

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, February 14, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., in the Administration Bldg., 400 South Elm St., Centralia, IL 62801.

Members Present: Ron Johnson, Greg Dodson, Jeremy Martin, Sue Williams,  
Renae Bauer

Members Absent: Lyle Gross, and Derek Harlan

Also Present: Supt. Craig E. Clark, Christina Becker, Amanda Marshall,  
Steven Stilt, Jennifer Stilt

Board President Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

MOTION #1:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Martin to adjourn to closed session to discuss the appointment and performance of specific personnel, and student discipline.

Adjourned to closed session at 6:07 p.m.

Reconvened to open session at 7:14 p.m.

MOTION #2:

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

1. Approval of minutes of regular meeting held on Tuesday, January 10, 2023.
2. Approval of bills in the amount of \$399,512.38.
3. Approval of February payroll.
4. Approval of the disposal of surplus property.

MOTION #3:

It was moved by Dodson 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. Amanda Marshall presented an overview of this year at Schiller School. She reported on test scores, noting that guided reading allows for differentiated instruction. Holiday activities and a recent science night were also shared.

Cultural awareness is being emphasized along with community involvement.  
Social-emotional learning is a final component of the curriculum at Schiller.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

## NEW BUSINESS

### MOTION #4:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Bauer to employ Jennifer Woodside as paraprofessional as of September 13, 2022. Motion carried.

### MOTION #5:

It was moved by Bauer and seconded by Dodson to employ Terry Wimberly as CJHS custodian. Motion carried.

### MOTION #6:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Bauer to employ Robert Purey as bus driver. Motion carried.

### MOTION #7:

It was moved by Martin and seconded by Dodson to accept the intent to retire letter from Laveta Middleton, First Grade Teacher, at the end of the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried.

### MOTION #8:

It was moved by Bauer and seconded by Dodson to accept the intent to retire letter from Teresa Burdin, Instructional Coach, at the end of the 2026-2027. Motion carried.

### MOTION #9:

It was moved by Martin and seconded by Dodson to accept the intent to retire letter from Paula Helm, Special Education Teacher, at the end of the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried.

### MOTION #10:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Martin to accept the intent to retire letter from Krystal Hutton, Instructional Support Teacher, at the end of the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried.

MOTION #11:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Bauer not to accept the intent to retire letter from Dee Borland, Jordan Special Education Teacher, as of January 20, 2023. Motion carried.

MOTION #12:

It was moved by Martin and seconded by Dodson to accept the resignation of John Osborne, Jordan School individual paraprofessional. Motion carried.

MOTION #13:

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Dodson to accept the resignation of Mackenzie Felgenhauer, Central Middle School Mental Health Support Person. Motion carried.

MOTION #14:

It was moved by Martin and seconded by Dodson to accept the resignation of Amber Coker, CJHS Classroom Paraprofessional. Motion carried.

MOTION #15:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Bauer to accept the resignation of Morena Hopkins, Assistant Band Director. Motion carried.

MOTION #16:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Martin to accept the maternity leave request from Employee #1705. Motion carried.

MOTION #17:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Bauer to accept the maternity leave request from Employee #1727. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Semester Enrollment Report - There was a slight increase noted since the beginning of the school year. Total enrollments are as follows: Schiller, 268 students, Jordan, 218 students, CMS, 220 students, and CJHS 365 students for a total of 1071 district students.
2. Building Celebrations
3. Other

## **Schiller:**

- We have a couple of students that have been non-verbal but are now talking! We all love hearing their voices throughout the school and interacting with them!
- Students are learning about black history in their classrooms and gearing up for our museum night coming up on February 23rd from 6-7. It is a free event that is open to all to come and see the projects that our students and staff are working hard on this month.
- Parents and students came out for our Mad Scientist family night. We had a great turnout with 188 in attendance! Students learned the principles of air pressure and flight. Children saw a hot air balloon rise into the air, flying toilet paper, and even got the chance to watch a hovercraft in action!
- Schiller School is participating in the American Heart Association Kids Heart Challenge fundraiser. The Kids Heart Challenge focuses on whole-body wellness, helping students improve their own health and better their character while raising life-saving donations for the American Heart Association to help kids facing heart-health issues.
- We continue to see progress on the new gym! The interior is being painted and the basketball goals are going in this week. We cannot wait for our finished product and for the students to be able to enjoy it!

## **Jordan:**

- On Wednesday, January 4th, Miss Marion County, Delaney Kell, visited 2nd-grade classrooms and read to students.
- “Orphans in the Classroom” kicked off on Friday, January 6th, featuring four Centralia Orphans basketball players each week. Players visited classrooms and presented SEL-related lessons to our students over five weeks.
- A Jordan PTO meeting was held on Monday, January 9th, at 6:00 PM, in the school gym. The meeting focused on upcoming fundraising opportunities, our Spring Fling Carnival, and upcoming field trips. The PTO also gave teachers money to purchase supplies for their classrooms.
- Students who met the criteria for good behavior were treated to a Good Conduct Party on Thursday, January 12th. Students traveled to City Hope Church to view “The Bad Guys” on the big screen. This movie taught students that not only can they change their ways, and turn their lives around if they are going down the wrong path, but that they should never just judge people because of how they look. Students also received a snack during the movie.
- Dental Safari took place on Wednesday, January 18th. It provided students with dental examinations and cleanings.
- Internet safety presentations were given to each class by SAFE on Wednesday, January 18th and Thursday, January 19th.

- Faculty and staff participated in a “Jordan Spirit Day” on Thursday, January 19th. Everyone was encouraged to show their school spirit by wearing Jordan spirit wear or green. Faculty and staff were also given the opportunity to wear jeans on this day.
- Parents and teachers have been asked to participate in the Illinois 5Essentials Survey. This survey is designed to generate a detailed picture of the inner workings of our school. If at least 20 percent of Jordan Elementary School parents complete the Parent Survey, a parent report will be generated. If at least 50 percent of Jordan Elementary School teachers complete the Teacher Survey, a teacher report will be generated. The Illinois 5Essentials Survey for students and teachers will be conducted through March 31st.
- A Kettle Corn Fundraiser was recently held from Wednesday, January 25th, through Thursday, February 9th. This fundraiser was sponsored by the the Jordan PTO.
- An American Red Cross Blood Drive, sponsored by Jordan Elementary School, was held on Thursday, January 26th, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. Our goal was met, and we had 20 presenting donors and collected 21 total units of blood.
- In celebration of Black History Month, students participated in a coloring contest featuring famous African-Americans. This contest was sponsored by the Centralia Youth Center.
- As part of our Black History Month celebrations, students attended a performance of “Ann Bradford Stokes”, presented by storyteller and living history actor, Marlene Rivero on Tuesday, February 7th. This presentation spotlighted the first African-American woman to serve on the board of a U.S. military vessel. This performance was funded through our Illinois Arts Council Grant.
- Our “sweep team” consisting of Title I teacher, Jodie Witzel, Title I paraprofessional, Annette Nattier, and Instructional Support Teacher, Kyle Kohlmeier, have conducted our third round of Fountas and Pinnell assessments and continue to track student progress in reading fluency and comprehension.
- 2nd-grade students began swim lessons at the Centralia Recreation Complex on Wednesday, February 1st. Students in Mrs. Becker’s, Ms. DeBernardi’s, and Ms. Wysocki’s classrooms will participate in February, students in Mrs. Eversgerd’s, Mrs. Miller’s, and Mrs. Borland’s classrooms will participate in March, and students in Mrs. Stroud’s and Mrs. Witzel’s classrooms will participate in April.
- The American Heart Association’s “Kids Heart Challenge” began on Monday, February 6th. The “Kids Heart Challenge” is a fun and exciting event where students learn about their heart while raising money for the American Heart Association.
- On Friday, February 10th, “Orphans in the Classroom” concluded with an assembly presented by Coach Bennett and his Centralia Orphans basketball team. This assembly focused on hard work and achieving goals. It also featured the athletic skills of the players. Students also participated in a basketball shootout with the team.
- Spring pictures were taken on Monday, February 13th.
- On Tuesday, February 14th, Valentine’s Day was celebrated with classroom parties and Valentine Day card exchanges for students. As a team building activity, faculty/staff

celebrated an “Old Fashioned Valentine’s Day” by creating Valentine’s Day bags and depositing goodies in each faculty/staff member’s bag!

- Teachers continue to work hard to design and implement balanced literacy lessons in their classrooms.
- Our After School Program continues to meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 to 4:30 PM. Students are selected on a monthly basis depending on their academic needs and work on improving reading and math skills.

### **Central:**

#### **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 have been focused on raising student reading levels in preparation for the upcoming running records sweep to be conducted by Instructional Support Teacher, Ms. Hutton.

#### **MLK Day**

- CMS students commemorated MLK day through a series of projects and lessons. Many students colored pictures to display and several classes read about and discussed MLK and his impact on America during the civil rights movement.

#### **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: Nicholas Hodges, Serenidee Schroeder, Ciara White, Ashiah Fair, Jermaine Tabor, Kia Whitelow
  - 5th grade: Elaina Wrzesinski, Serenity Shackelford, Brooklyn Stebbins, Ethan Bailey, Sydney Towns, Holly Smith

#### **PBIS Celebration**

- On January 14th, 4th and 5th grade students had the opportunity to participate in a schoolwide BINGO event. Students must have earned enough points through practicing our cub traits; responsible, respectful, safe, and self-control (r2s2). Those students who had earned the requisite points played BINGO via zoom. It was a fun time had by all.

#### **I-ready Winners**

- 10 I-ready winners continue to be drawn weekly. Students who earn 100% on a lesson have their name entered twice in the drawing. Students who earn 75% or better have their name entered once. Students can enter an unlimited amount of time and the random drawing of 5, 4th grade names and 5, 5th grade names occurs weekly. Students receive a free meal coupon from a local restaurant and additional treats.

### **Running Records Sweep**

- Ms. Hutton is currently completing the second sweep of running records in reading. This process has allowed us to gain data on student performance in reading. The goal is to move students along and ensure that each student is reading at grade level. The data from the running records is used to help teachers determine which interventions would be needed to bridge the gap among students.

### **BLT**

- The BLT (Building Leadership Team) met to discuss a variety of building topics. The BLT serves as a liaison between the administration and the teachers. By meeting regularly, CMS ensures that teacher input is always considered when making decisions for our school.

### **Honor Roll/High Honor Roll**

- 27 fourth grade students made the honor roll for the second quarter.
- 17 fifth grade students made the honor roll for the second quarter.
- 17 fourth grade students made the high honor roll for the second quarter.
- 11 fifth grade students made the high honor roll for the second quarter.

\*\*\*CMS is especially proud of our honor roll students for the second quarter\*\*\*

### **CJHS:**

- SOAR competed in the Brain Games held by the ROE.
- Tigerettes basketball concluded their season.
- Tigerettes volleyball is underway, and they will be competing in the St. Peter Tourney.
- CJHS had over 40 8th Grade students participate in the Honors English testing for CHS.
- The Tigers JV basketball team won the Highland 7th Grade Tournament.
- 8th Grade SOAR program participated in the Centralia Chamber Luncheon.
- Scholar Bowl has started and is currently undefeated with a record of 6-0.
- 2nd Quarter PBIS party was held on January 20th for students having enough points to attend.
- Dental Safari was here to finish working with all of our students.
- Honor's Club held a trivia contest and celebrated with a pizza party.
- January Tigers of the Month were honored with a pizza party.
- Our E-learning Days were successful, with a very high percentage of our students checking in and doing their assignments.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

MOTION #18:

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

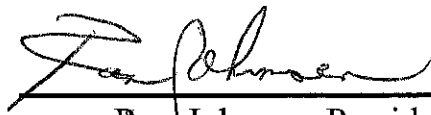
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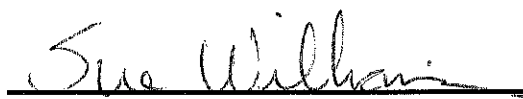
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WILLIAMS	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HARLAN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BAUER	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
MARTIN	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
DODSON	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
GROSS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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DODSON	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
GROSS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED  
Sue Williams, Board Secretary

APPROVED:

  
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Ron Johnson, President

  
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