

The Cambridge Community Unit School District #227 Board of Education met for the regularly scheduled meeting on August 15, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

The meeting was called to order with the following in attendance at roll call:

Chad Humphrey
Lance Edmund
Dianne Jeffries
Carrie Boelens
Culley Medley
Jarret Schmoll

Guests: None.

Motion by Mr. Edmund, second by Mr. Medley to approve the Minutes of the June 20, 2024 and August 2, 2024 meetings, The bills through August 15, 2024, Revolving Fund through July 2024, Treasurer's Report for July 2024, and Grade School Activity Report and the Junior/Senior High School Activity Report for July 2024. Aye: Humphrey, Edmund, Jeffries, Boelens, Medley, Schmoll. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Mrs. Boelens shared an update from the Henry-Stark Special Education Cooperative Governing Board meeting she recently attended.

Administrative Reports:

Mrs. Pine reported on:

- Overview of the CES handbook changes
- Grounds Cleanup - A big thank you to Mrs. Bibb, Kevin Walsh, and all of our teachers and staff members who came out and helped make the outside of the elementary building beautiful! She also thanked Corrina and Frank Sprung, parents of 1st grader Alexia, for donating their time, energy, equipment, and expertise in "correcting" our bushes on the southeast side of the building. She plans to order 3 more tons of rubber mulch for the southeast side of the building to complete the landscaping for the front half.
- Unpack Your Backpack Night - Unpack Your Backpack night on August 12th was a success! We only had 8 students that did not show up during the evening. Thank you to Mr. Humphrey, Mrs. Bibb, Jessica Carlson and Ashley Galle for serving our hot dog dinner at the elementary school!
- New Staff – She welcomed 6 new teachers and staff to our school community! Ashley Galle (Mrs. Galle): Title Math, Madison Wancket (Miss Wancket): Special Education, Kaitlyn Reusch (Miss Kaitlyn): Preschool Teacher, Jessica Carlson (Mrs. Carlson): MTSS Coordinator. She will be in the elementary building in the morning and the jr/sr high school building in the afternoon, Jessie Lindburg (Ms. Jessie): Secretary, Courtney Bochmann (Ms. Courtney): Library/Think Tank
- Tears and Cheers Breakfast - We had a great turnout for our Tears and Cheers breakfast on the 1st day of school! We had over \$120 in donations that will go towards new equipment for the kitchen.

Mr. Reagan reported on:

- The contractors are planning on starting excavation next Tuesday.
- Football and volleyball will be having a joint event open to the public to start the season - more details soon!
- WIU dual credit students will be joining Mrs. Miller at the Moline campus for their orientation tomorrow.
- Special thanks to Leanne and Kevin, Susan, Emily and Tim, Lance, Brooklyn Humphrey, Jen and CJ, Roy Sandberg and Evan Akers for all their summer work and adding to the enhancements of the building, both inside and out. Also a special thanks to many community members who donated to the enhancements.
- Unpack Your Backpack Night and 6th grade orientation was a success!

Mrs. Bibb reported on:

- Opening of School: The principals and superintendent planned two days of inspiration, logistics, and professional development for teachers and staff. It was an energizing two days and a successful launch of our theme #DoTheSmallThings.
- Tentative Budget: The district office staff have been going through all of the expenditure and revenue line items in the budget to understand each. They will share a tentative budget for you tonight, but will continue to make small adjustments prior to the September meeting.
- Jr/Sr High Roof Project: There is one final repair punch list item on the Roofing Project. We will ask for approval of payment and hold the check until that last item is complete. We have finalized the paperwork with the architect and ROE on the project.
- Building and Grounds: Both principals have been hard at work putting finishing touches on their buildings and grounds prior to school starting. Check out the landscaping at both buildings. These touches are a great way to show students that we care about their learning environment.
- Coaching Update: We will take action tonight on some fall coaches. We still have a few unfilled positions that are posted on the website.

Correspondence:

Motion by Mrs. Jeffries, second by Mr. Edmund to approve:

- Verbal resignation from Shelley Bird as bus driver.
- Maternity leave for Jensyn Watznauer

Motion was approved 6-0.

Public Participation: None

Old Business:

Motion by Mrs. Jeffries, second by Mr. Edmund to approve the resolution for At-Large Board of Education Elections. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Mrs. Boelens, second by Mr. Edmund to approve the purchase of a white activity bus. Motion carried 6-0.

New Business:

Motion by Mrs. Boelens, second by Mr. Humphrey to approve the Fiscal Year 2025 Cambridge CUSD #227 Budget to be put on display. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Edmund, second by Mrs. Jeffries to approve September 19, 2024 at 6:45 p.m for the FY25 Budget Hearing. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Mrs. Boelens, second by Mr. Humphrey to certify that the IDOT Serious Safety Hazard still exists, #227-96-1. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Edmund, second by Mrs. Jeffries to approve the 2024-25 Cambridge Elementary and Jr/Sr High School Handbooks. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Mr. Humphrey, second by Mr. Edmund to approve the Annual Board Meeting Calendar with regular board meetings dates of August 15, September 19, October 17, November 21, December 19, January 16, February 20, March 20, April 17, May 15, and June 18. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Mrs. Boelens, second by Mrs. Jeffries to let gas and diesel bids. Motion carried 6-0.

The Board discussed attendance at the 2024 upcoming Joint Annual Conference. No action was taken.

Motion by Mrs. Jeffries, second by Mr. Edmund to approve a transfer of funds from Fund 60 to Fund 90. Ayes: Humphrey, Edmund, Jeffries, Boelens, Medley, Schmolli. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Boelens, second by Mr. Medley to waive the first reading of the addition to Policy 7:60. Ayes: Medley, Schmoll, Humphrey, Edmund, Jeffries, Boelens. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Edmund, second by Mrs. Jeffries to approve the second reading of the addition to Policy 7:60 regarding non-resident tuition for employee's children. Ayes: Schmoll, Humphrey, Edmund, Jeffries, Boelens, Medley. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Boelens, second by Mr. Medley to approve the recommendation to keep closed the Executive Minutes from January 2024 until July 2024. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Mrs. Boelens, second by Mrs. Jeffries to approve the following employments:

1. Courtney Bochmann-Elementary Library Aide/Think Tank
2. Kyle Schipper-Assistant Football Coach
3. Marissa McCready-Assistant High School Volleyball Coach
4. Staci Sipp-Assistant High School Volleyball Coach
5. Zoie Wall-Assistant High School Girls Basketball Coach

Ayes: Humphrey, Edmund, Jeffries, Boelens, Medley, Schmoll. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Boelens, second by Mr. Edmund to move to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or student discipline at 7:55 p.m. Ayes: Edmund, Jeffries, Boelens, Medley, Schmoll, Humphrey. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mrs. Boelens, second by Mr. Edmund to adjourn closed session at 8:17 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion was made by Mrs. Boelens, second by Mr. Edmund to adjourn the school board meeting at 8:17 p.m. Motion carried.

President

Secretary