

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

Members Present: Ron Johnson, Blake Griffin, Jeremy Martin, Derek Harlan, and Sue Williams

Members Absent: Greg Dodson and Renae Bauer

Also Present: Supt. Craig E. Clark, Tom Woelfel, Christina Becker, Mike Middleton, and Vernell Burris

Board President Johnson called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

MOTION #1:

It was moved by Martin and seconded by Griffin to adjourn to closed session to discuss the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body. The setting of a price for the sale or lease of property owned by the public body. Motion carried.

Adjourned to closed session at 6:01 p.m.

Reconvened to open session at 7:32 p.m.

MOTION #2:

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

1. Approval of minutes of regular meeting held on Tuesday, October 8, 2019.
2. Approval of minutes of Board Retreat held on Monday, October 21, 2019.

3.

Approval of bills in the amount

of \$471,778.91.

4.

Approval of November payroll.

5.

Approval of the following out of district trips:

a. Sixth Grade to Cedarhurst Center for the Arts on April 2, 2020

Sixth Grade to Cedarhurst Center for the

b. Eighth Grade to Washington D.C. on May 13-17, 2020

Eighth Grade to Washington D.C. on May

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

Vernell Burris asked questions regarding clarification of some financial matters, as well as school sports teams.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

CURRICULUM REPORT

Supt. Clark reported that C.J.H.S. has been included in the designated list based on last year's state testing, but this underperforming status is primarily due to lower scores in the special education sub-group. Jordan received a commendable designation, while Schiller was lower performing. Extra funds will be available for C.J.H.S. and Schiller administration and faculty to develop school improvement plans.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION #4:

It was moved by Griffin and seconded by Harlan to approve the 2019 Tentative Tax Levies, to be adopted December 10, 2019. Motion carried.

MOTION #5:

It was moved by Harlan and seconded by Martin to employ Rita Poore as Individual Paraprofessional at C.J.H.S. Motion carried.

MOTION #6:

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Harlan to employ Stephanie Isaak as Individual Paraprofessional at Schiller Early Childhood class. Motion carried.

MOTION #7:

It was moved by Martin and seconded by Harlan to employ Holly Thomas as Schiller Classroom Paraprofessional. Motion carried.

MOTION #8:

It was moved by Martin and seconded by Griffin to employ Shameka Croft as a bus monitor. Motion carried.

MOTION #9:

It was moved by Griffin and seconded by Harlan to employ Lisa Lamar as Centralia Junior High School Secretary. Motion carried.

MOTION #10:

It was moved by Griffin and seconded by Harlan to approve the Resolution abating a portion of the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2019 to pay debt service on General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2012, and General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2018, of the District. Motion carried.

MOTION #11:

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Griffin to approve a Resolution directing the Regional Superintendent of Schools for the County of Marion, Illinois, to certify to the County Clerk of said County the question of imposing a retailers’ occupation tax and a service occupation tax to be used exclusively for school facility purposes, school resource officers, and mental health professionals for submission to the electors of said County at the general primary election to be held on the 17th day of March, 2020. Motion carried.

MOTION #12:

It was moved by Griffin and seconded by Martin to approve the purchase of two lots adjoining Centralia Junior High School on Calumet Street. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Supt. Clark reported on the following:

- 1. Parent-Teacher Conference Report
- 2. IASB Joint Conference –

November 22-24, 2019: Packets were distributed to board members who will be attending.

- 3. Building Celebrations:

Jordan

- Our Building Leadership Team is presently working with teachers to develop a new school-wide behavioral plan and PBIS model.
- As part of our Illinois Arts Council Grant, Centralia Cultural Society volunteers have been visiting our classrooms to teach students about famous artists and their artwork. In turn, students have been producing artwork in the same genre.
- Emmy award winning PBS Artist, Mark Kistler, presented an assembly to students today called “Dare to Draw” which taught students to draw in 3-D!
- In conjunction with Fire Prevention Week, the Centralia Fire Department and Patches the Fire dog presented a fire safety program to 2nd grade. Third grade students toured the fire safety house.

- The Central City Lioness Club awarded Jordan Elementary School with a check for \$1500 to purchase new Google Chromebooks for our students.
- SAFE presented their body safety program to students on October 21st and 24th.
- Over 200 people attended our annual “HALL”-o-ween Spooktacular. This event sponsored by our Title I program, allowed students to safely trick or treat in the hallway of our school.
- Students participated in Red Ribbon Week activities during the last week of October.
- The October Good Conduct Party organized by Andi Barnfield, Title I teacher, was a huge success! Students traveled to the Kountry Kids Pumpkin Patch in Hoyleton and participated in various fall-related activities.
- The annual Jordan School P.T.O. Fall Carnival was held on Friday, November 1st. Thanks to the Kaskaskia College Basketball Team and Cheerleaders for working the event.
- Students are presently participating in a Holiday Food Drive to benefit Centralia City Schools #135 families in need. The food drive will continue through November 29th.
- America Education Week will be celebrated during the week of November 18th-22nd. A Scholastic Book Fair and a Title I Family Night will be held during this week. A Christmas Craft Night for families will be held on November 21st.
- We are in the process of planning our after school program sponsored by the Centralia Youth Initiative. This program will begin in January and will focus on both reading and math and will meet on Tuesday and Thursday.

Schiller

- Schiller School went to the Kountry Kids Pumpkin Patch in Hoyleton. The day was filled with activities, lunch, and concluded with picking out their own pumpkin. Students took these pumpkins home to complete a book report with them. Students read a book, picked out their favorite character and decorated their pumpkin like the character. District board members stopped by to judge the pumpkins that lined our hallways.
- Schiller School hosted Spooktacular for our students. Students dressed up in their Halloween best and trick-or-treated down the hallways of the school. Teachers volunteered their time to come out and see their students dressed up in costumes and pass out candy.
- Students participated in week long activities for Red Ribbon Week. The importance of saying no to drugs was discussed throughout the week in the classrooms and students dressed each day in something special to demonstrate their support in the movement.
- Our October Good Conduct Party was a great success! Students who earned their way to the party with good conduct were treated with s'mores, campfire songs with Jeremy Martin and his guitar, and had a chance to explore a camping tent and try out kayaks.

- Students and staff participated in the Great Shake Out on October 17th. The students had an earthquake drill and practice how to protect themselves should one ever occur. We also had two fire drills at school so the students know how to exit quickly should a fire take place at school. One drill was followed up by our friendly firefighter dog, “Patches” and the CFD.
- Dental Safari visited the school for two days seeing students. The students even asked when it was their turn to see the dentist! They love this program and look forward to their turn to come to the gym to get their teeth seen and “counted”.
- Parent-teacher conferences were completed for the first quarter with teachers sharing information with parents about how great their children are doing.

CJHS

- The band and color guard completed their parade season and did a great job. They placed in many categories/events.
- The Student and Family Education Court (SFEC) program is off to a great start with 100% parent participation at all of the sessions thus far.
- Teachers met with families for parent-teacher conferences.
- Ms. Graham, CJHS Librarian, hosted a very successful book fair.
- Many required safety drills were completed throughout the month to ensure preparedness in the event of an emergency (ALICE training, fire drill with the fire department, earthquake drill, and bus evacuation drills).
- The Parent Advisory Council hosted a “Black Light Fun Night” for 4th-5th grades and a black light dance for 6th-8th grades.
- Cross-country wrapped up a great season.
- Mr. Queen and Dr. Hill continue to recognize students with positive office referrals.
- Baseball, softball, and cross-country athletes were all recognized at the fall sports awards assembly.
- Tigers and Tigerettes basketball seasons are underway.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOTION #13:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

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JOHNSON	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
BAUER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MARTIN	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
GRIFFIN	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
DODSON	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
HARLAN	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Sue Williams, Board Secretary

APPROVED: _____
Ron Johnson, President

Sue Williams, Board Secretary