

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 March 12, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., in the Administration Building, 400 South Elm Street, Centralia, Illinois 62801.

Members Present: Ron Johnson, Greg Dodson, Blake Griffin, Derek Harlan and Sue Williams

Members Absent: Lyle Gross and Renae Bauer

Also Present: Supt. Craig E. Clark, Tom Woelfel, Mike Middleton, Steven Stilt and Rob Wielt

Board President Johnson called the regular meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

MOTION #1:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Williams to adjourn to closed session to discuss personnel matters relating to appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees. Motion carried.

Adjourned to closed session at 6:03 p.m.

Board Member Dodson exited the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Reconvened to open session at 7:34 p.m.

MOTION #2:

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

1. Approval of minutes of regular meeting held on Tuesday, February 12, 2019.
2. Approval of bills in the amount of \$451,889.19.
3. Approval of March payroll.
- 4.

Approval of out of district field trips for:

- a. Field Kindergarten Center to Rainbow Ranch, Nashville, Illinois on

May 14 and 15, 2019.

- b. Field Kindergarten Center to Fun Blaster, Mt. Vernon, Illinois on

May 24, 2019.

c. Arts, Mt. Vernon, Illinois on

Fifth Grade to Cedarhurst Center for the

April 10, 2019.

d. 1, 2019.

Fifth Grade to Forbes Lake on May

e. Center on May 16, 2019.

Fifth Grade to Carbondale Science

f. April 26, 2019.

Schiller School to Carlyle Lake on

5.

Approval of taking bids for the 2019-2020 school year at the May meeting for bread, food and milk.

6.

Approval to adopt a resolution declaring surplus property and the sale of the surplus property.

Motion carried.

MOTION #3:

It was moved by Harlan and seconded by Griffin to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Motion carried.

RECOGNITION AND COMMENTS FROM EMPLOYEES AND PUBLIC

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

CURRICULUM REPORT

1. School Improvement Process at

C.J.H.S. – Supt. Clark gave an update and reviewed the plan of action established by the School Leadership Team.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

A second reading of the following PRESS Policies was held:

2:260 Uniform Grievance Procedure

- 4:15 Identity Protection
- 6:210 Instructional Materials
- 6:180 Extended Instructional Programs
- 6:150 Home and Hospital Instruction
- 6:130 Program for the Gifted
- 6:120-AP Administrative Procedure – Special Education Procedures Assuring the Implementation of Comprehensive Programming for Children with Disabilities

MOTION #4:

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Griffin to adopt the PRESS Policies as read. Motion carried.

MOTION #5:

It was moved by Griffin and seconded by Harlan to schedule Eighth Grade Graduation Program for Thursday, May 23, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried.

MOTION #6:

It was moved by Griffin and seconded by Harlan to approve a Resolution providing for the issue of \$1,848,100.00 Taxable General Obligation Refunding School Bonds, Series 2019, of School District Number 135, Marion, Clinton, Washington and Jefferson Counties, Illinois, for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding bonds of said School District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof. Motion carried.

MOTION #7:

It was moved by Harlan and seconded by Griffin to accept the lowest bid from Kohnen Heating and Air for the replacement and installation of the HVAC unit at Centralia Junior High School. Motion carried.

MOTION #8:

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Harlan to approve Glass and Shuffett as Auditors for the 2018-2019 School year annual audit. Motion carried.

MOTION #9:

It was moved by Griffin and seconded by Harlan to approve the electric contract renewal with Affordable Gas and Electric (AGE) for four years. Motion carried.

MOTION #10:

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Harlan to approve a maternity leave request from Grace Malekovic. Motion carried.

MOTION #11:

It was moved by Harlan and seconded by Griffin to accept the resignation of Suzanne Overstreet, Speech/Language Pathologist, effective at the end of the current school year. Motion carried.

MOTION #12:

It was moved by Griffin and seconded by Harlan to accept the resignations of Chris Ray and Tressie Downes as bus drivers. Motion carried.

MOTION #13:

It was moved by Griffin and seconded by Harlan to employ Wendy Jourdan as Dean of Student Management for the 2019-2020 school year. Motion carried.

MOTION #14:

It was moved by Harlan and seconded by Griffin to employ Leslie Spirito and Patricia Lee as bus drivers. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Supt. Clark reported on the following:

1. Building Celebrations:

Field

- Our Ameri-Corp worker, Johnathan Timm, shared a lesson on agriculture with the Kindergarten Students. He brought in an incubator and fifteen eggs for the students to observe the development of and the birth of chicks. Nine out of the fifteen eggs hatched. Mr. Timm used a light, so the students were able to see the chicks developing inside the egg. They were able to watch the chicks as they hatched, grew and developed feathers.
- Mr. Timm also brought in two new born baby piglets that the mother had rejected. The students learned how he was going to care for the piglets by using a lamp to keep them warm and how they had to be bottled fed.
- Last week, Field celebrated Dr. Seuss week. Students had green eggs and ham, while listening to the story "Green Eggs and Ham". On Wednesday they read the book "Wacky Wednesday" and dressed up in wacky outfits. We also had crazy hair day and crazy sock day.
- So far this year, our "No Time Out" Club has given 102 NTO shirts out to students. This means each of these students have gone an entire month without receiving a time out.
- Thirty-two students have read all their Kindergarten Sight Words and are now working on Trophy Words, which are words beyond the required sight word list.

Jordan

- In honor of Black History Month, an assembly was presented to students on Friday, February 8th titled "Two Storytellers and a Drummer".
- Students participated in a "Lincoln's Birthday Celebration Week" from February 11th-14th. Students learned about Lincoln throughout the week and collected pennies to purchase books for our school, dressed as pioneers, and participated in a Lincoln look-a-like contest.

- On Friday, February 15th, all teachers and classroom paraprofessionals attended the Tri-County Institute at Centralia High School.
- The “Orphans in the Classroom” program concluded on Friday, February 22nd with a motivational assembly presented by Coach Lee Bennett and his Centralia Orphans basketball team. This program is organized by teacher, Vadawn Stroud.
- Girls on the Run began on Tuesday, February 26th. This program encourages girls to develop self-respect and healthy lifestyles through dynamic, interactive lessons and running games, culminating in a celebratory 5k run. Third-grade teacher, Laurie Miller, coaches this program. This year there are 18 girls in grades 3-5 which is at full capacity for the program.
- "Hoot's Helping Hands" After School Program, sponsored by the Centralia Youth Initiative, concluded on Thursday, February 28th. The majority of students who participated showed significant improvement in their math scores.
- The Boy Scout After School Program continues to meet on Wednesdays after school. Scout leader, Diana Jackson and teacher, Sandra Johnson lead this weekly program.
- “Dr. Seuss Week” was celebrated on Monday, February 25th through Friday, March 1st. Students participated in fun daily activities relating to Dr. Seuss books. Students who read 90 minutes during the month of February had the opportunity to duct tape Principal Craig Bland to the gym wall this week as part of our Dr. Seuss celebration!
- Those students exhibiting good behavior and making good choices participated in a “Dr. Seuss” themed Good Conduct Party at the end of February. This event was coordinated by Title I teacher, Mrs. Barnfield.
- On Friday, March 1st, all students attended a performance by the “Golden Dragon Acrobats” at Kaskaskia College. This performance was part of the Arts in Education program at the Centralia Cultural Society. Mr. Bland serves on the Arts in Education committee and helps to select all of the programs that are presented to students each school year.
- Third grade students are busy preparing for the upcoming IAR state test which will be taken during the week of March 18th - 22nd. A “Don’t Sweat the IAR Day” will be held on Thursday, March 14th and a pep assembly featuring the CHS cheerleaders and our 3rd grade students will be held on this date.

Schiller

- Schiller Students enjoyed time with their parents or grandparents for our Special Someone Dance. Students dressed up and brought a special parent to the school where they danced the night away! Special pictures were taken of those who wished to remember the night for years to come.
- Students reached the halfway point of 3rd quarter with midterms sent home.
- The Centralia Youth Initiative (CYI) After School Program finished its last night at Schiller School and celebrated their hard work by having a pizza party. Thank you to the teachers who signed up to help our students who

needed the extra boost in Math this year. Also, a thank you to CYI for sponsoring this much needed service to our students!

- Staff attended Tri-County Institute at Centralia High School. Many classes were offered and teachers were heard sharing their new ideas and findings from the in-service throughout the building.
- The students enjoyed a week of celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday. Everything from Crazy Socks to Wacky Wednesday took place at school. Children had a chance to take a guess of how many goldfish crackers were in our special fish bowl as we read One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish. The week ended with our Good Conduct Party with Dr. Seuss Bingo and a special snack. We even had a special visit from Cat in the Hat himself!!! Each student went home with a special class picture with Cat in the Hat.

CJHS

- The Tiger Trek 5K and dog walk were held and we had a great turn out!
 - The top fundraising students for Jump Rope for Heart were entered for a chance to throw pies at Mrs. Denton and Mr. Lambert. Mr. Johnson was a good sport and participated as well.
 - Boys and girls basketball players and all cheerleaders were honored at the awards assembly.
 - Fifth and eighth grade students took the Illinois Science Assessment. Band students participated in solo and ensemble contest.
2. Board and Administrator Retreat – will be held at Schiller School on April 29, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.
 3. 2019-2020 Calendar update – ISBE definition of a school day is unclear. A tentative calendar has been proposed but cannot be adopted without ISBE clarification.
 4. Other – The Illinois Council Arts Grant has been received by the Centralia City Schools. Programs will be developed at all grade levels, some in partnership with the Centralia Cultural Society.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Missing the 60s” benefit for the Home to School program, will be held on April 6, 2019.

MOTION #15

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

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JOHNSON	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
WILLIAMS	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
BAUER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GROSS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRIFFIN	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Sue Williams, Board Secretary

APPROVED: _____
Ron Johnson, President

Sue Williams, Board Secretary