

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 11, 2018 at 6:00 p.m., in the Administration Building, 400 South Elm Street, Centralia, Illinois 62801.

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

Members Absent:

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

Board President Johnson called the regular meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

MOTION #1:

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

Adjourned to closed session at 6:06 p.m.

Reconvened to open session at 7:28 p.m.

MOTION #2:

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

1. Approval of minutes of regular meeting held on Tuesday, November 13, 2018.
2. Approval of bills in the amount of \$750,914.56.
3. Approval of December payroll.
4. Approval of destruction of closed session verbatim tapes from meetings held during and before June 2017 and to keep closed session minutes closed.
5. Approval of the Honors Club trip to Springfield, Illinois on April 9, 2019.

Motion carried.

MOTION #3:

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

RECOGNITION AND COMMENTS FROM EMPLOYEES AND PUBLIC

Mrs. Angie Blair addressed the Board regarding the ALICE training that students received recently for active shooter situations.

## BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Board members who attended the IASB Conference in November reported on their experiences. Mr. Harlan shared information about career pathways. Mrs. Bauer discussed Rachel's Challenge related to school safety. Mr. Dodson stressed preventive measures pertaining to school safety. Mr. Johnson enjoyed a presentation by Ruby Bridges who was involved in the early civil rights movement. He also attended the Delegate Assembly.
2. Budget Committee met regarding the 2018 Tax Levy and recommended setting the levy at \$2.77, a decrease of \$.02 from last year.

## CURRICULUM REPORT

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### NEW BUSINESS

#### MOTION #4:

It was moved by Gross and seconded by Dodson to adopt the 2018 Tax Levies. Motion carried.

#### MOTION #5:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Bauer to accept the resignation of Tonya Foster, Field School Paraprofessional. Motion carried.

#### MOTION #6:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Bauer to employ Felicia Orta as Assistant Volleyball Coach. Motion carried.

#### MOTION #7:

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Griffin to employ Amber Coker as Classroom Paraprofessional. Motion carried.

#### MOTION #8:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Gross to approve the transfer of Jodie Witzel from Paraprofessional to Kindergarten Teacher retroactive to August 16, 2018. Motion carried.

#### MOTION #9:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Bauer to approve the resolution abating a portion of the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2018 to pay debt service on General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2008, and General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2018, of the District. Motion carried.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Supt. Clark reported on the following:

1. Christmas office hours – the Administration Building will be closed over Christmas break, from December 24, 2018 - January 4, 2019.
2. Building Celebrations -

### Field School

- Santa's Cottage, which was sponsored by our Parent/Teacher Organization, was a great success. Kindergarten parents volunteered to work the Cottage each day.
- We had a great turn out for our Holiday Moments. Students were able to share a donut and juice with their invited guest. Santa, Mrs. Clause, Frosty, and one of Santa's Elves visited with the students and their families before Mrs. Clause read "Twas the Night Before Christmas" to the students and their guests.
- Field Kindergarten will be performing their Christmas program on Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Mrs. Witges selected Christmas songs for the students to sing and Mrs. Phoenix taught a dance unit to her classes, which some of the students will perform to "Jingle Bells".
- Students are continuing to learn their Kindergarten Sight Words. One hundred eleven students have their name on the wall for reading their Sight Words. Six students have already read all their sight words and are reading Trophy words.

### Jordan School

- Our Title I Program recently hosted a "Christmas Craft Night" on Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. Students and their families created four Christmas ornaments designed by our teachers. In addition, Monken Chrysler hosted a Cars 4 Classrooms fundraiser on this date.
- 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 "Charlie Brown Christmas" theme. Thanks to Mrs. Barnfield, our Title I teacher, for organizing this fun-filled event and to all who volunteered.
- The Jordan P.T.O. hosted "Santa's Kottage" in the school library on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>. This event gave students an opportunity to inexpensively shop for family and friends.
- Jolly Old St. Nick visited students on Wednesday, December 5<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.
- Students participated in the collection of food items for our Home to School Program. This school-wide project helped students better understand the spirit of giving while assisting those in need. Mrs. Schwartz's 2nd grade classroom collected the most items and will receive an ice cream reward.

- Students are presently taking their 2nd iReady diagnostic test of the school year. In addition, the new iReady instructional component is being used to assist students at their individual academic levels. Teachers will receive additional training during our January teacher in-service.
- The CHS Jazz Band and Rock 101 instrumental groups presented a holiday program to our students on Monday, December 10th. Both groups contained many former Jordan Elementary School students.
- "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 "Orphans in the Classroom" will begin their program on Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. This program allows CHS student-athletes to serve as role models for students while emphasizing the importance of literature. Every Friday, three basketball players of high character read stories and lead classes in activities relating to the story. These stories deal with character development, positive ways to interact with peers, and good citizenship. The goal is for Jordan students to learn important life lessons from CHS athletes.

### Schiller School

- Schiller School students were visited by the Dental Safari where students in need were seen by dental hygienist and dentist.
- Students continue with their iReady progress monitoring and have started the new iReady learning component that is specialized for their individual needs.
- Schiller families came out in droves for our Title I Family Night to see the Mad Scientist from St. Louis, MO. They enjoyed pizza and refreshments before the show. Fun was had by all!
- Students and staff were trained by the local CPD in ALICE. The training is mandated by law and was taught at their level of understanding.
- We finished the month off with a November Good Conduct Party to the Recreation Center for a swim and gym. Students who earned the party were taken to the gym for an hour of swimming and an hour of open gym time.
- Students are finalizing their practices for our upcoming Christmas program. We invite everyone to come out to see our performance on December 18th at 10:00 a.m. or 1:00 p.m.

### CJHS

- Officer Denton presented A.L.I.C.E. Training to all CJHS students and the school practiced a lockdown and evacuation drill.
- Fourth grade students participated in a name-plaque making activity through Cedarhurst Center for the Arts.
- Students with 85% of their PBIS points participated in the celebration.

- The fifth grade wrapped up their “Follow Your Dreams” unit with their annual talent show.
- The annual holiday door decorating contest took place, and the entries were again outstanding!
- The CJHS Tiger Tech robotics team competed in Troy. This is only the second competition for our robotics team in school history.
- The assistant principals have begun recognizing students with positive office referrals.
- Students have finished taking their second I-Ready diagnostic assessments. In reading, the number of students in Tier 1 increased by 7%. In math, the number in Tier 1 increased by 8%. In both areas, the number of students at risk for Tier 3 was reduced by 8% and 13% respectively.

3. Other –Supt. Clark gave an update on the district building projects.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Dodson announced that “Shop with a Cop” is this Saturday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>.

MOTION #10:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Gross to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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JOHNSON..	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
WILLIAMS	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
BAUER .....	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
GROSS.....	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
GRIFFIN ....	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
DODSON...	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HARLAN ...	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED  
Sue Williams, Board Secretary

APPROVED:

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Ron Johnson, President

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Sue Williams, Board Secretary