Community activity, working with Katie Lower, EDC Director on a Scavenger Hunt. Using Art work in the businesses as the items to find. Win/Win situation, the artwork is seen and businesses get people in the door. Likes to work with the community. Building on the competitive spirit at Central. Art should stimulating, building the program by making Art engaging. Basic skills from Art class can be used in life.

2017-2018 Audit

Ms. Piorkowski reviewed the Schedule of Findings from the 2017-2018 Audit

2019-2020 Budget Presentation

Mr. Trenkamp presented the 2019-2020 Budget with the tax rate remaining the same as last year at 13.54278 per \$1000 taxable valuation. The budget hearing is scheduled for April 8, 2019.

2019-2020 Calendar Presentation

Mr. Trenkamp presented the 2019-2020 Calendar with a start date of 08/23/2019 and an end date of 05/27/2019. The calendar hearing is scheduled for April 8, 2019.

Employment

Resignation

Michael Whittle made a motion to approve the resignation of Derek Bergan as Social Studies Teacher and Boys Basketball coach effective at the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

Suzy Hilgerson seconded. Motion carried. 7-0

Set Budget Hearing

Amy Pope made a motion to set the budget hearing for April 8, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

Taylor Alexie seconded. Motion carried. 7-0

2018-2019 School Calendar Changes

Michael Whittle made a motion to conditionally approve the revised 2018-2019 School Calendar, with the last day for students on May 31, 2019 and the last day for teachers June 07, 2019. Ed Hertrampf seconded. Motion carried. 7-0

Amy Pope left the meeting

Employee Handbook

NiCole Dennler made a motion to approve the Employee Handbook. Taylor Alexie seconded. Motion carried. 6-0

Second Reading Policies 415.0 & 415.0-R

Michael Whittle made a motion to approve the second reading of policies 415.0 and 415.0-R. Suzy Hilgerson seconded. Motion carried. 6-0

Amy Pope returned to the meeting

Communications and Reports

AD-Mr. Hunt

Participation Numbers

JH Girls Track – 30; JH Boys Track – 15; HS Girls Golf – 10; HS Boys Golf – 17

News & Updates

Track – Girls Track – first meet – February 28, 2019; Boys track – first meet – March 16, 2019.

Spring Musical – March 15, 16 and 17. Attendance: March 15-108; March 16-122; March 17-20. A great production.

Schedules through the winter season next year are being finalized. Wrestling is difficult to schedule, Joe Koehn has helped with the wrestling schedule looking into adding a home dual, as well as a home dual tournament. Through Coach Koehn's work to improve the wrestling program we have added teams to almost fill our dual tournament, including 3A and 2A schools. Strength & Conditioning going good – six to fifteen students attending daily – twenty-five different students attending.

MS/HS Principal – Mr. Reinhart

Connect/communicate with every family

Rethinking Parent-Teacher Conferences – exploring options to schedule times for MS/HS parents, provide a meal in some capacity, have additional resources available for families and providing 'daycare' for families.

Core Values

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

Mrs. Cobie-Nuss and I are working on next year's Registration Handbook and Mr. Trenkamp and I are working on the schedule. We are considering how each aspect of a student's day fits into the overall intended outcome of a "Central education".

Inclusive environment to promote school pride

Met with Gena Gesing and Erin Daley from NICC to discuss Work Based Learning. This is called "Multi-Occupational Course" and the teacher will need a MOC certification. Hope to get this started next year.

Promote a positive team and family spirit

Team members are still talking about the Parent Teacher Conference meal provided by the school board. Well done! Those type of things really make people feel appreciated and builds a positive, team-oriented culture.

Be adventurous! Embrace and drive change through a Growth Mindset

During Professional Learning on March 15, Mr. Trenkamp, Ms. Gritzner and I shared our big takeaways from the New Tech High visit. The team reflected on what we are doing at Central and what was shared about New Tech High. Two main points were their culture of

learning, how they structured their classes and also their culture of trust between staff and students.

Provide opportunities to achieve success

The new Physical Education position has been posted and am excited this plan is starting to take shape. Central also has some flexibility in our teaching schedules for next year and working to get teachers in positions that maximize their skills.

Superintendent & Elementary Principal-Mr. Trenkamp

We had a team of teachers working on ESSA requirements on March 11 and March 12 at the AEA. Staffing update from the Program Committee: Thirty-three students sign up for four year old preschool and High School PE position posted. Three of the four Athletic Booster board have stepped down.

Committee Reports

The program committee met, items have been discussed during this meeting. Building & Grounds scheduled a meeting on April 1, 2019 at 6:00.

Through Board Members

Ed Hertrampf – Concerned about Central Basketball being on the bottom of the list for Sportsmanship.

Amy Pope – Sidewalk in front of the building

Michael Whittle – Strength & Conditioning advertised for athletes – should be open to all students.

Jered Finley – Assured classified staff in the audience that they are appreciated and that the missed hours from snow day could be made up during the summer.

Adjournment

NiCole Dennler made a motion to adjourn.

Suzy Hilgerson seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm. Motion carried. 7-0

Respectively Submitted,

Joyce M. Piorkowski
Board Secretary

Jered Finley
Board President