

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Centralia City Schools Board of Education, District No. 135, Marion, Clinton, Jefferson and Washington Counties, Illinois, held on December 12, 2017 at 6:00 p.m., in the Administration Building, 400 South Elm Street, Centralia, Illinois 62801.

Members Present: Ron Johnson, Greg Dodson, Blake Griffin, Lyle Gross, Renae Bauer, Derek Harlan, and Sue Williams

Members Absent:

Also Present: Supt. Craig E. Clark, Tom Woelfel, Sarah Epplin, Don Ford, Mike Middleton, Ryan Welch, and Steven Stilt

Board President Johnson called the regular meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

MOTION #1:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Griffin to adjourn to closed session to discuss personnel matters. Motion carried.

Adjourned to closed session at 6:10 p.m.

Reconvened to open session at 7:24 p.m.

MOTION #2:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Harlan to approve the consent agenda as follows:

1. Approval of minutes of regular meeting held on Tuesday, November 14, 2017.
2. Approval of bills in the amount of \$600,894.65.
3. Approval of December payroll.
4. Approval of destruction of closed session verbatim tapes from meetings held during and before June 2016 and keep closed session minutes closed.

Motion carried.

MOTION #3:

It was moved by Griffin and seconded by Bauer to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION AND COMMENTS FROM EMPLOYEES AND PUBLIC

1. Mike Middleton shared the success of a recent toy drive for Shriner’s Hospital that was supported by CJHS.
2. Don Ford addressed the Board regarding the need for a new phone system in the district.

### BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Reports and comments regarding the IASB Conference – Board members shared information from sessions they attended.

2. Building Committee – met with architect John Whitlock and designer Michael Selvaggio. Drawings have been adjusted, and the bidding process could begin soon.

3. Budget Committee – Tax Levy represents a 2.4% increase.

### CURRICULUM REPORT

Dr. Sarah Epplin reported on the iReady assessment which teachers are using to guide instruction. She also gave an update on the district speech/language pathologists.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### MOTION #4:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Gross to adopt the 2017 Tax Levies. Motion carried.

##### MOTION #5:

It was moved by Harlan and seconded by Gross to employ Lisa Wysocki as Schiller School Individual Paraprofessional. Motion carried.

##### MOTION #6:

It was moved by Bauer and seconded by Griffin to employ Felicia Orta as Centralia Junior High School Individual Paraprofessional. Motion carried.

##### MOTION #7:

It was moved by Gross and seconded by Dodson to employ Brittany McFall as a temporary Centralia Junior High Band teacher for the remainder of the 2017-18 school year. Motion carried.

MOTION #8:

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Dodson to approve the retirement resignation of Melody Oglesby at the end of the 2017-18 school year. Motion carried.

MOTION #9:

It was moved by Bauer and seconded by Dodson to approve the phone contract renewal with CTS. Motion carried.

MOTION #10:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Griffin to accept the lease to purchase LED lighting from Innovative Facilities Solutions. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Supt. Clark reported on the following:

1. Christmas office hours – The District Administration Building will be closed for Christmas break from December 22<sup>nd</sup> – January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

2. Building Celebrations-

Field Kindergarten Center

- Field held its Christmas program on December 7th. The students did a wonderful job with their performance. A big thanks to Mrs. Witges, the teachers, and the rest of the staff for all the hard work in making this a successful program.
- Santa Cottage opened up December 11th and runs through December 15th. All items are \$2.00. This gives the students an opportunity to shop for their friends and family.
- We will be holding our Holiday Moments on Tuesday, December 12th. Students may invite two people to come to the school in the morning for a muffin and juice. Santa and Mrs. Clause will visit and Mrs. Clause will be reading “Twas the Night Before Christmas” to the students and their guest.
- DRA assessment will be given December 11th-15th.

Jordan School

- The November "Good Conduct Party" was held at the end of the month for those students exhibiting good behavior at Jordan Elementary School. This month's party had a "Minion" theme and included a Minion craft, Minion ring toss, Minion paddle ball, a Minion snack and pin the tail on the Minion. Thanks to Mrs. Barnfield, Title I teacher, for organizing this fun-filled event and to everyone who volunteered.

- "Hoot's Helping Hands" after school program, sponsored by the Centralia Youth Initiative, continues to meet after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30-4:30 P.M. The program focuses on math skills and will be held through the month of February.
- The Jordan P.T.O. hosted "Santa's Kottage" in the school library on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Jolly Old St. Nick visited students on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Santa took photos with students as part of a fundraiser and then spent the remainder of the school day with students in their classrooms.
- SAFE will present Body Safety programs to students on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.
- All 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students attended an informational meeting held by the Centralia Recreation Complex on Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Students will participate in swim lessons in January and February.
- Students are again participating in the collection of canned food items for the Salvation Army through December 15<sup>th</sup>. This school-wide project will help students better understand the spirit of giving while assisting those in need.
- Students are currently rehearsing songs for our upcoming Christmas program on Tuesday, December 19, directed by our new classroom music teacher, Mrs. Witges.
- The "Orphans in the Classroom" will begin their program on Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup>. This program allows CHS student-athletes to serve as role models for students while emphasizing the importance of literature.

### Schiller School

- Students enjoyed a busy Good Conduct Party for the month of November by making food in the classrooms. Students signed up for an item to make with a teacher and enjoyed making and eating fun treats!
- Students enjoyed shopping for their families at the Santa's Workshop offered by our PTO.
- Schiller School is finishing up our second benchmark of iReady testing. We are seeing a lot of gains which is always a reminder that hard work is paying off.
- We have been practicing diligently for our upcoming Christmas program, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Performances are at 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM.

### Lincoln School

- Lincoln School had a Veterans Day program on November 10<sup>th</sup> that featured the United States Air Force Band of Mid-America Mobility Brass Quintet.

- The Lincoln Warriors 4th grade basketball won the Selmaville tournament. Players were: Brylan Guthrie, Alex VanGetson, Brylan Jones, Travis Scott, Carter Schossler, Zach Henson, KyMarion Bratton, Kai Veric Bratton, Nate Towns, and Dayton Slusher.
- Lincoln School went to the Cultural Society to see the “Best Christmas Pageant Ever.”
- Lincoln had an attendance contest for the month of November. The overall attendance was 95%. The winners were the Barnes and Reids who tied for first with 97% attendance. All will get a free Wacky Pack Kids Meal courtesy of Sonic.
- Lincoln School’s Christmas program was held on Monday December 4th with programs at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.
- I-ready testing, second benchmark, is completed.
- Mrs. Reid and Mrs. Unverferhrt have a student that went from a Level K to a Level 2 in Reading.
- Lincoln School afterschool program started on December 7th with 20 students participating.
- Mr. Veller and Mrs. Reid are locked in a fierce competition to see who has the best Christmas Decorations.
- The Salvation Army wheelbarrow is overflowing with donated food.
- I -Ready results Math - 39% of students had growth resulting in a change in levels and 73 % of students had growth in scores.
- I-Ready results Reading - 35% of students had growth resulting in a change in levels and 74% of students had growth in scores.
- Mrs. Barnes’s Math class had 55% growth in scores and 44% growth in change of levels.

### Centralia Junior High School

- Mr. Ford worked with Mrs. Hutton’s class on an “Hour of Code” project that allowed them to create their own version of the Google logo. Through this activity, Mrs. Hutton had the opportunity to earn a Donors Choose credit that can be put toward something she needs for her class.
- Students who earned their PBIS points this midterm were able to participate in glow bingo (7th & 8th grade) and games in the gym (5th & 6th grade). The students had a great time celebrating good behavior.
- CJHS held a pajama day on Friday, November 17th. The money raised was donated to Shriners Hospital for Children to help replace some of the toys that were lost in the warehouse fire on Wednesday, November 15th.
- A group of staff members have begun meeting as part of the Chamber Education Committee. The group is looking for ways to support learning with help from local businesses, and meetings are being held monthly.

- Several teachers have had their students working on Choose 2 Care projects. Some examples include making a poster to show how students can display kindness, making gift baskets and delivering them to the police and fire department, and making posters displaying positive attributes of fellow students. The attribute for the month of December is “kindness”.
- The robotics team had their first-ever competition this past weekend. They earned the “Judge’s Choice” award. We are very proud of them!
- Fifth grade finished their unit on “Following Your Dreams” and they ended it with their annual talent show. Students showcased a variety of talents for an audience of all of the fifth grade and many parents and visitors.

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The recent passing of district special education teacher Mrs. Lynn Robben was recognized.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOTION #11:

It was moved by Harlan and seconded by Dodson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

MOTION #	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
JOHNSON	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
WILLIAMS	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
BAUER	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
GROSS	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
GRIFFIN	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
DODSON	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HARLAN	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Sue Williams, Board Secretary

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Ron Johnson, President

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Sue Williams, Board Secretary