

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 Tuesday, December 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, Devon Jones

Board President Johnson called the regular meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

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 6:05 p.m.

Reconvened to open session at 7:08 p.m.

MOTION #2:

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

1. Approval of minutes of regular meeting held on Tuesday, November 9, 2021.
2. Approval of bills in the amount of \$1,066,435.74.
3. Approval of December payroll.
4. Approval of the destruction of closed session verbatim tapes from meetings held during and before June 2020 and to keep closed session minutes closed.

Motion Carried.

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

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

1. The Budget Committee summarized the proposed tax levy.
2. Board members who attended the recent Joint Conference shared their experiences.

CURRICULUM REPORT

1. Mrs. Becker reported on behalf of Mrs. Graham concerning the district library. Improvements and a return to normalcy were appreciated by the librarian.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION #4:

It was moved by Gross and seconded by Martin to approve the 2021 Tax Levies. Motion carried.

MOTION #5:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Bauer to table the first reading of the PRESS Policy Updates. Motion carried.

MOTION #6:

It was moved by Martin and seconded by Dodson to employ Ron Brothers as a bus driver. Motion carried.

MOTION #7:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Bauer to employ Chris Ray as a bus monitor. Motion carried.

MOTION #8:

It was moved by Harlan and seconded by Gross to employ James LaBella as a bus monitor. Motion carried.

MOTION #9:

It was moved by Martin and seconded by Bauer to employ Karen Snyder as a bus monitor. Motion carried.

MOTION #10:

It was moved by Harlan and seconded by Dodson to employ Hannah Offret as Individual Paraprofessional. Motion carried.

MOTION #11:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Gross to employ Melody Whritenour as Individual Paraprofessional. Motion carried.

MOTION #12:

It was moved by Martin and seconded by Dodson to employ Kristi Jarvais as a cook. Motion carried.

MOTION #13:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Martin to accept the resignation letter of Rachel Mosbarger as 8th Grade History Teacher. Motion carried.

MOTION #14:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Gross to approve the Resolution abating a portion of the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2021 to pay debt service on General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2019, 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 Data

- Schiller: 100% parents contacted
- Jordan: 100% parents contacted
- Central: 98% parents contacted
- CJHS: 96% parents contacted

2. Building Celebrations:

Schiller:

- Schiller students celebrated Hispanic Heritage month by each class reading and studying about the Hispanic culture. I even heard some classrooms learning words in Spanish with a Zoom Pal Ms. Martina! All classrooms followed up with an art project to display in the hallways.
- Students enjoyed a pumpkin patch brought to us in our own backyard! Weather prevented us from going on our field trip but the pumpkins were brought to us. Students walked the "patch", picked out a pumpkin to take home, and completed a book report with it. Pumpkins were decorated like their favorite character from their book and displayed in the hallways. Students were also treated to special made pumpkin cookies and activities.
- First-grade students enjoyed learning about pumpkins and the life cycle. Students even helped make pumpkin pudding! The building smelled delicious.
- Schiller School hosted our Spooktacular outside. Students and their families walked around the bus circle trick-or-treating in their costumes. When finished, they were invited to shop at the Scholastic Book Fair in the gym. Lots of fun was had by all!
- Parents attended parent-teacher conferences Thursday evening and Friday morning. We were excited to share awesome reports with parents about their children.
- Balanced Literacy has started school-wide and the students are really responding to it! Students are already moving up levels on their literacy skills.
- Students completed iReady progress monitoring and many have grown in both reading and math substantially.
- Many classrooms have started small math groups with their students. The students have really responded to it and loved the centers.

Jordan:

- Teachers and their students helped spread Halloween Cheer by surprising classes with a special treat and a note to “Boo” another class. Every class got “Boo’ed” during the month of October.
- Students learned about fire safety from the Centralia Fire Department during Fire Prevention Week. On Tuesday, October 5th, faculty, staff, and students participated in a required fire drill with the fire department. The fire department also presented a Patches the Fire Dog assembly to 2nd grade students and gave 3rd grade students the experience of touring a simulated fire house.
- Faculty/staff and students successfully participated in our annual required law enforcement drill on Tuesday, October 12th. Prior to this drill, students viewed informational ALICE training videos prepared by Officer Denton and had important discussions in their classrooms with their teachers about procedures.
- Faculty/staff and students participated in Red Ribbon Week activities during the last week of October. Our theme for the week was “Drug Free Looks Like Me”. Themed days included, “I Mustache You to Not Do Drugs/Red Day”, “Put Drugs to Sleep”, “Say Boo to Drugs”, and “Your Future Is Free To Be Who You Want to Be”.
- Close to 400 people attended our annual “HALL”-o-ween Spooktacular”. This event, sponsored by our Title I program, allowed students to safely trick or treat outdoors around our circle drive. Faculty/staff and various local organizations (Jordan PTO, Foundation Church, SMS Sleep Center) volunteered to distribute candy to our students and their families. All students received Halloween coloring books, pencils, and erasers compliments of the Title I program.
- Parent Teacher Conferences took place on Thursday, October 28th and Friday, October 29th. Teachers successfully completed conferences with 100% of our parents. Parents were also given an opportunity to share their “pride” with us regarding what their children have learned this year on an interactive “Jordan Parent Pride” board.
- Our After School Program began on Tuesday, November 2nd. This program will focus on reading and math skills. Three teachers will work with selected students each Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30 to 4:30 PM. Snacks and transportation is provided to those students who are participating.
- Our “Sweep Team” is currently completing a second round of running records with students to measure their reading skills and growth. Running records will be conducted by this team at the end of each quarter.
- American Education Week will be celebrated during the week of November 15th through the 19th. A Scholastic Book Fair will be held during this week. Faculty, staff, and students will be treated to “Sounds Like Science” presented by Mad Science St. Louis on Thursday, November 18th. This event will be sponsored by the Jordan PTO.
- Teachers will begin administering the 2nd iReady diagnostic test, which focuses on reading and math, on Monday, November 29th.

- We continue to work with ULLC to prepare for a balanced literacy. Teachers are successfully implementing shared reading in their classrooms and have been working diligently to implement a successful writing program for students.

Central Middle School:

BLT

- BLT met and established the parameters for the after school program. Ms. Curry worked on a template that was approved by the BLT. A teacher schedule was made and the rotation was finalized. CMS had 22 students invited to the program for the month of November. To date, 10 families have approved their student to participate for the initial day.

Red Ribbon Week

- Ms. Reid and Ms. Denton created the Red Ribbon Week Activities. Each day students and teachers participated in the costumes. Monday was rally in red, Tuesday was declaring a war on drugs (camouflage). Wednesday was team up against drugs (Favorite team jersey), Thursday was zooming away from drugs (Professional on the top, casual on the bottom). In addition, students had the opportunity to purchase halloween water and win prizes by purchasing suckers for 25 cents from the sucker tree.

Teacher Recognition

- Ms. Reid, fourth grade teacher and member of the BLT was selected by the ROE#13 to receive a scholarship to travel to Schaumburg IL on December 2nd and 3rd. The focus of the scholarship was to recognize teachers who have demonstrated a focus on student achievement and provide them with a two-day conference to assist them in furthering their impact on student achievement.

Report Cards and Parent Teacher Conferences

- Students received their first quarter report cards and families were able to either enter the building for parent/teacher conferences or meet with the teacher via zoom or phone. To date, CMS has completed the bulk of their conferences and each class is sitting at around 90-100% attendance from parents.

Drills

- CMS students participated in the Great Shake Out Tornado Drill. CMS students were successful in following the guidelines that were provided by their teacher regarding how to prepare for the unlikely event of a tornado.
- CMS also participated in the Fire Drill with the Fire Department. Students at CMS received glowing marks from the fire department for exiting the building within 40 seconds.

PBIS

- CMS students traveled to City Hope Church for a morning of movies, drinks, and popcorn for those students who had earned the privilege of attending based upon their point sheet.

ULLC

- CMS continues to use CHAMPS and Zones of Regulation to assist with student ability to manage their own behaviors.
- October 1st, teachers participated in a PD on Shared Reading and what that looks like in the classroom. Teachers have been implementing this into their classrooms as part of the balanced literacy curriculum.
- On October 6th, CMS participated in a PD on the year of the writer. Teachers were treated to a formal explanation of the standards and how the scores are accumulated. In addition, our ULLC coach provided examples of how teachers should be structuring their lessons to help students to be able to improve their scores.

Tiger Cubs of the Month

- Connor Jones and Sebastian Lance (4th grade)
- Hunter Hixson (5th grade)

I-ready Winners

- Weekly I-ready winners are selected based on their scores. 75% or better, provides a chance for one entry. 100% or better provides a chance for two entries. The weekly box continues to be full and 10 winners are awarded weekly with coupons to local restaurants and candy treats.

Body Boundaries

- CMS 4th and 5th graders participated in the Body Boundaries program through the Amy Center on October 20 and October 21st. This is the second year that the presentation has been performed virtually. The aim of the program is to provide information to students about internet safety and body safety.

CJHS:

- PBIS Celebration- Students that had 85% of their points earned the PBIS celebration. The students were able to sign up for different activities such as pumpkin painting, cookie decorating, dodgeball, and many different crafts.
- Basketball and Cheerleading have now started. We look forward to having home games in the next few weeks.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences finished up this week, and many parents attended in person, virtually, and over the phone.
- Tornado Drill & Lock Down Drills were conducted, and students and staff all did a fantastic job following proper procedures.
- Adaptive Schools Training- Several of our BLT members and administrators attended the adaptive schools training
- Gerry Brooks- Our staff got together for a fun day of listening to Mr. Brooks speak. He was able to make us laugh and helped us remember why we got into education. Our staff left rejuvenated and ready for the students to show up the next day.
- Potluck and staff celebrations- We had a potluck and activities to celebrate our staff and thank them for all of their hard work.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Administration Building will be closed over Christmas break, but Mr. Clark will be in and out of his office.

MOTION #15:

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

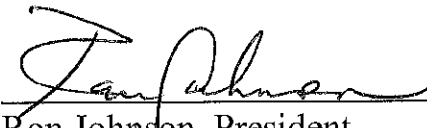
Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

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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
BAUER	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
DODSON	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

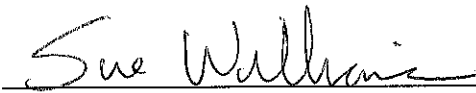
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WILLIAMS...	Y	Y
HARLAN	Y	Y
BAUER	Y	Y
MARTIN	Y	Y
DODSON	Y	Y
GROSS.....	Y	Y

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
Sue Williams, Board Secretary

APPROVED:



Ron Johnson, President



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