

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 April 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., in the Administration Building, 400 South Elm Street, Centralia, Illinois 62801.

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

Members Absent:

Also Present: Supt. Craig E. Clark, Asst. Supt. Chris Becker, Mike Middleton, Dr. Audrey Hill, Brittany Misencik and Tyler Perkins

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

MOTION #1:

It was moved by Gross and seconded by Griffin to adjourn to closed session to discuss personnel matters relating to the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees and a student disciplinary case. Motion carried.

Adjourned to closed session at 6:04 p.m. Reconvened to open session at 7:06 p.m.

MOTION #2:

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

1. Approval of minutes of regular meeting held on Tuesday, March 9, 2021.
2. Approval of bills in the amount of \$548,217.82.
3. Approval of April payroll.
4. Approval of the Superintendent of Schools to prepare an Amended School

District

Budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year with the Hearing for said budget to be set for

the board meeting on June 8, 2021, if necessary.

5. Approval of the disposal of surplus and outdated technology.

Motion carried.

MOTION #3:

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

RECOGNITION AND COMMENTS FROM EMPLOYEES AND PUBLIC

Lunsford Architects presented plans for the Schiller Building addition.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

CURRICULUM REPORT

1. Asst. Supt. Becker reported that groups from Schiller, Central, and CJHS met over the past month to review the Illinois Quality Framework Rubrics.

Representatives from Schiller will meet with ISBE soon regarding their school improvement plan. Work with ULLC staff continues and will be in person starting in May. Potential science curriculum materials are being reviewed.

2. Dr. Hill presented the Central Middle School report emphasizing consistency between instruction across classes, strategies to increase student engagement and accountability for all stakeholders.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION #4:

It was moved by Gross and seconded by Griffin to transfer Jodie Witzel, Kindergarten Teacher, to Jordan School Title I Teacher. Motion carried.

MOTION #5:

It was moved by Harlan and seconded by Martin to transfer Tammy Heinrichsmeyer, Fourth Grade Cross Categorical Teacher to Classroom Paraprofessional. Motion carried.

MOTION #6:

It was moved by Martin and seconded by Bauer to employ Brooklyn Simonton as Fifth Grade Special Education Teacher. Motion carried.

MOTION #7:

It was moved by Harlan and seconded by Griffin to employ Lindsey Huges as First Grade Teacher at Schiller. Motion carried.

MOTION #8:

It was moved by Bauer and seconded by Gross to employ Reuben Hill as Eighth Grade Track Coach. Motion carried.

MOTION #9:

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Harlan to employ Stephanie Isaak as Title I Paraprofessional at Jordan/Schiller Schools. Motion carried.

MOTION #10:

It was moved by Harlan and seconded by Bauer to employ Erica Trone as Jordan School Secretary. Motion carried.

MOTION #11:

It was moved by Gross and seconded by Griffin to employ Michael Garner as Centralia City Schools District #135 Food Service Director. Motion carried.

MOTION #12:

It was moved by Bauer and seconded by Martin to employ Theresa Lewis as bus monitor. Motion carried.

MOTION #13:

It was moved by Martin and seconded by Harlan to accept the resignation of Dr. Sarah Epplin, Special Education Supervisor. Motion carried.

MOTION #14:

It was moved by Martin and seconded by Gross to approve the maternity leave request for employee #1357. Motion carried.

MOTION #15:

It was moved by Harlan and seconded by Gross to approve the 2021 Summer School Program. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Supt. Clark reported on the following:

1. Federal Stimulus Revenue Update – Summer 2020 stimulus grant was approximately \$750,000 which was used to employ nurses, social workers, and for cleaning services. In December 2020 we were given \$3.6 million, earmarked for curriculum, personnel, and other ways to narrow the gap for student achievement including summer school, hiring instructional coaches, teachers, social workers and nurses. Promethean boards, science equipment and furniture will also be purchased. Another \$8 million is anticipated from a third stimulus grant to the district.
2. Online Registration will start Monday, April 19th. In person registration will take place in August, but online registration is encouraged.
3. Building Celebrations:

Schiller

- Ms. Stinde's class chose Harriet Tubman for Black History and Women's History Month. The students really enjoyed reading and learning about Harriet Tubman. They researched her history, read books about her and watched videos to learn about her contributions to free the slaves. We also researched and learned about Fredrick Douglas and his work to free the slaves and Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation.
- Classroom doors were decorated with "I believe..." with the teachers stating how they believe in their students. Students also participated by finishing the statement, "I Believe I Can..." Staff completed the individual statements "I believe... and I want..." and they have been displayed in the hallway for everyone to read.
- Ms. Stone's class is tying in their STEM, social studies and Black History Month by taking a journey through the solar system with our black history month hero, Major Robert Henry Lawrence, Jr.

- Students let loose in the classrooms during the Sock Hop where they danced on bubble wrap.
- Many classrooms set out leprechaun traps to catch the little guy but unfortunately he got away again this year (after leaving messes and special treats for the students!)
- Students had a surprise visit and pictures with the Easter Bunny. Several classes did Easter projects, with many classes making their own mini Easter baskets. They even got to take home treat bags.
- Reeve Moore won 1st Prize in the Fireside Coloring Contest done before Spring Break! He was very excited with his new bicycle.
- Students had fun doing in class science investigations/experiments with peeps.
- Students completed growth monitoring for iReady before spring break.
- Classrooms studied important women for women's history month.
- BLT meetings have been extremely productive in preparing for summer school. Team meetings are also going well with planning and supporting each other to improve the education for our students.
- Mrs. Tami Henry met with Schiller School staff to discuss data from school-wide surveys. Data was interpreted and goals were made to continue moving forward. Mrs. Middleton and Mrs. Stacey have worked hard as the process and project managers of the Schiller School Morale team. From surveys to planning activities for students and staff, they have worked to complete our mission of bringing everyone together. You are much appreciated!!!
- Schiller School has received positive feedback from their learning partner ULLC for making progress on our SIP goals. Goals are being worked on and met.

Jordan

- Our "Lincoln Penny Drive" was a huge success! Students in Ms. Wysocki's classroom, Mrs. Darla Miller's classroom, and Mrs. Michele Wangler's classroom received pizza parties, compliments of Mr. Bland, for bringing in the most pennies!
- Students participated in many fun reading activities in their classrooms during "Read Across America Week", March 1st - 5th.
- The Easter Bunny made an appearance on Tuesday, March 16th. Photos with the Easter Bunny were taken as part of a school fundraiser.
- Faculty, staff, and students showed their support of our 3rd grade students during a "Don't Sweat the IAR Day. Everyone was encouraged to wear sweats or joggers to show their support for students during IAR testing.
- Third grade students will be participating in IAR testing during the week of April 12th – 15th. Make-up testing will take place the week of April 19th - 22th.
- During the week of April 19th - 23rd, students will be participating in virtual YouTube environmental lessons recognizing Earth Day and compliments of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Carlyle Lake.

Central Middle School

- March Tiger Cubs of the Month:

4th Grade students – McKinnley Miller and William Harvey
5th Grade students – Zeb Miller and Maizey Schulte

- CMS has started to hold a weekly i-Ready drawing for those students who have been scoring 75% or higher on their i-Ready lessons. Students who score 75% or higher are entered once. Students who score 100% get their name entered twice for each lesson. Weekly winners are selected from the fourth and fifth grade. The goal is to increase proficiency and encourage student accuracy in learning, while moving through the i-Ready lessons.
- Students completed their yearly bus evacuation drill on March 24th. Due to COVID-19 restrictions the drill was amended to adhere to the protocols in place for maintaining social distancing.
- Fourth and Fifth Graders participated in a zoom presentation on pedestrian and bicycle safety through the traffic and safety program sponsored by the Secretary of State on Thursday, March 25th. Students received booklets detailing bike safety equipment, the ABCs of a quick check, pavement markings, traffic signals and road signs, sharing the road, what to do in the event of a crash, and other bike and pedestrian safety tips.
- Building Leadership Team (BLT) met on March 25th:
 - ..developed criteria for retention and summer school eligibility to submit for approval.
 - ..provided recommendations for attendance and behavior guidelines for summer school.
 - ..developed an IAR schedule for 4th and 5th grade in-person and remote, using input from grade level teams.
- Teachers participated in a St. Patrick's Day drawing where each teacher received a prize ranging from covered plan periods, gift cards, car accessories, health and beauty products, and sweet treats.
- Students are asked a weekly trivia question on the announcements and the first teacher who calls the extension with a student to provide the correct answer wins a treat for the entire class.
- Social Studies and Science will be changing the delivery of their content to be more reflective of the IAR testing platform. Content will be focused on EBSR (evidence based selective response) TECR (technology enhanced constructed response) and Reading/Writing and Math will focus on PCR (prose constructed response). The goal is to familiarize students with the process of the test taking for the IAR while still delivering the subject-matter content.

Centralia Junior High School

- Our boys' basketball team defeated Mt. Vernon to become Regional champions. They worked extremely hard and had a great, short, season.
- We are hosting Regional games next week on April 13th and 15th.

- We began our spring break with team bonding activities for staff. Everyone seemed to have a great day.
 - Our Universal Charter is rewarding students for their hard work on iReady and through classroom challenges which focus on attendance, grades and iReady growth.
 - The Easter Bunny and Tyrone the Tiger surprised the students with candy the day before Spring Break. They greeted students as they came in the building and then visited the classrooms.
 - Tiger Teams met Friday April 9th. Students focused on areas that impact youth in our community. Students were provided pizza and drinks.
 - Scholar Bowl will be having six matches on April 7th, 13th, 14th, 20th, 21st and 27th.
 - Band has been having rehearsals after school in small groups. They are practicing to prepare for next school year.
 - Students are getting ready to start IAR testing in the upcoming weeks. We will be adding incentives for students who meet and exceed.
4. Other – C.J.H.S. Graduation will be held at Centralia High School on May 27th at 6:00 p.m. to accommodate more guests.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOTION #16:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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JOHNSON	Y	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	Y
BAUER	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
MARTIN	Y	Y	Y	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	Y	Y	Y
GROSS	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HARLAN	Y	Y	Y	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