

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 13, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., in the Administration Bldg., 400 South Elm St., Centralia, IL 62801.

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

Members Absent: Lyle Gross, and Renae Bauer

Also Present: Supt. Craig E. Clark, Christina Becker, Michael Cooley, Tanisha Bernard, Steven Stilt, Timothia Reid, Jil Curry, Veronica Bradley, Benjamin Watson, Rebecca Roddy, Michael Klosterman

Board President Johnson called the Truth in Taxation Hearing to order at 6:00 p.m.

Although the tax rate for tax payers has been lowered the extension was increased almost 7%. There was no public comment.

MOTION #1:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Harlan to adjourn the hearing.

Hearing adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

MOTION #2:

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

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

Reconvened to open session at 6:09 p.m.

MOTION #3:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Martin to reconvene to open session. Motion carried.

MOTION #4:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Martin to amend the agenda, moving public comment to item #2. Motion carried.

MOTION #5:

It was moved by Harlan and seconded by Dodson to refer to closed session at 6:45 p.m. Open session was reconvened at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried.

MOTION #6:

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

1. Approval of minutes of regular meeting held on Tuesday, November 09, 2022.
2. Approval of bills in the amount of \$1,168,589.06.
3. Approval of December payroll.
4. Approval of the destruction of closed session verbatim tapes from meetings held during and before June 2021 and to keep closed session minutes closed.

Motion Carried.

MOTION #7:

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

RECOGNITION AND COMMENTS FROM EMPLOYEES AND PUBLIC

1. Rebecca Roddy, parent of a 5th grade student, expressed concerns about a classmate of her son's that was displaying aggressive behaviors at school. She felt that metal detectors were needed at school to prevent weapons being brought in.
2. Mrs. Timothia Reid, 4th grade teacher, expressed concern about the "toxic learning environment" in some classrooms. She indicated that teachers are leaving the district and even the profession due to this problem. She invited board members to visit the middle school to observe the situation.
3. Mrs. Jil Curry, 5th grade teacher, expressed that the atmosphere in her classroom was positive, but some of her colleagues were not so fortunate.
4. Mr. Cooley was optimistic that alternative placements can be found for students with the most severe inappropriate behaviors.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Budget Committee – The proposed tax levy was reviewed.
2. School Board Conference Update- Board members shared information obtained from sessions they attended.

CURRICULUM REPORT

1. Mrs. Christina Becker reported that the second round of iReady testing is underway. Schiller, Jordan, and Central faculty and staff have been working hard to continue implementing balanced literacy in grades K-5. A library of lesson plan resources is also being developed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION #8:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Martin to adopt the 2022 Tax Levies.
Motion carried.

A first reading was held of the following PRESS Policies:

2:100, Board Member Conflict of Interest; 2:105, Ethics and Gift Ban; 2:150, Committees; 2:210, Organizational School Board Meeting; 2:250, Access to District Public Records; 2:265 Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure; 3:10, Goals and Objectives; 4:140, Waiver of Student Fees; 4:165, Management; 4:55, Use of Credit and Procurement Cards; 4:140, Waiver of Student Fees; 4:165, Awareness and Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Grooming Behaviors; 5:120, Employee Ethics; Code of Professional Conduct; and Conflict of Interest; 5:20, Workplace Harassment Prohibited; 5:170, Copyright; 5:190, Teacher Qualifications; 5:220, Substitute Teachers; 5:250, Leaves of Absence; 5:260 Student Teachers; 5:280 Duties and Qualifications; 5:320, Evaluation; 5:330, Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves; 6:15, School Accountability; 6:20, School Year Calendar and Day; 6:60, Curriculum Content; 6:65, Student Social and Emotional Development; 6:130, Program for the Gifted; 6:250, Community Resource Persons and Volunteers; 6:255, Assemblies and Ceremonies; 6:260, Complaints About Curriculum, Instructional Materials, and Programs; 6:270, Guidance and Counseling Program; 6:340, Student Testing and Assessment Program; ; 7:50, School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools; 7:70, Attendance and Truancy; 7:100, Health, Eye, and Dental Examination, Immunization, and Harassment; 7:250, Student Support Services; 7:285, Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response, and Management Program; 7:290, Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention; 7:340, Student Management Program; 7:290, Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention; 7:340, Student Records; 7:10-E Exhibit, Equal Educational Opportunities Within the School Community.

MOTION #9:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Harlan not to accept the resignation of Mrs. Lori Klostermann, Special Education Teacher. Motion carried.

MOTION #10:

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Dodson not to accept the resignation of Mrs. Tanisha Bernard, Kindergarten Teacher. Motion carried.

MOTION #11:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Williams to approve the resignation of Mrs. Amanda Corryel, Mental Health Support. Motion carried.

MOTION #12:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Martin to employ Mr. Guy Williams as Central Custodian. Motion carried.

MOTION #13:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Martin to approve maternity leave for employee #1707. Motion carried.

MOTION #14:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Harlan to approve the Resolution abating a portion of the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2022 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

1. Building Celebrations
2. Other

Schiller:

- Students enjoyed taking their pictures with Santa Claus himself!
- Parents and volunteers helped our students shop for their families during our Santa's Workshop.
- Fun Fridays have continued with making trail mix, and writing in shaving cream on our desks.
- Schiller School finished Body Boundaries presentations school-wide provided by SAFE.
- Dental Safari finished their second visit with our students who signed up to be seen by the dental hygienist and dentist.
- Administration completed our fall data meeting with ISBE showing advancement on our school improvement plan and test scores to date.
- KSED finished their final screenings for vision and hearing.
- American Education Week was celebrated thanks to our committee that planned fun activities throughout the week.

Jordan

- Our Title I Program hosted a “Christmas Craft Night” on Thursday, November 17th. Festivities began with Mr. Bland reading the poem, “The Night Before Christmas”. Families then had the opportunity to create three Christmas ornaments, eat Christmas cookies, drink hot chocolate, shop at our Scholastic Book Fair, and meet the Grinch who presented students with new winter gloves and hats compliments of the SSM Sleep Center! It was a great way to kick-off the holiday season!
- On Monday, November 21st and Tuesday, November 22nd, a Good Conduct Extra Play was held for student meeting the criteria for Good Conduct Party attendance:
 1. 85% positive behavior in Class Dojo.
 2. No office referrals/write-ups of any kind.
 3. No bus write-ups.
- Students continue to have the opportunity to shop in our “Class Dojo Rewards Store” at the end of each month. Positive Dojo points that students have accumulated may be used to purchase items at the end of each month. The store is stocked with the help of the Jordan PTO.
- Mrs. Wendy Jourdan and Ms. Heather Wehking, Mental Health Paraprofessional, presented their monthly lesson to students. This month’s lesson focused on “worry”. Students created “worry boxes”.
- Mr. John Osborne has joined our staff as a new individual paraprofessional.
- Several successful fundraisers have taken place over the past few months including a St. Louis Cardinals Calendar fundraiser and a Jordan School Spiritwear fundraiser. These funds will be used to provide educational opportunities for our students.
- Jolly Old St. Nick visited students on Monday, December 5th. Santa took photos with students as part of a fundraiser and then spent the remainder of the school day visiting with students in their classrooms. As always, Mrs. Stroud was our official Santa photographer.
- The Jordan P.T.O. hosted “Santa’s Kottage” in our Multipurpose Room on December 7th, 8th, and 9th. This event provided students with an opportunity to inexpensively shop for family and friends. This was not a fundraising event.
- Students participated in the collection of food items for our Home to School Program. This school-wide project helped students better understand the spirit of giving while assisting those in need. Students collected over 1,800 food items. The Home to School Program will provide a pizza party for Mrs. Stroud’s 2nd-grade classroom who collected the most items.
- Students are presently taking their 2nd iReady diagnostic test of the school year. Students will be tested in the areas of reading and math. The diagnostic assessment identifies which students are experiencing difficulties with specific skills, providing real-time, actionable data and reports to guide teachers in effective intervention.

- Our annual Schiller and Jordan Christmas Program will be held on Tuesday, December 13th, in the City Hope Church auditorium. The program will feature Christmas songs from students in kindergarten through 3rd-grade. Mrs. Angie Blair, our classroom music teacher, will direct the program.
- We will participate in our annual ROE Health/Life Safety Inspection on Thursday, December 15th. Our crisis plan has been updated on Navigate 360, and faculty/staff have been given the opportunity to familiarize themselves with its contents. Updated maps and emergency procedures have also been placed in all rooms in our building.
- On Friday, December 16th, all students will travel to the Centralia Cultural Society to attend a performance of “The Velveteen Rabbit” presented by the Bright Star Theatre of North Carolina. This event will be sponsored by our Illinois Arts in Education Grant.
- Our annual Jordan Faculty and Staff Christmas party will be held on Friday, December 16th, at Makraft Brewing Company. Faculty and staff will participate in our annual ornament exchange, and secret pals will exchange gifts. This is an excellent team-building event outside of the school setting.
- On Monday, December 19th, all students will be encouraged to wear their pajamas to school for various grade level events. 2nd-grade students will participate in a “Polar Express Day” while 3rd-grade students will have a “North Pole Breakfast” consisting of pancakes.
- Also on Monday, December 19th, Mr. Ed Hill, an accomplished saxophonist and Centralia native, (and Diane Whitelow’s brother) will present an assembly to our students. This assembly is funded through our Illinois Arts Council Grant.
- On Tuesday, December 20th, everyone will participate in an “Ugly Christmas Sweater Day”. This day is designed to be a day of light-hearted fun and a day to be yourself and not be that “buttoned-up”.
- Our After School Program continues to meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30-4:30 PM. The focus of this program is on the improvement of reading and math skills. Mrs. Ashby focuses on improving reading skills with students while Mr. Almy/Mrs. Nattier focus on improving math skills with students.
- The “Orphans in the Classroom” program will begin on Friday, January 6th. This program allows CHS student-athletes to serve as role models for students while presenting SEL-related lessons to students using literature. Every Friday, four basketball players of high character will read stories and lead classes in activities relating to the story. These stories deal with character development, positive ways to interact with peers, and good citizenship. The goal is for Jordan students to learn important life lessons from CHS athletes. Mrs. Stroud coordinates this program with Centralia Orphans Boys Basketball Coach, Lee Bennett.

Central

Cubs of the Month: November 2022 (Sponsor: T and L contracting)

• 4th grade

- Kymbree Frost
- Heaven Wallace
- Aaron Striker
- Elysa Ruiz
- Rory Guo
- Ariel Melton

5th grade

- Briella Westbrook
- Lily Nange
- Adelaide March
- Kinzley Thompson
- Haylea Shreve
- Brooklyn Stebbins

CMS Christmas Program Practice:

CMS students have been working with students from Kaskaskia College and Professor Marshall to learn and practice 7 songs for the upcoming Christmas Program. KC students have been coming to CMS every Friday for several weeks. The focus has been on exposing students to music and the arts, within the STEAM program.

After School Program:

CMS started the after-school program in November. 25 students were selected to participate and each month those students will be re-evaluated to determine their eligibility in the program. The goal of the after-school program is to bridge gaps in reading and math.

H.S. Christmas Program:

CMS fifth grade students traveled to CHS to watch a performance by the theater program. A good time was had by all.

Native American Month:

Our students celebrated Native American Heritage Month. Each day, students were treated to a biography about a famous Native American contributor to American History. The final week, students learned Native American Affirmations.

I-ready Winners:

CMS has continued to reward 5 fourth graders and 5 fifth graders weekly for their I-ready reading and math scores. Students are selected in a random drawing based on their scores submitted for the lessons.

CJHS

- CHS band and color guard put on an excellent assembly for our 6-8 grade students.
- The PAC hosted a black light dance for our 5-8 grade students.
- Ms. Snow's class made a nice Thanksgiving dinner.
- The Pawsitive committee hosted a pie-baking contest. Ms. Glenn was selected as the winner making an incredible sweet potato pie.
- CJHS kitchen was used by City Hope Church to provide over 450 meals to our community.
- Tigers of the Month were honored at an assembly and provided a pizza party for their hard work.
- PBIS Mid-Term celebration was held for students earning 95% of their points.
- The CJHS Purple Plague Scholar Bowl team was selected after a competitive tryout.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOTION #15:

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

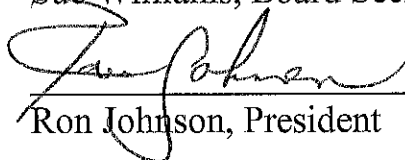
Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

MOTION #	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
JOHNSON.....	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
WILLIAMS...	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HARLAN	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
BAUER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MARTIN	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
DODSON	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
GROSS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-


MOTION #	11	12	13	14	15
JOHNSON.....	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
WILLIAMS...	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HARLAN	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
BAUER	-	-	-	-	-
MARTIN	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
DODSON	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
GROSS	-	-	-	-	-

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
Sue Williams, Board Secretary

APPROVED:



Ron Johnson, President



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