

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, May 10, 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, Lyle Gross  
Derek Harlan, Jeremy Martin and Sue Williams

Members Absent:

Also Present: Supt. Craig E. Clark, Asst. Supt. Chris Becker, Steven Stilt  
Elizabeth Hollenkamp, Jordan Queen, Mike Cooley,

Board President Johnson called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

MOTION #1:

It was moved by Gross and seconded by Martin to adjourn to closed session to discuss personnel matters. Motion carried.

Adjourned to closed session at 6:01 p.m.

Reconvened to open session at 7:03 p.m.

Mr. Queen and Mrs. Hollenkamp signed their employment contracts.

MOTION #2:

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

1. Approval of minutes of regular meeting held on Tuesday, April 12, 2022.
2. Approval of bills in the amount of \$948,508.55.
3. Approval of May payroll.
4. Abolishment of the Working Cash Fund and the transfer of the fund balance to the Education Fund. Motion Carried.

MOTION #3:

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

RECOGNITION AND COMMENTS FROM EMPLOYEES AND PUBLIC

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

## CURRICULUM REPORT

1. Mrs. Christina Becker reported on the school improvement plans for each district building, including goals for improving reading scores, implementing CHAMPS, and other goals specific to each building's needs.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### NEW BUSINESS

#### MOTION #4:

It was moved by Bauer and seconded by Dodson to accept the two-year bid from Prairie Farms for milk for the 2022-2023 school year. Motion carried.

#### MOTION #5:

It was moved by Harlan and seconded by Dodson to accept the bid from Kohls for food for the 2022-2023 school year. Motion carried.

#### MOTION #6:

It was moved by Martin and seconded by Harlan to accept the bid from S and L for bread for the 2022-2023 school year. Motion carried.

#### MOTION #7:

It was moved by Martin and seconded by Bauer to accept the resignation of Anika Tyson as paraprofessional at Centralia Junior High School. Motion carried.

#### MOTION #8:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Gross to accept the resignation of Reanna Hutton as 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls volleyball coach. Motion carried.

#### MOTION #9:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Martin to employ Summer School Teachers and ESPs. Motion carried.

#### MOTION #10:

It was moved by Martin and seconded by Dodson to employ Lucas Krutsinger as Boys Cross Country Coach. Motion carried.

#### MOTION #11:

It was moved by Harlan and seconded by Gross to employ Amber Coker as Girls Cross Country Coach. Motion carried.

MOTION #12:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Gross to employ Nicole Sandahl as Central School Cross Categorical Teacher. Motion carried.

MOTION #13:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Martin to employ Stacey Woodrome as Kindergarten Teacher. Motion carried.

MOTION #14:

It was moved by Martin and seconded by Harlan to employ Lissa Speiser as First Grade Teacher. Motion carried.

MOTION #15:

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Dodson to grant a maternity leave to employee #1633. Motion carried.

MOTION #16:

It was moved by Bauer and seconded by Dodson to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to prepare a Tentative School District Budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year with the Hearing for said budget to be set for the Board Meeting on September 13, 2022. Motion carried.

MOTION #17:

It was moved by Martin and seconded by Bauer to approve the purchase of library furniture from Virco (State Bid Holder) at a price of \$130,839.80. Motion carried.

MOTION #18:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Bauer to approve the purchase of bathroom stall partitions for Jordan School at a cost of \$12,157.67. Motion carried.

MOTION #19:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Bauer to approve the District Discipline Improvement Plan. Motion carried.

MOTION #20:

It was moved by Harlan and seconded by Martin to approve the School Improvement Plans for Schiller School, Jordan School, and Centralia Junior High School. Motion carried.

### MOTION #21:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Bauer to approve the Health Life Safety Study for Schiller School, Jordan School, and Centralia Junior High School.

Motion carried.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Supt. Clark reported on the following:

1. CJHS Graduation will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022
2. Building Celebrations
3. Other
  - a. Solar update for Jordan and Schiller. The RFP/bid process is going as planned.
  - b. The November 8<sup>th</sup> board meeting is on a holiday (Election Day) and may need to be rescheduled.

### Schiller:

- Our first Earth Day celebration at Schiller school was a great success thanks to CORHS students, our itinerant staff, paraprofessionals, and teachers. We had 6 different stations for both kindergarten and 1st grade of which each classroom teacher was in charge of demonstrating or leading. We also were graced with presentations from Graphic Printing and Ameren. Graphic Printing brought trees for the students to plant and Ameren's representative spoke to the children about electricity safety and gave them hats, coloring books, and plantable wildflower bracelets. The students had a great time spending their day outside learning about our earth!
- Many of the first-grade classrooms have been watching their classroom caterpillars develop cocoons, and hatch into beautiful butterflies! Many activities have taken place as students learn all about the transformation process.
- Asian and Pacific Islander history month is currently being celebrated this month. Students are learning about important Asians that have made a difference. Students are also enjoying learning about the heritage through art, history, and even food.
- Trading Tuesdays have continued in the classrooms as kindergarten and first-grade teachers trade classrooms for half an hour the first Tuesday of the month. Students enjoy getting to know other teachers in the building.
- Students enjoyed hunting Easter eggs before spring break. We thank all of our parents and staff for sending in stuffed eggs and all of our staff families that helped hide the eggs.
- Schiller School hosted our spring book fair with nearly selling out of all of our books!
- Students completed their last iReady diagnostic and we are so proud of our students for the amount of success they have made this year and the staff that have gone above and beyond to teach them!

- Students started our A-Z countdown again this year. Activities have been planned for each day of school until the last day. Students are having a blast with the activities from lollipop day to noodle necklace day!
- Schiller School hosted their 8th spring carnival this year. Attendance was through the roof! It was great seeing our students and families out again, enjoying time together and having fun playing games.
- April GCP had students eating popcorn and enjoying the movie Encanto in the gym. The students wowed us with their singing of all of the songs!
- ULLC continued guided reading visits/observations with excellent feedback 😊 Teachers from Jordan School visited classrooms to see guided reading in action to give them a visual of how it is implemented. It was great to hear the teachers talk about how at ease they were put by watching our teachers in action.
- F&P testing has started and our students are blowing us out of the water with their scores!
- Teachers and staff were showered with modes of appreciation - donuts, gum, lunch provided, etc. each day of the week along with a newly redesigned lounge to relax in!

#### Jordan:

- Baer (Monsanto) in Centralia provided teachers with a book, My Family's Soybean Farm, educator's guides, soybeans, potting soil, and containers for students. Students will plant their soybeans, take them home, and watch them grow.
- Students have completed the 3rd diagnostic iReady tests in reading and math. 95% of students have passed iReady instructional math lessons and 83% of students have passed iReady instructional reading lessons during the school year. 99% of 2nd-grade students have used iReady instructional lessons in reading and 100% of 3rd-grade students have used iReady instructional lessons in reading. 97% of 2nd-grade students have used iReady instructional lessons in math and 97% of 3rd-grade students have used iReady instructional lessons in math.
- Our "sweep team" administered end-of-the-school-year running records to students. Running records help to assess a student's reading progress by systematically evaluating a student's oral reading and identifying error patterns. These ongoing assessments help to identify students' strengths and weaknesses and help to track students' oral reading accuracy. This data displays significant improvement in reading levels.
- Mrs. Foley, our Mental Health Support Counselor, presented "Honesty, Gossip, and the Power of Words" to students as part of her monthly SEL classroom lessons.
- Our "ZYX Countdown" began on April 11th and will run through the end of the school year. Each day uses a letter of the alphabet that is incorporated into a themed day!

- Our Title I Family Fine Arts Festival and Jordan's Got Talent Show took place on Thursday, April 28th, and was a big success! Nearly 200 people attended this event which featured a talent show, student art galleries, and a Scholastic Book Fair. Twelve acts were featured in our talent show including vocal solos, dances, and comedy acts.
- Students who are eligible for our summer school program have been identified and parents have been notified.
- Faculty and staff were recognized during Teacher Appreciation Week! Mr. Bland purchased academic calendars for faculty and staff and everyone was treated to two luncheons compliments of the Jordan P.T.O. and Grand Canyon University represented by Mrs. Renae Bauer.
- Numerous end-of-the-school-year field trips have been planned for students. On May 3rd, Ms. Wysocki's 2nd-grade class spent the day bowling at the Salem Bowl and enjoyed lunch at Joe's Pizza. 2nd-grade students will spend May 16th at the Zone in Mt. Vernon, followed by ice cream at C-Town Twist. 3rd-grade students will spend May 17th at the NuBowl Lanes in Mt. Vernon, followed by ice cream at Yellin' Helen's in Dix.
- As part of our Illinois Arts Council Grant, Mrs. Foley, our Mental Health Support Counselor, presented a sculpture workshop to all students on Friday, May 6th. She read the book, "The Can Do Pigs", to students and then had students create a variety of animals using clay. Various faculty and staff members assisted her with this project.
- Jordan Elementary School will participate in a school-wide baseball thematic unit during the week of Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup> through Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>! The theme of baseball will be incorporated into various subject areas throughout these two weeks! Students will participate in various reading, writing, and math activities relating to the game of baseball. This concept will help to make the learning process fun for our students!
- Our After School Program will continue to meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays through Thursday, May 12th.
- The Jordan PTO will sponsor a "Spring Fling" end-of-the-school-year carnival on Friday, May 13th. This event will be held outdoors on the south side of the school building and will feature numerous inflatables, games, food, and a raffle. It will take place from 4:00 to 6:30 PM.
- Our Girls on the Run team is gearing up for the end of season 5K which will be held on May 14th at Forest Park in St. Louis. The CCS team consists of 15 girls from grades 3-5 and has been practicing since March 10th. The team practices two days a week at Jordan Elementary School. They participated in a practice 5K on April 25th at Foundation Park. All of the girls finished the race with smiles on their faces. It is such an amazing accomplishment for the girls to train and run a 5K.
- Good Conduct Parties will be held on Wednesday, May 18th. Students with excellent behavior from the 4th quarter mid-term to the end of the school year will be transported to Fairview Park where they will have the opportunity to play and receive a treat.

- On Thursday, May 19th, we will celebrate our last day of school with a Field Day/Play Day. Students will spend half of the school day participating in field events at CHS and half of the day playing on inflatables.

### Central Middle School:

#### **Cubs of the Month: April, 2022**

- **4th grade**
  - Tevin Littrell
  - Marcus Burke
- **5th grade**
  - Jesiah Jackson
  - Kenzi Palm

#### **Jordan Elementary Visit**

- Jordan elementary third graders visited CMS on Wednesday April 20th, 2022. The purpose of this visit was to calm some nerves, tour the building, meet the teachers, and provide an opportunity for students to ask questions that are specific to our building. The visit was extremely successful and the 3rd grade students asked several excellent questions.

#### **Women's Club Writing Contest**

- Zach Houser was awarded the winner in the yearly Parent of the year essay contest. The class celebrated with him reading his work while his grandfather joined via zoom. Students were treated to cupcakes and drinks in honor and celebration of their classmate being chosen. The writing was a heartfelt tribute to an obviously caring and involved grandparent.

#### **IAR Testing Completed in April**

- Students completed their IAR testing during the first week of April. There has been a tremendous focus this year on targeting the priority learning standards as well as constructing age appropriate writing using writing prompts.

#### **Third I-Ready Diagnostic**

- Students completed their third and final I-ready diagnostic. The goal is that students will use the lessons to help to bridge the gap between their peers who may be performing on grade level as well as encourage students who are testing above grade level to push themselves toward excellence.

#### **New Parent Pick Up Procedures**

- Beginning on April 8th, 2022 CMS started new parent-pick up procedures. Each family that picks up a child was provided with a placard that is to be displayed in the windshield. Any family who needs additional placards is required to come into the school and present ID to obtain another pass. Passes will only be distributed to individuals who are on the student's pick up list in Skyward. The CMS team worked swiftly to implement this new procedure after communicating with a parent.

#### **CMS Mid-Quarter PBIS Celebration: April 22nd, 2022**

- On Friday April 22nd, 2022 CMS students who had earned the requisite points were treated to popsicles and fun on the playground. Students are expected to abide by school rules and to remain in good standing behaviorally and academically. Students are given an opportunity to regain some points that may be lost.

**Marion County AITC Poster Contest-** CMS Students worked on their agriculture posters for an upcoming contest and these were submitted to the organization on April 11th, 2022.

**Swimming Lessons: April, 2022**

- The 5th grade students completed their swimming lessons on April 28th, 2022. They were trained on basic water safety techniques to both increase their chance of survival and also aid other swimmers in the event of an emergency. The final day of swimming lessons was a celebration of all that has been accomplished and a day of fun in the pool.

**Professional Development Opportunity, Tammie Henry:**

- Teachers had an opportunity to work with the district coach, Tammie Henry on Wednesday April 20th and Wednesday April 27th. The focus of the PD was to share some aspects of the Adaptive Schools Training and shore up expectations for participation during collaboration and teaming. The PD was interactive and engaging.

**Professional Development Opportunity, ULLC:**

- Teachers participated with their grade-level colleagues in a PD for guided reading and how we would begin to implement it for the upcoming school year. ULLC, Kathy Kubic provided a thorough overview of the implementation and shared a slide show depicting the set up of the classroom and the importance of using CHAMPS at each station. In addition, there was an overview of the use of the support personnel for next year.

**SOAR students visit:**

- 4th and 5th grade students visited the old state capitol building in Vandalia.

CJHS

- Judge Sanders came to speak with the 8th grade students about their futures and making positive choices to represent the community. She highlighted choices to make in order to be successful.
- We have had the opportunity to take several education field trips. Some of these include a trip to Springfield, Vandalia, Mitchell Museum, the Planetarium, the Zoo, and Carlyle Lake.
- Our 8th grade students had the opportunity to work with Child's Play Theater to learn how to create and put on a skit. Students worked with two actors during their ELA period to learn proper acting techniques. At the end of the week, students completed a final performance at the Cultural Society. They all did an amazing job and seemed to have a blast.



- Our home to school liaison partnered with Artwaves and the family of Gavin Lutz to create an Art experience for our 6th grade students. Gavin was a student of ours who lost his battle with mental health in 2017. His family donated money which allowed us to create flags through the Artwaves project. These flags were delivered to local businesses to be displayed.
- We were able to celebrate our teachers all week.
  - Monday- our PAC committee donated breakfast pizza for all of the staff.
  - Tuesday- Renee Bauer from Grand Canyon University brought pizza for our staff and gave out information to promote lifelong learning and opportunities through her organization.
  - Wednesday- we were able to treat our staff to ice cream at our new local business C-town twist.
  - Thursday- staff celebrated with a fiesta for Cinco de Mayo. They had a taco bar for lunch.
  - Friday- staff had goodies throughout the day to snack on.

We are so thankful we were able to celebrate all of our staff.
- Ms. Emrick, Mrs. Winchester, Ms. McFall and Mr. Hallam will be traveling with 35 students to Washington DC on May 11th through the 15th. Students will be traveling to many historical sites and museums.
- Graduation will take place at the Junior High on May 17th at 6 pm in Tiger Gym.
- SOAR Report
  - 6th grade SOAR worked with Mrs. White's class to raise \$950 for the World Central Kitchen's efforts to feed Ukrainian refugees. Centralia High School's Acts of Random Kindness Club heard about the project and will be visiting with both classes on May 16 to deliver another \$150 for their campaign.
  - About 12 SOAR students from 5-8 grades attended the Schiller School carnival to help run the games and activities. 6th grade also sold suckers and bracelets as part of their fundraiser.
  - On April 26, 4th-7th grade SOAR, and Mrs. Hocking's and Mrs. White's classes took a field trip to Vandalia. They visited the Old Statehouse, the National Road Interpretive Center, and the Fayette County Museum.
  - The 7th SOAR students were presenters at the Carlyle Lake Earth Day celebration. They spoke to 140 students about recycling and their efforts at the CJHS. On May 11, the same group will do their presentation at Schiller School. They'll also visit the Recycle Center and Country Bob's. Country Bob's makes their own plastic bottles using recycled plastic.
  - SOAR 8th grade assisted with the Art Waves project as mentors helping the 6th grade students make Peace flags, which will be put on display at locations throughout the city.
  - After the Art Waves project is completed SOAR students will help you deliver prayer flags to the designated locations.

- 8th grade also attended the Chamber luncheon at Castle Ridge where they heard the mayor give the State of the City address. They will wrap up their SOAR experience by sending final thank you notes to the Chamber of Commerce for their gracious sponsorship this year.
- All the SOAR students were scheduled for a field trip at Foundation Park to learn about Biodiversity. Unfortunately the stormy weather on May 6 caused that trip to be canceled...
- Mrs. White and Mr. Morris worked with their students to raise money for Ukraine. Students sold suckers at lunch and made blue and yellow bracelets. Due to these teachers and students' efforts we will be donating over \$900 to the World Kitchen.
- This quarter as a part of Rti, staff is focusing on service/school improvement projects. Teachers and students came up with different ideas to either improve the school or give back to the community.
- The Junior High is hosting the BOGO book fair the week of June 9th-13th.
- We had several students and groups advance in track. For the girls Shay Marie-Maines advances in the 100 and 200 m run. We also had our girls advance in the 4 x 200 relay.  
For our boys, our 4 x 200, 4 x 100, and 4 x 200 will all advance, along with JaShawn Staples in the 7th grade 100 m and Amonie Givens in the 8th grade 100 and 200 m dash. We are so proud of all of our athletes.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MOTION #22:

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

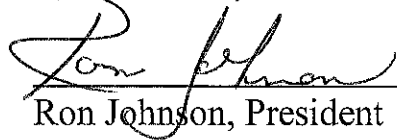
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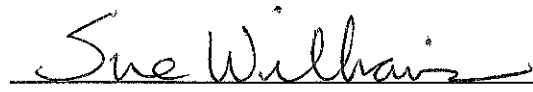
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WILLIAMS...	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HARLAN .....	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
BAUER .....	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED  
Sue Williams, Board Secretary

APPROVED:

  
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Ron Johnson, President

  
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Sue Williams, Board Secretary