

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 September 14, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., in the Administration Bldg., 400 South Elm St., Centralia, IL 62801.

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

Members Absent:

Also Present: Supt. Craig E. Clark, Asst. Supt. Chris Becker, Austin Williams, and Brittany Misencik

Board President Johnson called the regular meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

A Public Hearing on the 2021-2022 Budget was held.

The regular meeting was reconvened.

MOTION #1:

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

Adjourned to closed session at 6:09 p.m.

Reconvened to open session at 7:12 p.m.

MOTION #2:

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

1. Approval of minutes of regular meeting held on Tuesday, August 10, 2021.
2. Approval of bills in the amount of \$320,869.15.
3. Approval of September payroll.
4. Presentation of Section 10-20.47 and 34-18.38 of the School Code.

MOTION #3:

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

RECOGNITION AND COMMENTS FROM EMPLOYEES AND PUBLIC

1. The Audit Report by Glass and Shuffett was postponed until next month.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

1. The Budget Committee met recently to review the 2021-2022 School District Budget.

CURRICULUM REPORT

1. Mrs. Becker reported that new teacher orientation was held on August 11th. Instructional coaches have been reaching out to new teachers as well as other teachers in the district. Urban Learning and Leadership Center (ULLC) coaches have also been providing support to district teachers and paraprofessionals. Testing has been completed using iReady to identify students in need of interventions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION #4:

It was moved by Bauer and seconded by Gross to approve the 2021-2022 School District Budget. Motion carried.

MOTION #5:

It was moved by Gross and seconded by Martin to accept the resignation of Victoria Ruggeri, Speech Pathologist, effective September 1, 2021. Motion carried.

MOTION #6:

It was moved by Gross and seconded by Martin to accept the resignation of Alaina Pryor as Individual Paraprofessional. Motion carried.

MOTION #7:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Harlan to employ Crystal Ashby as Speech/Language Pathologist. Motion carried.

MOTION #8:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Harlan to employ Charles Cannon as Central Middle School Custodian. Motion carried.

MOTION #9:

It was moved by Martin and seconded by Bauer to employ Sara Brashear as Individual Paraprofessional at C.J.H.S. Motion carried.

MOTION #10:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Martin to employ Robin Haake as Individual Paraprofessional at Jordan. Motion carried.

MOTION #11:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Bauer to employ Karen Zettler as Individual Paraprofessional at Jordan. Motion carried.

MOTION #12:

It was moved by Harlan and seconded by Gross to employ Michael Cooley as Robotics Coach. Motion carried.

MOTION #13:

It was moved by Harlan and seconded by Gross to employ Trace Witthaus as Assistant Robotics Coach. Motion carried.

MOTION #14:

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Dodson to employ Mike Morris as SOAR teacher. Motion carried.

MOTION #15:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Martin to approve a leave of absence for Employee #1445. Motion carried.

MOTION #16:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Bauer to approve the intent to retire letter from Mike Kusturin effective September 10, 2021. Motion carried.

MOTION #17:

It was moved by Gross and seconded by Bauer to approve the intent to retire letter from Jack Zvonar effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried.

MOTION #18:

It was moved by Harlan and seconded by Dodson to approve the intent to retire letter from Ryan White effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried.

MOTION #19:

It was moved by Harlan and seconded by Dodson to approve the intent to retire letter from Sheri Thomason effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried.

MOTION #20:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Bauer to approve the intent to retire from Stephanie Sachtleben effective at the end of the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried.

MOTION #21:

It was moved by Harlan and seconded by Bauer to approve the maternity leave request from Employee #1631. Motion carried.

MOTION #22:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Bauer to table the Glass and Shuffett audit approval until next month's meeting. Motion carried.

MOTION #23:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Bauer to approve the purchase of a lift from RWCI for \$9,500.00. Motion carried.

MOTION #24:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Bauer to approve the purchase of a Vulcan Electric Range for \$8,843.00. Motion carried.

A first reading was held for:

Policy 4:60 Update to allow Superintendent expenditures to not exceed \$10,000.00 without Board approval.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Supt. Clark reported on the following:

1. Review of August 23, 2021, sixth-day enrollment figures, which totaled 1121 students.
2. Building Celebrations:

Schiller:

- The year started off with a drive-thru "Meet the Teacher" event. Parents brought their children through the parking lot to meet their new teacher and to drop off their big school supplies.
- ULLC coaches visited Schiller School the first two days of school to observe and coach our teachers.
- iReady benchmark testing is finishing up with testing students that were absent during testing week.
- Students did a great job evacuating the building for our fire drills. We have had two so far, one being with the Centralia Fire Department.
- Students have completed the ALICE training with their teachers with the on-line component developed by SRO Denton.
- Teachers have started our character education program. Teachers teach a characteristic a week and select a student who has modeled it for the week. The Wall of Fame student is announced on our Monday morning announcements with a Star Student of the month picked at the end of the month per class.

Jordan:

- Our Open House was held on Tuesday, August 17th. Over 200 people were in attendance. This evening provided opportunities for Mr. Bland to introduce Team Jordan and allowed parents to tour our facilities and meet our teachers.
- iReady diagnostic testing has taken place during the past few weeks.
- Students have been tested by our "sweep team" to determine reading levels. This team will conduct running records throughout the school year to measure reading levels.
- We are continuing to begin each school day with Community Building Circles led by classroom teachers. These offer students the opportunity to express themselves and build communities of trust and respect.

- Faculty and staff are working diligently to provide appropriate instruction for our students who have been impacted by Covid over the past year and a half and may not be on grade level.
- Teachers are using the Illinois Priority Standards to guide their curriculum.
- Mrs. Burdin and Mrs. Miller, our new instructional coaches, have begun meeting and offering instructional support to our teachers.
- We are excited to have new team members this year. They include Mrs. Patty Donoho, school secretary, Mrs. Jodie Witzel, Title I teacher, Ms. Mia DeBernardi, instructional support teacher, Mrs. Krystal Foley, mental health support counselor, Mrs. Crystal Ashby, speech pathologist, Ms. Stephanie Issak, Title I paraprofessional, Mrs. Dawn Diekemper, individual paraprofessional, Mrs. Felicia Houser, individual paraprofessional, Ms. Robin Haake, individual paraprofessional, and Ms. Karin Zettler, individual paraprofessional.
- Third-grade students have presented family tradition projects that tie in with their reading story for the week.
- Several teachers attended the ROE Teacher Appreciation Night at Castle Ridge featuring Gerry Brooks. They left this experience inspired.
- Our Reading for Education fundraiser, sponsored by the Jordan PTO, kicked off on Tuesday, September 7th, and will conclude on Monday, September 20th. Students will receive a prize if they bring back the secret code.
- The Centralia Rotary Club purchased new dictionaries for all 3rd-grade students!
- Those students in each classroom earning the most positive Class Dojo points are being recognized weekly as the "Dojo Leader of the Week". Students have the opportunity to use their positive Class Dojo points to purchase items from our new Dojo cart.
- We will begin a Krispy Kreme fundraiser on September 20th and it will conclude on September 30th.

Central Middle School:

- CMS has committed to focusing on the district goals and filtering all decisions for staff and students through these goals. Teachers did a gallery walkthrough of examples and non-examples of high-achieving, student-centered, engaging classrooms, that they created. Dr. Hill then sends out a weekly highlight email of pictures and commentary that display teachers who are doing things that embody this initiative.
- Each classroom has started the implementation of zones of regulation. The goal is to have students monitor their own behaviors and move successfully throughout the zones while recognizing the size of problems and determining if the reaction to the problem was appropriate for the response.
- CMS has created a goal to lessen administrative involvement in discipline issues that should be considered as teacher managed behaviors versus administrative

managed behaviors. Teachers have received the CMS Behavior T-chart that clearly outlines those behaviors that fall under each category.

- Met and created the calendar for grade level meetings (fourth and fifth), SPED meetings, and BLT meetings.
- Dr. Hill met with ULLC and Mrs. Becker and set the dates for meeting with the Sweep Team. This team will meet at Jordan school on September 16th at 12:30 p.m. to discuss how we will begin implementing Shared Reading with fidelity. In addition, we will begin leveling our students in reading to gain a more accurate reading placement level. On September 30th and October 1st, the two ULLC coaches will work with each teacher to model what a shared reading session will look like.
- CMS has decided to continue our weekly random iReady drawings. Students who achieve 75% will receive one iReady buck to enter into the drawing. Students who achieve 100% will receive two iReady bucks to enter into the weekly drawing. The focus is to encourage students to complete the iReady lessons with fidelity.
- CMS has completed the first iReady diagnostic and students have been placed in iReady groups and will begin moving to their designations on September 13th. The focus of this round of RtI will be separation by math deficiencies.

CJHS:

- We are so excited that students are back in person. Students are enjoying social time and getting to departmentalize throughout the day.
- IAR and iReady data has been used to create RtI groups to work on student improvement and student acceleration. We will not only be working on deficit skills, but we will also be working on accelerating students to grow above grade level.
- Homework Help is a new program we have implemented to help students complete assignments without a punitive consequence. If students have a missing assignment, they go receive help at recess to understand the concept or just have support while completing the assignment. This takes the place of Friday night detention and provides immediate support, so students do not fall behind. Our instructional teacher and Title paraprofessionals have been running this program and doing a great job.
- Focus on Student Engagement- Teachers are doing a great job implementing new techniques for student engagement. They are researching and sharing strategies to help students stay more engaged during their lessons.
- Mrs. Winchester, our instructional teacher, has been utilized in several teachers' classrooms as someone to co-teach, help plan or come up with activities to increase student engagement. Many teachers are requesting to have her in class for the above reasons. She has been an asset to our building and our goals.

- Mrs. Miller and Mr. Hocking were hired to be our Title paraprofessionals. They have been pushing into classrooms to support students and teachers. Mrs. Miller has also been working to translate materials to help our Spanish speaking students be more successful in class.
- Our teacher highlight this week went to Mrs. Hollenkamp. During her lessons, she pre-teaches expectations and is positive with all students. Her lesson kept students fully engaged and allowed all students to have a voice while annotating a passage. She is doing great things at CJHS!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board President Johnson distributed current board committee assignments, asking for input from board members.

MOTION #25:

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

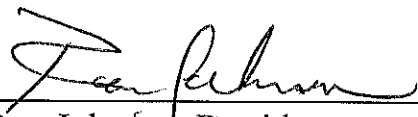
Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

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WILLIAMS...	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
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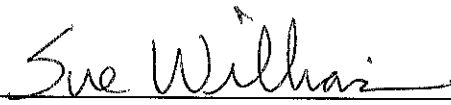
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WILLIAMS...	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HARLAN	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
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MARTIN	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
DODSON	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
GROSS	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
Sue Williams, Board Secretary

APPROVED:



Ron Johnson, President



Sue Williams, Board Secretary