

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, March 08, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., in the Administration Bldg., 400 South Elm St., Centralia, IL 62801.

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

Members Absent:

Also Present: Supt. Craig E. Clark, Asst. Supt. Chris Becker, Devon Jones, and
Brittany McFall

Board President Johnson called the regular meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

MOTION #1:

It was moved by Gross and seconded by Martin to adjourn to closed session to discuss personnel matters relating to the appointment and performance of specific personnel and student discipline. Motion carried.

Adjourned to closed session at 6:04 p.m.

Reconvened to open session at 7:05 p.m.

MOTION #2:

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

1. Approval of minutes of regular meeting held on Tuesday, February 8, 2022.
2. Approval of bills in the amount of \$346,376.34.
3. Approval of March payroll.
4. Approval of taking bids for the 2022-2023 school year at the May meeting for bread, food, and milk.

Motion Carried.

MOTION #3:

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

RECOGNITION AND COMMENTS FROM EMPLOYEES AND PUBLIC

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

CURRICULUM REPORT

1. Mrs. Becker reported that end-of-year assessments have been scheduled, and plans for summer school have begun. On recent visits, representatives from ULLC and Mrs. Casey Wills, the Illinois Empower Coordinator, were complimentary about the

work they saw from faculty, staff, and students. Training and implementation of balanced literacy will be completed in other district buildings next year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION #4:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Bauer to approve the 2022-2023 School Calendar. Motion carried.

MOTION #5:

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Martin to schedule the Eighth Grade Graduation program for Tuesday, May 17, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried.

MOTION #6:

It was moved by Gross and seconded by Martin to accept the resignation of Michael Honerkamp Fourth Grade Teacher effective at the end of the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried.

MOTION #7:

It was moved by Harlan and seconded by Dodson to accept the resignation of Jamie Winters, Speech Pathologist effective at the end of the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried.

MOTION #8:

It was moved by Martin and seconded by Harlan to employ Alexis Knox as Speech Language Pathologist for the 2022-2023 school year. Motion carried.

MOTION #9:

It was moved by Martin and seconded by Harlan to employ Lucas Krutsinger as Boys' Eighth Grade Track Coach for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried.

MOTION #10:

It was moved by Gross and seconded by Bauer to employ Heather Wehking as Mental Health Support Assistant at Jordan School. Motion carried.

MOTION #11:

It was moved by Harlan and seconded by Gross to employ Jill Williams as Mental Health Support assistant at Schiller School.

MOTION #12:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Martin to employ Martha Gray as Individual Paraprofessional at Schiller School.

MOTION #13:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Martin to approve a three-year contract extension with Dean of Students, Wendy Jourdan.

MOTION #14:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Gross to approve Glass and Shuffett, LTD to perform the annual audit.

MOTION #15:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Bauer to approve the purchase of new band uniforms at \$48,039.45.

MOTION #16:

It was moved by Harlan and seconded by Gross to approve a Resolution approving winning e-rate bids from Clearwave and Charter Spectrum for fiber and internet services.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Supt. Clark reported on the following:

1. Building Celebrations
2. Other

Schiller:

- Students were treated to two assemblies in February with Bobby Norfolk and Mama Katambwa visiting. The stories were entertaining and interactive with lessons to be learned.
- Students enjoyed celebrating and studying Black History Month by each classroom choosing an important figure to study. Teachers incorporated learning around their figure in reading, language, writing, etc. The conclusion to our studies was the first-ever Family Museum Night at Schiller School. Students showcased the projects they have been working on for their family, friends, and community to come to see. On display were poems, artwork, videos of students reading their self-made poems, videos making connections with their figures, STEM activities, and interactive projects that parents were able to take part in. With over 180 visitors throughout the night, it was a great success!!!
- Students participated in a coloring contest with the Centralia Youth Center with four winners being announced. We thank the CYC for allowing us to take part in this contest with our students winning great prizes.
- Students enjoyed their Valentine's Day parties in their classrooms at the end of the day on Valentine's Day. Students enjoyed many treats that were donated by parents,

giving a new meaning to Sugar Them Up and Send Them Home! Thank you parents for all that you do for our students.

- Staff participated in the Tri-County Institute through Zoom this year. Teachers were able to sign up for sessions that interested them and a lot of valuable information was learned and shared among staff.
- Students enjoyed celebrating Read Across America along with Dr. Seuss' birthday. Students participated in a spirit week, ending with a Good Conduct Party having Seuss-inspired snacks and activities.
- Teachers participated in the first Trading Tuesdays in March. On the first Tuesday of each month, teachers from Kindergarten and First Grade are trading classrooms for 30 minutes. Teachers enjoyed reading a book and visiting with the students. Not only do the teachers get to know students in another room, but they also get a chance to see the classroom through another teacher's eyes.
- Students participated in a tornado drill the first Tuesday of the month as spring quickly approaches. Students and staff did a fantastic job taking cover.
- ULLC coaches as well as the ISBE representative visited. The coaches continued to train teachers and admin and praised staff for continuing to do a great job. ISBE was also impressed with the hard work of the school staff and the difference they are making in such a short amount of time that balanced literacy has been implemented.

Jordan:

- Students successfully completed a severe weather drill on Tuesday, February 1st. This was the last of our required emergency drills for the school year.
- In honor of Black History Month, professional storytellers, Mary Lu Bretch and Carole Shelton, presented two assemblies to our students that were filled with stories and information on famous African-Americans! These assemblies were funded by the Jordan P.T.O.
- Students who participated in a Black History Month coloring contest, sponsored by the Centralia Community Youth Center. Four of our students received Wal-Mart gift cards for their efforts.
- We celebrated Valentine's Day with classroom parties and activities on Monday, February 14th.
- Teachers attended the virtual Tri-County Institute on Friday, February 18th. Feedback was very positive regarding the sessions that teachers attended throughout the day.
- A Good Conduct Party was held on Thursday, February 17th, for those students exhibiting good behavior! Students were treated to the viewing of "Ron's Gone Wrong" (a movie about the dangers of social media for kids), and a snack in the gym! Those students not attending the party worked on activities for Random Acts of Kindness Day!

- Mrs. Foley, our Mental Health Support Counselor, concluded her monthly social-emotional learning lessons with our students. These included an interactive “Kindness Escape Room” for students. In March, Mrs. Foley will present the book, “Spoons Story” and related activities relating to self-worth.
- A U.S. Presidents Celebration Week was held from Monday, February 21st - Friday, February 25th! Students brought Lincoln pennies in during this week and during the first week of March. Pennies will be used to purchase classroom supplies. The classroom that collects the most pennies will receive a pizza party!
- Students participated in 2-22-22 activities including Taco Tuesday, 2 digit math problems, writing about their life in 22 years from now, writing their spelling words in the shape of a 2, and guess who is 2 activities.
- Read Across America Week was celebrated on Monday, February 28th - Friday, March 4th. Our theme was “Celebrating a Nation of Diverse Readers”. Each day, guest readers streamed into the classrooms and read books to students. Readers included Mr. Bland, Mrs. Becker, Mr. Clark, Dr. Hill, and Mrs. Jourdan.
- Kathy Kubic and Dianna Stroehecker, from ULLC, visited on Wednesday, March 3rd, and gave teachers an introduction and overview of our balanced literacy plan for the upcoming school year.
- On Thursday, March 4th, Kathy Kubic and Diane Chalberg, from ULLC, visited classrooms and observed shared reading activities.
- Mrs. Schwartz received a \$100.00 grant from Student treasures Publishing after her class participated in the publishing of a book this year containing their original stories and illustrations.
- Girls on the Run, coached by Mrs. Laurie Miller, will begin their spring 2022 season on Thursday, March 10th at Jordan Elementary School. This program will teach girls how to set goals, build confidence, and create strong connections with their peers, coaches, and community. Participants will include girls in grades 3-5. Mrs. Miller will be assisted by Ms. Stinde, and Ms. McMillan.
- Third-grade teachers are working to better prepare students for the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR). Testing in our building is for the week of March 14th - March 18th. 2nd-grade students will create motivational posters to hang in the hallways during the testing week to show their support for 3rd-grade students.

Central Middle School:

After School program

- The after school program continues to meet with students on Tuesdays and Thursdays. CMS completed one monthly session and re-opened participation for new and returning students.

Year of the Writer

- Dr. Kubic followed up with CMS educators with strategies to help our students become proficient writers. ULLC also identified two teachers (Ms. Johnston and Ms.

Helm) who have both demonstrated excellence in delivering shared reading to our students. Shared reading is a part of our balanced literacy program.

Agriculture Program

- CMS students continue to participate in the agriculture program. The aim of the program is to introduce students to new food items that they may otherwise not be familiar with. Every week, students receive a fruit or vegetable delivered to their classroom along with a write up.

Swimming Lessons at the Rec Complex

- Fifth grade students have started swimming lessons at the rec center. Coupled with the swim lessons have been water safety lessons. Two classes have completed the program. The second round of lessons for fifth graders is scheduled to begin at the start of March.

2/2/22 and 2/22/22 (Twos-day)

- 2/22/22 was one of two unique celebratory days that don't happen often. On 2/2/22, students were set to wear tutus, ties, and tennis shoes. Unfortunately due to inclement weather, the festivities kicked off on 2/22/22 with tutus, ties, tennis shoes, taco Tuesday and the CMS team of teachers enjoyed a taco bar with all the fixings and dessert and drinks along with costumes to celebrate Twos-day.

Black History Month

- CMS school students received biographical information on an integral African-American contributor to American History daily. Students participated in a school-wide phone-in contest and the winning class received treats.
- Students participated in a coloring contest presented by the Centralia Youth Center. Winners received a gift card that will be presented on Friday March 4th, 2022.

Cubs of the Month

- The cubs of the month enjoyed a luncheon and had their pictures posted on the school FB page. We are super proud of our Cubs and the way they display the Tiger Cub traits: ready, responsible, and respectful.
 - 4th grade: Bella Johnson and Jukye Pryor
 - 5th grade: Allisyn Murphy and Nikolas Githens

PBIS Celebration

- On February 17th, CMS students celebrated their mid-term points by selecting a movie of their choosing and having snacks.

Running Records Sweep

- Ms. Hutton has completed the running record sweep and she reports that; she has seen growth in many students. One student, Jukye Pryor tested out of his grade level for reading proficiency and demonstrated an “exceeds standards” for leveled reading.

CJHS

- Black History Month was celebrated the entire month of February. Essays were written about famous and influential individuals and students participated in weekly trivia for prizes.
- Our students and staff did a wonderful job during e-learning days. They stayed connected and completed all necessary work.
- Our PAC committee sold Crush soda to celebrate Valentine's Day. Our students enjoyed being able to celebrate their friendships through this activity.
- Mrs. Unverfehrt has been running yoga on Monday's after school to help our staff decompress and focus on mind and body.
- We had a movie day for our PBIS celebration. This was for students who met their behavior goals.

Soar:

- 8th grade attended the Centralia Chamber of Commerce Luncheon in February. They will also be working with the Middle School as Reading Buddies in the near future. 8th grade will also start an art project this month that they will teach to the 6th grade in April; this project is being coordinated by Kathy Donnelly and a group of volunteers.
- Malaya Downey, Asst. Director of the Chamber did a presentation for all the SOAR Students
- Three days were spent learning and practicing calligraphy. The 8th Grade used calligraphy to write thank you notes to the Chamber of Commerce.
- For Mardi Gras students ate King Cake and learned about Mardi Gras history and similar celebrations around the world.
- SOAR students ate Paczki (punch key) donuts, an Easter/Lent Polish tradition and learned about the connections of Polish culture and Illinois. We also discussed Casimir Pulaski. And discussed the traditions of holidays around the world.
- Students learned about Chinese New Year and selected a Chinese name
- 6th grade SOAR is currently learning about heraldry and researching their family coat of arms.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The ROE is sponsoring a dinner for school board members on Tuesday, April 26th in Carlyle.

MOTION #17:

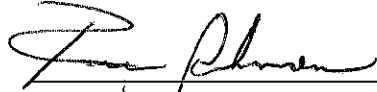
It was moved by Martin and seconded by Dodson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

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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
BAUER	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
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



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