

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, January 11, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., in the Administration Bldg., 400 South Elm St., Centralia, IL 62801.

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

Members Absent: Renae Bauer

Also Present: Supt. Craig E. Clark, Asst. Supt. Chris Becker, Devon Jones,  
Austin Williams

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

MOTION #1:

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

Adjourned to closed session at 6:03 p.m.

Reconvened to open session at 7:09 p.m.

Mr. Gross arrived at 6:55 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, December 14, 2021.
2. Approval of bills in the amount of \$426,625.44.
3. Approval of January payroll.

Motion Carried.

MOTION #3:

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

RECOGNITION AND COMMENTS FROM EMPLOYEES AND PUBLIC

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

1. The Policy Committee met recently to review PRESS Policy Updates, Mr. Clark reported on the committee meeting.

CURRICULUM REPORT

1. Mrs. Becker reported about recent iReady testing, ULLC coaches visits, and the implementation of balanced literacy. District instructional coaches continue to work with new teachers and others who request their assistance.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A first reading was held for the following PRESS Policy updates:

2:20 Powers and Duties of the School Board; Indemnification; 2:105 Ethics and Gift Ban; 2:110 Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board Officers; 2:120 Board member Development; 2:260 Uniform Grievance Procedure; 3:40 Superintendent ; 3:50 Administrative Personnel Other Than the Superintendent; 3:60 Administrative Responsibilities of the Building Principal; 4:60 Purchases and Contracts; 4:120 Food Services; 4:160 Environmental Quality of Buildings and Grounds; 4:165 Awareness and prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Grooming Behaviors; 4:170 Safety; 4:175 Convicted Child Sex Offender; Screening; Notifications; 5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment; 5:20 Workplace Harassment Prohibited; 5:30 Hiring Process and Criteria; 5:50 Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace; Tobacco Prohibition; 5:90 Abused and Neglected Child Reporting; 5:100 Staff Development Program; 5:120 Employee Ethics; Conduct; and Conflict of Interest; 5:125 Personal Technology and Social Media; Usage and Conduct; 5:150 Personal Records; 5:185 Family and Medical Leave; 5:20 Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal; 5:220 Substitute Teachers; 5:250 Leaves of Absence ; 5:330 Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays and Leaves; 6:15 School Accountability ; 6:20 School Year Calendar and Day; 6:50 School Wellness; 6:60 Curriculum Content; 6:120 Education of Children with Disabilities; 6:180 Extended Instructional Programs; 6:340 Student Testing and Assessment Program; 7:10 Equal Educational Opportunities; 7:20 Harassment of Students Prohibited; 7:30 Student Assignment and Intra-District Transfer; 7:60 Residence; 7:70 Attendance and Truancy; 7:80 Release Time for Religious Instruction/Observance; 7:150 Agency and Police Interviews; 7:160 Student Appearance; 7:180 Prevention of the Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment; 7:190 Student Behavior; 7:200 Suspension Procedures; 7:210 Expulsion Procedures; 7:240 Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities; 7:250 Student Support Services; 7:260 Exemption from Physical Education; 7:290 Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention; 7:310 Restrictions on Publication; Elementary Schools; 7:340 Student Records; 7:345 Use of Educational Technologies; Student Data Privacy and Security; 8:100 Relations with Other Organizations and Agencies.

## NEW BUSINESS

### MOTION #4:

It was moved by Martin and seconded by Dodson to accept the resignation of Ruth Lavin, Bus Driver. Motion carried.

### MOTION #5:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Martin to accept the resignation of Jodi Smith, Bus Driver. Motion carried.

MOTION #6:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Gross to accept the retirement letter of Tanga Coffey, Junior High Cook, effective Dec 31, 2021. Motion carried.

MOTION #7:

It was moved by Martin and seconded by Harlan to employ Tessa Reves as 8<sup>th</sup> Grade History Teacher. Motion carried.

MOTION #8:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Gross to transfer Tammy McClellan from Kindergarten Teacher to Early Childhood Teacher. Motion carried.

MOTION #9:

It was moved by Martin and seconded by Dodson to transfer Mia Debernardi, Instructional Support Teacher to Kindergarten Teacher. Motion carried.

MOTION #10:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Martin to dismiss LaSheda Croft as bus monitor. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Supt. Clark reported on the following:

1. Mr. Clark and Mrs. Becker met with union representatives recently to establish committees to address areas of concern and for planning purposes.

2. Building Celebrations:

Schiller:

- Our December GCP consisted of Schiller students "Decking the Halls" for the holidays.
- Students enjoyed shopping for their families in Santa's Workshop.
- Our Christmas program was a great success! - Shout out to Witges for doing an amazing job with our students!
- Students were treated with a trolley ride through Fairview Park with a special visitor at the fire station! Shout out to Mr. Butch Mathis for everything! While students waited their turn for the trolley ride, they were treated to a reading of The Polar Express and enjoyed smores.
- Santa and Mrs. Claus stopped by the school to visit students and take pictures with those who wanted.
- The Mad Scientist came to Schiller School where she performed two assemblies for our students. The students loved watching the experiments and learning about science.

- BLT has been focusing and discussing changes to our school-wide positive behavior initiatives.
- ULLC has been here demonstrating Guided Reading with our students for our staff and meeting with our sweep team.
- Schiller School staff has done Secret Santa as a fun activity to reduce a little stress during this busy time of year.
- The hallway was full of disguised turkeys escaping Thanksgiving dinner. The students looked great as they used their imagination to disguise them.
- First grade had a visit from the Organ Wise presenter.

#### Jordan:

- Our Schiller/Jordan Christmas Program was held at City Hope Church on Friday, December 17th, and was a big success. Students, under the direction of our classroom music teacher, Mrs. Witges, presented an excellent performance filled with holiday songs. A special thanks to City Hope for allowing us to use the auditorium and for providing personnel to run the soundboard and live stream the program on our district Facebook page.
- In place of a gift exchange this year, students brought non-perishable food items to school for those in need. Over 1,000 food items were collected. Mrs. Stroud's classroom brought in over 300 of these items and will receive a pizza party from Mr. Bland. These items helped to fill the shelves of the Home to School Connection in our district, and the CCBA Food Pantry also received a truckload of these items to distribute to the community.
- Students completed the second diagnostic iReady testing prior to Christmas Break. These tests allow us to continue to measure and monitor student growth in reading and mathematics.
- Mr. Bland has been in classrooms observing shared reading. Teachers are successfully implementing this part of the balanced literacy program which will be fully implemented next school year. Teachers also received new easels from the district that they can use to display big books during literacy times.
- Our monthly RtI meetings were held on Thursday, January 6th. During these meetings, student progress, possible interventions, and future plans of action were discussed. The meetings were led by our RtI team consisting of Mrs. Jodie Witzel, Ms. Kim Owen, Mrs. Unverfehrt, and Mr. Bland and were attended by those classroom teachers who wished to discuss students at this time.
- Our After School Program resumed on Thursday, January 6th. Students are selected monthly based on their academic progress in the classroom.
- Mrs. Foley, our mental health support counselor, will again be giving classroom presentations to students this month. Her presentations will focus on empathy, inclusion, and exclusion. She will read a story to students called "The Invisible Boy",

- give a PowerPoint presentation, and will even have students conduct a science experiment that relates to these topics.
- As part of our Illinois Arts Council Grant, students will attend an assembly entitled “Art Is Everywhere” on Friday, January 14th. This assembly will be presented in the auditorium at City Hope Church. The assembly is a show about art, creativity, and inspiration. During the show, students will learn how to look at things from the creative point of view of the artist.
  - Dental Safari will provide dental cleanings and will make referrals for future dental procedures to those students who wish to receive these services on Tuesday, January 18th.
  - On Friday, January 21st, those students who exhibit good behaviors and meet the criteria will be treated to a movie at City Hope Church.
  - Jordan Elementary School will be sponsoring a Red Cross Blood drive on Thursday, January 27th from 1:00 to 5:00 PM. The Rock Church has been kind enough to let us use its facilities for this event. If you are interested in donating blood on this date, contact the Red Cross at 1-800-RED-CROSS to schedule an appointment.

#### Central Middle School:

##### **After School program**

- The after school program continues to meet with students on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Students focus on building math and reading skills while trying to bridge the gap between our learners.
- Teachers are focused on raising student reading levels in preparation for the upcoming running records sweep.

##### **Shared Reading**

- CMS teachers have been intentionally focused on implementing the Shared Reading Program. Teachers focus lessons on the learning standards and “I can statements” to move students through the lessons. Each teacher dedicates 20 minutes of their reading lesson to this skill. CMS is working toward implementing this portion of the balanced literacy program with fidelity.

##### **Cubs of the Month**

- The cubs of the month enjoyed a luncheon sponsored by Plumbers and Pipefitters 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: Ethan Bailey and Brice Timmons
  - 5th grade: Aubrey Moore and Wyatt Stokes

##### **Holiday Program and Christmas Activities**

- On December 7th, CMS participated with CJHS to perform our Holiday Program. The fourth and fifth grade students practiced and learned a total of 11 songs that they performed during the concert. The concert was a huge success and was the first such program of that magnitude since the 2019- 2020 school year.

- CMS participated in the second annual Holiday Scavenger Hunt. Mr. Lambert and Ms. Denton hid items throughout the school and each class participated as a team. Videos and pictures were posted to the CMS FB page.
- CMS participated in the eight days of Christmas. Each day, the students were able to wear a festive item (ugly sweater, tree topper, holiday socks, etc.).
- CMS teachers enjoyed a day of fun and fellowship on the final Monday before break. A potluck (COVID) safe meal was enjoyed by all.

**I-ready Winners and Diagnostics**

- CMS completed their second I-ready diagnostic. The purpose of the diagnostic was to measure student growth from the first diagnostic held earlier in the year. The results from the diagnostic position allow students to participate in lessons that are specific to improving deficit areas.
- Students at CMS continue to work toward being i-ready winners by completing I-ready lessons daily during RtI. To date, 10 students have been awarded weekly since school began in August.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOTION #15:


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


Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED  
Sue Williams, Board Secretary

APPROVED:

  
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Ron Johnson, President

  
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Sue Williams, Board Secretary