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15-year-old dies in shooting

AVENUE L: Boy pronounced dead after suffering gun shot wound Wednesday

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON – Local law enforcement is investigation a shooting that has resulted in the death of a 15-year-old juvenile in the 4200 block of Avenue L.

Emergency crews and Fort Madison Police were called to the scene at 5:09 p.m. Wednesday after a 911 call was received by the Lee County Communications Center for an unknown trouble call at a residence in the 4200 block of Avenue L.

Officers arrived within minutes and found the 15-year-old male in a bedroom suffering from a single gunshot wound.

Fort Madison Fire Department provided medical assistance on scene until the subject was

transported to the hospital by Lee County EMS.

He was shortly thereafter pronounced deceased by medical staff.

An investigation into the circumstances is being conducted by the Fort Madison Police Department. Assistance was also provided by the Lee County Sheriff's Canine and the Lee County Attorney's Office.

No further details are available at this time and the victim's identity is being withheld pending family notification.

Crusaders' run ends at state semis



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

Your 2021 State Class 1A Volleyball semifinalist Holy Trinity Catholic Crusaders.

STATE TOURNEY: Nikes win 26-24, 26-24, 27-25 to shatter HTC's state title hopes

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC SPORTS

CEDAR RAPIDS — It was a triple dose of frustration that ended Holy Trinity's run at the Class 1A state volleyball tournament.

The 26-24, 26-24, 27-25 loss to SEI Superconference South Division rival Notre Dame was a bitter finish to the

season for the Crusaders, who made it back to the Alliant Energy PowerHouse after missing last season's tournament.

It was a sweep that didn't feel like one.

"When it said at the end of the match that Notre Dame won 3-0, that's not how I see it," Holy Trinity coach Melissa Freesmeier said. "We just came up a

few points short."

The Crusaders (33-11) had game points in the second and third games, and couldn't finish off the Nikes (37-8), who advanced to Thursday's championship match against Springville.

"This was a tough loss," said senior Kassi Randolph. "But to come this far,

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ELECTION RESULTS

Mohrfeld keeps gavel; school board gets new faces

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Fort Madison Mayor Matt Mohrfeld won in what would be considered a landslide despite contender Rodney Hoskins almost doubling his vote count from two years ago.

Mohrfeld captured 564 votes to Hoskins' 135, unofficially. The Lee County Board of Supervisors will canvass and certify the county votes at their meeting Monday.



MOHRFELD

"I've really enjoyed working with the current council and people of Fort Madison and I look forward to doing it for a couple more years," Mohrfeld said Wednesday.

"I like our town and enjoy being mayor. I always value our heritage and history, but as you've heard me say before, I do put value in vision and where it takes us for the future. If you're doing bold initiatives not everyone's gonna like the idea. But on the flip side of that, there was still 80% that did come my way and that's a reassuring affirmation of the direction the mayor and council are headed."

There were 10 write-in votes for the office. For Fort Madison City Council, there were no contested races. Rusty Andrews and Tom Schulz retained their seats with Schulz getting 116 votes to six write-ins for 2nd Ward. Andrews was running at-large and was on the ballot at all precincts. He received the highest total votes in the city with 634 against 21 write-ins.

Newcomer Jack Gray received 142 votes in the 4th ward against a single write-in and will take that seat when they are sworn in.

In the hotly contested race for three Fort Madison Community School District Board of Directors, Fort Madison's Mio Santiago, Paul Wilkerson, and incumbent Brad Menke all won seats on the board.

Santiago had the highest vote total with 779, just 20 ahead of Menke. Wilkerson got

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Iowa News

Gov. Reynolds announces new investments in child care following task force recommendations

DES MOINES — Gov. Reynolds today announced several key initiatives to address Iowa’s child care shortage and advance the state’s continued economic recovery.

Iowa leads the nation in the share of households where both parents work. But 23% of Iowans, including 35% of rural Iowans, live in areas lacking adequate child care supply. Annually, the child care shortage costs the Iowa economy approximately \$935 million.

“We know that the key to economic growth is a highly skilled and qualified workforce,” said Gov. Reynolds. “A child care shortage that prevents parents from entering or remaining in the workforce hinders our ability to meet this challenge.”

In March, Gov. Reynolds established the Governor’s Child Care Task Force – comprised of both public and private members — to provide a comprehensive strategy and recommendations to address the shortage.

Based on recommendations in the final report, Gov. Reynolds is immediately implementing the following actions:

Implementation of a childcare management system

This statewide, web-based platform will enable providers to leverage a shared services model for many

business operations such as administrative tasks, group purchasing, and professional development. This system will be available in 2022.

Creation of a “Best Place for Working Parents” designation

This designation will recognize employers that go above and beyond to accommodate their employees with children. The new, public designation will help job seekers quickly identify family-friendly employers and will encourage businesses to invest in childcare. This program will begin in January 2022.

Additional \$10 million in funding for the Child Care Challenge Grant Program

To support the expansion of existing childcare facilities or construction of new centers that will increase the number of childcare slots available to Iowa families, Iowa Workforce Development, in collaboration with the Department of Human Services, has launched another round of funding for the Childcare Challenge Grant Program, available today.

\$100,000 for integrated model of child care and preschool learning opportunities

The Iowa Department of Education, through ESSER III funds, is making available \$100,000 for grants

that will advance planning efforts for blended childcare and preschool learning opportunities.

\$200 million for funding stabilization grants for financial loss due to the pandemic

The Iowa Department of Human Services is providing up to \$200 million in federal funding to assist eligible childcare providers who can verify financial loss due to the pandemic. This will ensure that Iowa providers are stable, can support expansion, and continue to serve the needs of Iowa’s working families.

“We’re not finished yet, this is only the beginning,” said Gov. Reynolds. “These new initiatives are going to support our working families and ensure Iowa has the child care system needed to unleash our state’s incredible workforce and set our economy on a path to long-term, broad-based prosperity.”

Since the start of the pandemic, more than \$137 million in state and federal funding has been allocated to support child care across the state.

Gov. Reynolds will explore other recommendations to address the child care shortage through additional executive action and legislative priorities during the upcoming legislative session.

Reynolds cuts loose with funds to help families

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Obituaries/Local News

Community Thanksgiving to go on as carry-out event

Volunteers needed to help deliver meals between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Thanksgiving

BY PCC STAFF

FORT MADISON, IA – With the Thanksgiving holiday just around the



COLLIER

corner, the Fort Madison Community Thanksgiving

Dinner Committee is busy preparing for a dinner that will look a little different this year.

The 2021 Fort Madison Community Thanksgiving Dinner will take place on Thanksgiving Day, November 25, 2021, and will be carry out and delivery only. The committee will serve meals from the Fraternal Order of the Eagles Aerie 1287 located at

4821 Avenue O Suite #4. Volunteers will be needed to help deliver meals to those who are unable to get out. Deliveries will be made from 11 am – 2 pm on Thanksgiving Day. Carry out meals can be picked up at the Eagles Club between 12 – 2 pm.

All meals will need to be ordered ahead of time by calling the Thanksgiving Hotline at 319-318-2245 beginning November 8th until November 22nd.

This year's meal will consist of turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, green bean casserole, a dinner roll, and a cookie.

“Because we're doing it a little different this year, we'll need more delivery drivers and a lim-

ited number of volunteers for prep work and serving” said Chamber Coordinator Savanna Collier.

If you'd like to volunteer, please call the Hotline at 319-318-2245 to sign-up.

The committee appreciates the efforts of the greater Fort Madison businesses and volunteers that help make this free event happen. They especially would like to thank the Eagles Club for the use of their space and the Iowa State Penitentiary for their help in the preparation of the food.

It is the goal of the group to see that no one is overlooked this Thanksgiving, so getting the word out to community members in need and to those who may not have a family to share a holiday meal with this is of utmost importance.

For the Record

Fort Madison Police report

11/02/21 – 12:00 a.m. – Fort Madison police cited Charles Edward Bachman, 51, of Fort Madison, no location given, on a charge of driving under suspension.
11/02/21 – 3:40 a.m. – Fort Madison police cited Shelly Lynn Stacy, 42, of Fort Madison, at the intersection of 8th Street and Avenue G, on a charge of driving under suspension.
11/02/21 – 9:57 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 2500 block of Avenue D.
11/02/21 – 5:36 p.m. – Fort

Madison police arrested Matthew Lee Happs, 38, of Fort Madison, in the 1200 block of Avenue I, on warrants for harassment and violation of a no-contact order. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
11/02/21 – 6:26 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 1800 block of Avenue J.
11/02/21 – 8:34 p.m. – Fort Madison police cited Jeremy Loren Schrader, 35, of Fort Madison, in the 1500 block of Avenue H, on a charge of driving under suspension.
11/02/21 – 9:27 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to

a report of larceny/theft in the 1400 block of 48th Street.
11/03/21 – 3:58 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a hit & run in the 2100 block of Avenue E.

Lee County Sheriff's report

11/02/21 – Lee County sheriff deputies responded to 3 accidents involving deer. No injuries were reported. Those listed above are arrested or cited on a suspicion of a crime and are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

OBITUARIES

CONSTANCE SYMMONDS BRISBY

Constance “Connie” Symmonds Brisby, 72, of Ottumwa, IA formerly of Keokuk, IA died Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at the Ottumwa Hospice House.



BRISBY

She was born September 29, 1949 in Keokuk, IA the daughter of Richard and Geraldine Oehmigen Symmonds. Connie graduated from Keokuk High School with the class of 1968 and from Southeastern Community College.

On May 1, 1982 she was united in marriage to William Harvey Brisby in Osage Beach, MO. He preceded her in death.

Connie had been employed at Keokuk Steel Castings for twenty-five years and later at Lexington Square both in Keokuk.

She attended Evangelical Free Church in Keokuk.

Connie enjoyed traveling throughout the United States and never missed an opportunity to take off on an adventure. She loved to listen to music and play the piano. Connie was a very independent and strong willed woman who touched the lives of many.

She is survived by one son, W. Jered Brisby (Kim) of Hedrick, IA, two grandchildren, Kadence and Reece both of Hedrick, IA, one sister, Vicki Ruhs (Larry) of Keokuk, one brother, Hurshel “Bud” Symmonds (Sherry) of Hamilton, IL, several nieces and nephews and special friend, Bob Hammel of Hamilton, IL.

Besides her husband, she was also preceded in death by her parents.

A visitation will be held after 1 p.m., Friday, at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with family meeting with friends from 5-7 p.m. Burial will be held at a later date at Keokuk National Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Pekin Sports Boosters or Pekin Music Boosters.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

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Submissions are due by the end of the day Tuesday, November 9th.

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From the Front

Everyone excited for new board to take position

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the third spot with 724 votes. Incumbent Brian Steffensmeier had 619 votes. Other candidates included Aleena Garr with 267, David Allen with 156, and Jadi Zioui with 76 votes. There were 11 write-in votes.

Santiago said he thinks it was a tough choice for voters in the district with seven solid candidates.

“First of all, I’m honored and humbled to have been elected. With seven candidates this year through the course of the forums, I think it was tough choice for voters and I’m fortunate to be one of them,” Santiago said. “I’m looking forward to working with Paul and Brad and the existing board to tackle some of the issues that face our school. One of the big ones out of that last work session is the building renovation.”



SANTIAGO



MENKE



WILKERSON

He said he was most surprised by the people who stopped or wrote him to encourage his campaign.

“That was very gratifying that I had enough of a good reputation to have people encourage me to do this,” he said. “I’m just excited to get going.”

Wilkerson said the results came down the way he thought they would based on interviews and the forums.

“I think the three that were elected will do a good job. But they all had good ideas. I wrote a lot of things down during the forums, thinking ‘that’s a good idea - write it down, and that’s a good idea - write it down,’” he said.

“I feel very fortunate and humble to be elected. I’m really grateful to people who helped me out and stopped me on the street to talk about it.”

Wilkerson said the new board members hit the ground running with a tour of Richardson school next week and then the Iowa Association of School Board’s two-day conference the following week.

“You kind of get to feel good about the election and then quickly that’s over and you roll up your sleeves and get to work,” Wilkerson said.

Menke said the district is losing a strong advocate for



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Voters in the 1st Ward get ready to vote in Tuesday city/school election at Fort Madison City Hall.

the system in Steffensmeier.

“I just want the public to know that one of the guys, Brian, they’re going to lose a hell of an advocate for the school,” Menke said. “But I’m looking forward to working with the other two.”

He said his vote total meant a lot to him because it affirmed his work on the board.

“That means a lot to me and the support from the teachers.”

Current School Board President Dianne Hope said she’s excited to work with the reset board.

“I am very appreciative of all seven candidates and their decision to run for the Fort Madison Community School District Board of Directors. The candidates participated in two public forums, several media interviews, and expressed themselves and their opinions very well,” she said.

“I look forward to having Paul Wilkerson and Mio Santiago join the Board and Brad Menke to serve again.

The Board will be having its organizational meeting in December and all three will take office at that time.

“I also want to express my appreciation to Brian Steffensmeier for his service to the District Board these past years.”

Superintendent Dr. Erin Slater said she too is looking forward to working with the next board.

“I am excited as a district that we had so much interest and quality candidates running for school board this election season. That is a healthy indicator of the vitality of the district.”

“I would like to congratulate and welcome Mr. Mio Santiago and Mr. Paul Wilkerson as newly elected board members to the FMCSDB Board of Directors, and congratulations to Mr. Brad Menke on winning his second term of service to the FMCSDB Board of Directors,” Slater said.

“I would like to thank Mr. Brian Steffensmeier for his work and service over the last four years to the FMCSDB Board. I am excited to continue the important work of this school district in partnership with the FMCSDB Board of Directors as we continuously strive to do what is best for kids.”

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
CENTRAL LEE
COMMUNITY SCHOOL
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BOARD MEETING
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OCTOBER 11, 2021**

The Board of Directors of Central Lee Community School District met in a regular session on Monday, October 11th, 2021 with Mark Hulsebus, Bill Young, Brock Westfall, Kim Hasek and Student Representative Trey Wellman present. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Hulsebus.

Motion by Hasek to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Westfall, motion carried unanimously.

Visitors - None.

The following Language Arts instructors Teri Redding, Natasha Heister, Tammy Massey and Shealynn Gunther gave a presentation to the board.

Superintendent's Report:

a) Enrollment Update - Will certify on 10/15/2021.

b) IASB Board Convention - 11/17/2021 & 11/18/2021 Des Moines

c) Construction Update: The ribbon cutting ceremony will take place on 10/22/2021 at 9:00 a.m. We're working through graphics. We have at least two to three contractors to complete the punch list items. The Ag kids are putting in the landscaping and will finish out front within the next few weeks.

d) COVID-19 Update: The dashboard is available for your viewing.

e) District Goals Update: Culture - The district will implement TLiM "big rocks" to improve district Measurable Results Assessment. College and Career Readiness - Every student in the Central Lee District will create an on-

going and active connection to CCR.

f) November Board Meeting - Organizational Meeting 11/15/2021 at 6:00 p.m. Board Member Sciumbato requests to change the board meeting night going forward.

g) Lee County Career Center Discussions: Superintendent Crozier - We did have this as a regular agenda item, but was modified to put in my report instead. We had a meeting last week and there are some budgetary obstacles with the career center. The initial budget that SCC gave to us for the career center. These are all the different things that come into play with this budget. If you open a building you have to pay for electricity, water, salaries, etc. A person to run the center. The first year, Central Lee's portion would be just under \$90,000. We would have to have 63 students sign up to break even, because we would generate that money in concurrent enrollment from the state. That would mean that 38% of the Central Lee junior and senior student body would have to attend LCCC for the district to break even. We would have to subsidize it to make that happen. There's a long way to go in the budget component. While we're growing, we talked about adding staff. We still have to take care of the other 1,000 students currently attending Central Lee and make sure that they have a quality education. I don't think it is realistic for any of the three schools. Superintendent Crozier - The four programs are robotics, pre engineering, teacher education, and automation. We're too big of a difference.

We looked at the agreement, and it talks about Central Lee, Ft.

Madison and Keokuk will be responsible for all operating systems. This is just the first pass. This was our opening feedback to the group. The initial is for ten years, but renewed for five years. All parties have to agree if one school goes out. SCC is going back to the drawing board and we will meet again in two weeks. Superintendent Crozier - We're being told that Lee County Economic Development is funding the amortization line. Hulsebus - This is just an operating budget and doesn't include any amortization or depreciation for a building purchase. Superintendent Crozier - They would obtain the SAVE grant from the State. The students were surveyed and 11 kids said that they would go to the center. Young - When do we say it's time to walk away that it's not going to work? Superintendent Crozier - We have to give SCC the opportunity to give other options. If they can find a creative solution for the county, but we're not there yet. We asked that question with the bond. Young - You guys are spending a lot of time on this. Superintendent Crozier - Angie, Nicole, and Brent have spent a lot of time on this. We have to be good stewards of our finances. The high school is doing a good job of telling their story. The kids have to have a genuine interest. Brent has done a nice job, Nicole, Angie Moore and Angie Fransk are doing some good stuff.

h) Vacancies - Assistant High School Baseball Coach, Assistant High School Track Coach, Middle School Girls' Track Coach, Middle School Boys' Track Coach, Middle School 8th Grade Softball Coach.

Motion by Hasek to ap-

prove the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Westfall, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Hasek to approve the following Modifications of the High School Handbook: Early or Mid Term Graduation (Policy No. 505.6) - A student who meets the graduation requirements for Central Lee High School may choose to graduate early, either as a senior midterm graduate or a junior with senior credit status. An application for early graduation (whether at midterm of the student's senior year or a year in advance) must be completed and filed by November 1 for board approval to be eligible to graduate with honors recognition. A senior midterm graduate is no longer considered a student, but instead becomes alumni of the school district. A senior midterm graduate may participate in prom and commencement exercises.

Student Honors and Awards (Policy 505.3) - Graduation speakers are selected from the graduating four-year cohort and are assigned by adminis-

tration.

All students who have met the appropriate graduation requirements and the listed GPAs will be awarded the following honors:

- Graduating with Distinction (3.8 to 4.0+): A gold medallion
- Graduating with Honors (3.5 to 3.79): A silver medallion

Students graduating with honors who have earned at least 20 credits from Central Lee are eligible to be recognized as the valedictorian or salutatorian, depending on final GPAs. Students who transfer to Central Lee late in their school years and earn six credits or fewer credits from Central Lee are eligible for graduating with honors and can be recognized as co-valedictorian or salutatorian, depending on their combined GPA from the transfer school and Central Lee. This motion was seconded by Westfall, motion carried unanimously.

Discussion: Hasek recommended sending an email to parents to make sure that they're aware. Mrs. Herdrich - We will

discuss the GPAs with students. Hasek - Mr. Reihman suggested that the top GPAs be posted so students can see where they rank.

Superintendent Crozier asked for the board's permission to apply for At Risk dollars. He stated that this money would be used for At Risk Coordinator, Title 1 teachers, as well as Guidance Counselors. Motion was made by Westfall to approve the SBRC Allowable Growth - At Risk Plan for 2021-2022, seconded by Hasek, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Hasek to approve the second reading of the following Board Policies, seconded by Young, motion carried unanimously.

- a. 200.3 - Responsibilities of the Board of Directors
- b. 206.1 - President
- c. 206.2 - Vice President
- d. 213 - Public Participation in Board Meetings
- e. 213.1 - Public Complaints
- f. 302.5 - Superintendent Evaluations
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Classifieds/Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICES

h. 401.14 - Employee Expression (New)
 i. 501.14 - Open Enrollment Transfers - Procedures as a Sending District
 j. 501.15 - Open Enrollment Transfers - Procedures as a Receiving District
 k. 502.3 - Student Expression and Student Publications
 l. 502.3R1 - Student Expression and Student Publications Code (New)
 m. 504.3 - Student Pub-

lications (Rescinded)
 n. 504.3R1 - Student Publications Code (Rescinded)
 o. 505.5 - Graduation Requirements
 p. 603.6 - Physical Education
 q. 604.1 - Private Instruction
 r. 606.2 - School Ceremonies and Observances
 s. 701.2 - Transfer of Funds
 t. 711.2 - Student Conduct on School Transportation

u. 711.2R2 - Recording Devices on Student Transportation (Rescinded)
 v. 803.1 - Disposition of Obsolete Equipment
 w. 804.6 - Use of Recording Devices on School Property (New)
 x. 804.6R1 - Use of District Owned Recording Devices on School Property (New)
 y. 905.3 - Weapons in the School District
 Motion by Young to approve the Second Read-

ing of Board Policies: (Moves retirement deadline from March 1st to February 1st.)
 a. 407.3 - Licensed Employee Retirement
 b. 413.2 - Classified Employee Retirement seconded by Hasek, motion carried unanimously.
 Superintendent Crozer asked the board to review the Board Policies - 500 Series prior to the next board meeting.

Superintendent Crozier stated that the Title 1 application has been submitted.

Motion was made by Westfall to approve the School Improvement Advisory Council (SIAC) –

Organizational Structure, two building SIACS with board member representation, seconded by Hasek, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Hasek to approve the UMB Bank Bond Schedule Direct Payment/Direct Deposit

via ACH, seconded by Westfall, motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Crozier proposed the following Resolution to Participate in the Instructional Support Program. Can go to a voter approved for ten years and board approved for five years. If this would go away, this would be equivalent to \$450,000.00. We're approving the resolution to participate. Director Westfall introduced and caused to be read the Resolution hereinafter set out and moved its adoption; seconded by Director Hasek; and after due consideration thereof by the Board, the President put the question upon the adoption of the said Resolution and, and the results of the roll call vote were:

Ayes: Directors Mark Hulsebus, Bill Young, Brock Westfall, Kim Hasek

Nays: None

RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN THE INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT PROGRAM AND TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has determined that to continue the current level of services and to fund the ongoing programs of the Central Lee School District, continuation of participation in the Instructional Support Program for a period of five years is necessary and in the best interests of the District and its residents and students; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors wishes to consider continued participation in the Instructional Support Program as provided in Sections 257.18 through 257.21, Code of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, the authorization for the current

Instructional Support Program will expire on June 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution sets forth the proposal of the Board of Directors, including the method that will be used to fund the program; and

WHEREAS, notice of the time and place of a public hearing must be published:

NOW, THEREFORE, it is resolved:
 1. The Board of Directors wishes to consider continued participation in the Instructional Support Program as provided in Sections 257.18 through 257.21, Code of Iowa, for a period of five years, commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.

2. The additional funding for the Instructional Support Program for a budget year shall be determined annually and shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the total regular program district cost for the budget year and monies received under Section 257.14, Code of Iowa, as a budget adjustment for the budget year.

3. Moneys received by the District for the Instructional Support Program may be used for any general fund purpose.

4. The Instructional Support Program shall be funded by instructional support state aid and a combination instructional support property tax levied annually upon the taxable property within the School District commencing with the levy of property taxes for collection in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, and an instructional support income surtax imposed annually, the percent of income surtax to be determined by the Board for each budget year to be imposed upon the state individual income tax of each individual income taxpayer resident in the School District on December 31, 2022, and each year thereafter.

5. The Secretary is authorized and directed to give notice of a public hearing to be held in the Educational Services Center, 2642 Highway 218, Donnellson, Iowa, on November 15, 2021, 7:00 P.M.

6. Following the public hearing the Board intends to take action on the question whether to continue participation in the Instructional Support Program.

Adopted and approved this 11th day of October, 2021.

By: Mark Hulsebus,

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Classifieds/Public Notices

PUBLIC NOTICES

Board President
 Attest: Sandra Meierot-
 to, Board Secretary
 Motion by Hasek to
 approve the 28E Shared
 Agreements:
 a) Keokuk Community
 School District - Boys' &
 Girls' Bowling
 b) Ft. Madison Com-
 munity School District -
 Wrestling,
 seconded by Westfall,
 motion carried unani-
 mously.
 Motion by Westfall to
 approve the resignations
 of:
 a) Christina Carroll -
 PIC High School Kitchen

(Effective 9/27/2021)
 b) Chris (Rob) Conlee -
 Assistant Baseball Coach,
 seconded by Hasek, mo-
 tion carried unanimously.
 Motion by Hasek to
 approve the Early Retirement
 and Unused Accumulated
 Sick Leave Pay-
 out Request for Miriam
 Freesmeier, seconded by
 Westfall, motion carried
 unanimously.
 Motion by Westfall to
 approve the transfers of:
 a. Linda Derr - High
 School Foodservice to Co
 PIC High School Foodser-
 vice (Effective 9/27/2021)
 b. Dawn Van Ausdall -

High School Foodservice
 to Co PIC High School
 Foodservice (Effective
 9/27/2021) seconded by
 Hasek, motion carried
 unanimously.
 Motion by Hasek to
 approve the following
 contracts:
 a) Cheryl Fraise - Sub-
 stitute Bus Driver
 b) Marian Hall - High
 School Foodservice
 (Effective October 14th,
 2021)
 c) Emma Ackerson
 - Hawk's Place After
 School Program Associ-
 ate
 d) Claire Smith - Hawk's

Place After School Pro-
 gram Associate
 e) Tara Sides - Hawk's
 Place After School Pro-
 gram Associate
 f) Tessa Stidham
 - Hawk's Place After
 School Program Associ-
 ate
 g) Ashley Welch -
 Hawk's Place After
 School Program Associ-
 ate
 h) Danielle McGraw
 - Hawk's Place After
 School Program Associ-
 ate
 i) Abby Sugars - Hawk's
 Place After School Pro-
 gram Associate

j) Janie Shipman
 - Hawk's Place After
 School Program Substi-
 tute Associate
 k) Delilah Fowler - Stu-
 dent Kitchen Helper
 l) Brandi Aguirre -
 Floating Cook, seconded
 by Young, motion carried
 unanimously.
 Board Reports:
 Trey stated that the
 November board meeting
 will be his last meeting
 as the student body
 representative as he
 applied for the State Page
 program. Superintendent
 Crozier thanked Trey for
 being the first student

representative.
 Westfall - The sign
 in the front looks good.
 Superintendent Crozier -
 There will be lights, too.
 Hulsebus - Volleyball
 had a great weekend.
 Motion by Westfall to
 adjourn, seconded by
 Young, motion carried
 unanimously. The meet-
 ing adjourned at 8:22 p.m.
 The above are the unof-
 ficial minutes of the Board
 of Education, and will
 not become official until
 approved by the board at
 their next regular meeting,
 November 15th, 2021.

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From the Front

Tough losses plague Crusaders in CR

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it was a great accomplishment. We had a great season, so it's nothing to look down upon."

"It was really frustrating," senior libero Anna Sobczak said. "But we put up a fight."

The Nikes, who ended the Crusaders' 10-year state tournament run last season with a win in the regional semifinals on the way to the state championship, found just enough points in the closing moments of each game.

The losses in the first two games hit the Crusaders hard.

"We knew it was going to be a dogfight coming back," Sobczak said. "But we knew we had to do it because there was no other option."

That option seemed to be dwindling when Notre Dame took a 15-6 lead.

"We thought it was the last chance to put together everything we had,"

Sobczak said.

Slowly the Crusaders cut into the margin. Down 21-20, they ran off four consecutive points, the last on a block by Kayla Box, and suddenly it was game point.

Notre Dame then scored four consecutive points, and had match point before a kill by Natalie Randolph kept the Crusaders in the match.

A kill from Abby Korschgen gave the Nikes a 26-25 edge. The final point was a tip that just escaped the dive of Kassi Randolph, and the Crusaders' season was over.

"It just showed how determined we are," Kassi Randolph said. "We never want to give up. We wanted to be very aggressive, and play our game. Once we started to string together a few points, we felt it. We started to come together."

"It's just how much of a drive we have to win,

how much we have to push ourselves," Natalie Randolph said.

"It's just a never-say-die that's in their heads," Freesmeier said. "They were going to keep pushing. They just continued to put the pressure on them."

Sobczak and Kassi Randolph were the only seniors on this year's team.

"It's tough," Kassi Randolph said. "I don't think it's sunk in yet. Maybe tomorrow. We went out close. It's really hard to grasp."

"I'm just really excited I got to be here and experience it in my senior year," Sobczak said.

"I know there's only two of them, but they're going to be missed next year," Freesmeier said. "Because they're superstars."

KILLS

Mary Kate Bendlage 10, Natalie Randolph 8,

Kassi Randolph 7, Brooke Mueller 4, Reagan Holvoet 2, Kayla Box 1.

ASSISTS

Kassi Randolph 14, Anna Sobczak 6, Natalie Randolph 5, Reagan Holvoet 1, Brooke Mueller 1, Teagan Snaadt 1.

DIGS

Mary Kate Bendlage 14, Natalie Randolph 13, Anna Sobczak 13, Kassi Randolph 11, Teagan Snaadt 9, Brooke Mueller 6, Alexa Dingman 4, Kayla Box 1, Reagan Holvoet 1, Teagan Denning 1.

BLOCKS

Kayla Box 1 solo, 3 assists; Natalie Randolph 2 assists, Kassi Randolph 1 assist.



Above, Brooke Mueller tries to attack over the Nike defense led by Jenna Bentz (12) while below Mueller tries to push a shot between a couple Nikes. Photos by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC



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