

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 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., in the Administration Building, 400 South Elm Street, Centralia, Illinois 62801.

Members Present: Ron Johnson, Jeremy Martin, Renae Bauer, Derek Harlan, Lyle Gross (arrived at 6:32 p.m.), and Sue Williams

Members Absent: Blake Griffin

Also Present: Supt. Craig E. Clark (via Zoom) and
Asst. Supt. Chris Becker (via Zoom)

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

MOTION #1:

It was moved by Harlan and seconded by Bauer to adjourn to closed session to discuss personnel. Motion carried.

Adjourned to closed session at 6:03 p.m.
Board member Gross arrived at 6:32 p.m.
Reconvened to open session at 7:01 p.m.

MOTION #2:

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

1. Approval of minutes of regular meeting held on Tuesday, October 13, 2020.
2. Approval of bills in the amount of \$595,577.91.
3. Approval of November payroll.

Motion carried.

MOTION #3:

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

RECOGNITION AND COMMENTS FROM EMPLOYEES AND PUBLIC

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

CURRICULUM REPORT

Asst. Supt. Becker noted that school improvement reports were submitted to ISBE for Schiller and CMS/CJHS. The reports updated progress toward school improvement goals. The second iReady window will open later this month. The results will help determine the effectiveness of current instructional practices throughout the district. Mrs. Becker also read the library report prepared by Mrs. Graham, CJHS Librarian.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION #4:

It was moved by Martin and seconded by Gross to approve the 2020 Tentative Tax Levies, to be adopted December 8, 2020. Motion carried.

MOTION #5:

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Martin to employ Chelsea Wernsman as Human Resource Administrative Assistant. Motion carried.

MOTION #6:

It was moved by Bauer and seconded by Harlan to accept the resignation of Shameka Cross as a Bus Monitor. Motion carried.

MOTION #7:

It was moved by Martin and seconded by Gross to approve the leave of absence request for employee #1597. Motion carried.

MOTION #8:

It was moved by Gross and seconded by Bauer to approve the resolution abating a portion of the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2020 to pay debt service on General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2012, and General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2018, of the District. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Supt. Clark reported on the following:

1. Parent-Teacher Conference Report – many of the meetings were held by phone or via Zoom/Google Meet this year. Overall parent participation was 86%, with many teachers contacting 100% of their students' parents.
2. Building Celebrations:

Schiller

- Schiller School finished student dental checkups with Dental Safari. Students were brave and enjoyed their dental bag full of hygiene products.
- Students enjoyed an awesome day in the Schiller Pumpkin Patch. Bales of straw were arranged to form a straw maze, obstacle courses were set up around the field as well as 200 pumpkins for the students to choose just the right one to take home. Students completed a book report and decorated their pumpkin like their favorite character in the book. A huge “thank you” to Mrs. Phoenix and Mrs. Patten for their hard work organizing this fun day.
- Teachers worked hard on their plan day to complete grades for first quarter and to prepare for parent-teacher conferences. The extra day was much appreciated!

- Parent-teacher conferences were held Thursday evening and Friday morning. Teachers will be wrapping up conferences this week.
- Picture retakes were the last week of October for students that needed a retake and for students returning from remote learning.
- Halloween parties were a huge success in the classrooms. Students enjoyed special treats and games in their classrooms.
- Red Ribbon Week was celebrated throughout the school. Students celebrated being drug free through a different activity each day such as: Pajama Day, Wear Jeans Day, Superhero Day, and Crazy Hair Day
- Staff continues to work with ULLC on professional development and meeting with charter teams.
- Many classrooms covered Election Day on November 2nd and students read their Scholastic News magazines that showed them how important voting is. Students practiced voting by voting for their favorite flavor ice cream, president, etc.

Jordan

- The Centralia Sunrise Rotary Club presented all of our 3rd grade students with new Webster Dictionaries.
- Our Building Leadership Team continues to meet regularly with administration. We are presently working to update our plans to accommodate students during the winter months – arrival, dismissal, mask breaks, recesses, P.E., etc.
- Teachers will soon receive new desktop computers. Presently, teachers have received new Chromebooks and webcams to use in their classrooms. Each classroom now has its own cart of student Chromebooks.
- Students participated in body safety programs presented by SAFE on October 13th, 14th, and 29th.
- Students participated in a required fire drill with the Centralia Fire Department on Tuesday, October 20th. The Fire Marshall inspected our building on this date as well.
- A Remote Planning Day was added on October 22nd and allowed teachers to better prepare for their upcoming Parent-Teacher Conferences and to plan for their classrooms.
- As part of or school improvement work with ULLC, charter meetings took place on Friday, October 23rd. Charter groups met together using Zoom and then broke off into two groups focusing on literacy and social/student behavior. Charter groups will meet once a month to continue their work.
- Monthly RtI meetings have begun in our building. These Zoom meetings allow teachers to discuss difficulties that students are having in their classrooms and problem-solve for possible ways to assist them. Our RtI team consists of Dr. Epplin, Mr. Bland, Mrs. Barnfield, Ms. Owens, and Mrs. Unverfehrt.
- Red Ribbon Week was celebrated during the week of October 26th-30th.
- Halloween books were distributed to both in-person and remote students compliments of our Title I program.

- Jordan School P.T.O. sponsored an interactive online Mad Science Halloween assembly that was zoomed into classrooms on October 28th.
- Parent-Teacher Conferences were held on October 29th and 30th. Teachers met with parents via Zoom or by phone.

Central Middle School

- Fourth Grade Tiger Cubs of the Month were William Witzel and Delaney Snow
- Fifth Grade Tiger Cubs of the Month were Abbygael Meyer and Peyton Shaw
- CMS has presented an additional 24 positive office referrals ranging from, improved grades, maintaining good grades, being respectful, being helpful, adhering to the Tiger Cub traits, mastering math vocabulary, and overall positive behaviors exhibited by CMS students.
- Students sent in pics for Wacky Socks Day, Wear Red Day, PJ Day and Halloween costume day in support of Red Ribbon week. Pictures were featured during the week of October 26th – 30th on the CMS FB page.
- We celebrated, featured teacher, Ms. Sherri Thomason for her dedication to her students and their learning during this pandemic. She has provided lessons using a myriad of engaging platforms all in an effort to bridge the gap between last year's abrupt closing and this year's start of learning.
- CMS celebrated, featured teacher, Jil Curry for enveloping her students in love and truly treating each of them like her own children. Her Science lessons have been excellent and have included experiments and live demonstrations on how the environment is being shaped.
- Counselor, Ms. Blanchard made several positive quote placards which she laminated for CMS. The signs are posted throughout the hallways in CMS and reflect the goal of striving to have a positive attitude and present a positive message to anyone who frequents our school.

Centralia Junior High School

- The Parent Advisory Committee is providing lunch for our hardworking teachers on Friday, November 6th.
- Our cheerleaders have been safely practicing as a club and sound great!
- Teachers are excited to start the 2nd quarter. They have been working hard to come up with ideas to increase student engagement.
- We have had two featured teachers this month. Mrs. Hocking and Mrs. Blanchard were chosen by administrators to be recognized for their hard work this month.
- We will be having our first PBIS event this month. We look forward to rewarding students for their hard work.
- We will be having an in-person book fair that will be socially distanced.
- Completed tornado and earthquake drills.
- Mrs. Jourdan has been working with teachers and struggling students weekly.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOTION #9:

It was moved by Martin and seconded by Bauer to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

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JOHNSON	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
WILLIAMS	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
BAUER	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
MARTIN	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
GRIFFIN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GROSS	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HARLAN	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Sue Williams, Board Secretary

APPROVED:

Ron Johnson, President

Sue Williams, Board Secretary