

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 9, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., in the Administration Bldg., 400 South Elm St., Centralia, IL 62801.

Members Present: Ron Johnson, Lyle Gross, Greg Dodson, Sue Williams,
Michael Middleton, Renae Bauer (attended briefly by phone)

Members Absent: Derek Harlan

Also Present: Supt. Craig E. Clark, Christina Becker, Audrey Hill,
Steven Stilt, Jennifer Stilt, LaVita Middleton (left at 6:17 p.m.)

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m.

MOTION #1:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Gross to appoint Ron Johnson as president pro tempore. Motion carried

MOTION #2:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Middleton to elect Ron Johnson as President for a two-year term. Motion carried.

MOTION #3:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Gross to elect Derek Harlan as Vice-president for a two-year term. Motion carried.

MOTION #4:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Gross to elect Sue Williams as Secretary for a two-year term. Motion carried.

MOTION #5:

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Dodson to set the Board of Education meeting for the second Tuesday of each month starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Centralia City Schools Administration Building. Motion carried.

MOTION #6:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Gross to adjourn to closed to review personnel matters. Motion carried.

Adjourned to closed session at 6:17 p.m.
Reconvened to open session at 7:15 p.m.

MOTION #7:

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

1. Approval of Minutes of regular meeting held on Tuesday, Apr 11, 2023 .
 2. Approval of bills for \$845,383.51.
 3. Approval of May payroll.
 4. Abolishment of the Working Cash Fund and the transfer of the fund balance to the Education Fund.
 5. Approval of the final 2022-2023 School Calendar to reflect May 25, 2023 as the last day for students and May 26, 2023 as the last day for teachers.
- Motion carried.

MOTION #8:

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

RECOGNITION AND COMMENTS FROM EMPLOYEES AND PUBLIC

Mrs. Jenny Stilt thanked the Board for allowing her to intern with the Home to School Connection Program this year.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

CURRICULUM REPORT

Dr. Audrey Hill presented an overview of this year at Centralia Middle School. She described programs for the Year of the Writer, how the Reading Sweep team contributes to student achievement, balanced literacy and guided reading. Art and P.E. are also important pursuits. The SOAR gifted program and STEAM programs were also described along with special activities and field trips.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

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

2:110 Qualifications, Term and Duties of Board Officers; 3:40 - E Exhibit Checklist for the Superintendent Employment Contract Negotiation Process; 4:40 Incurring Debt; 4:60 Purchases and Contracts; 5:30 Hiring Process and Criteria; 5:90 Abuse and Neglect Child Reporting; 5:125 Personal Technology and Social Media; Usage and Conduct; 5:150 Personnel Records; 5:260 Student Teachers; 5:285 Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus and Commercial Vehicle Drivers; 6:50 School Wellness; 6:210 Instructional Materials; 6:230 Library Media Program; 8:20 Community Use of School Facilities; 8:70 Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities

MOTION #9:

It was moved by Gross and seconded by Middleton to accept the bid from Kohls for food for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried.

MOTION #10:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Gross to accept the bid from S and L for bread for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried.

MOTION #11:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Gross to accept the resignation of Teresa Myers as Bus Monitor. Motion carried.

MOTION #12:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Middleton to approve the employment of Stephanie Severs as Fourth Grade Teacher pending licensure for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried.

MOTION #13:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Middleton to approve the employment of Leslie Wall as Sixth Grade Math Teacher for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried.

MOTION #14:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Middleton to approve the employment of Nichole Hixson as CJHS Individual Paraprofessional for 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried.

MOTION #15:

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Dodson to approve the employment of Amanda Horst as CJHS Individual Paraprofessional for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried.

MOTION #16:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Middleton to approve the transfer of Jessica Hughes from Schiller P.E. to Seventh Grade ELA for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried.

MOTION #17:

It was moved by Middleton and seconded by Dodson to accept the request to rescind a letter of intent to retire from Teresa Burdin. Motion carried.

MOTION #18:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Middleton to accept the request to rescind a letter of intent to retire from Krystal Hutton. Motion carried.

MOTION #19:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Middleton to accept the request to rescind a letter of intent to retire from Paula Helm. Motion carried.

MOTION #20:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Middleton to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to prepare a Tentative School District Budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year with the Hearing for said budget to be set for the Board Meeting on September 12, 2023. Motion carried.

MOTION #21:

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

MOTION #22:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Middleton to approve Town and Country Pavement to pave and fix district asphalt at Schiller School for \$17,225.00. Motion carried.

MOTION #23:

It was moved by Middleton and seconded by Dodson to approve Town and Country Pavement to pave and fix district asphalt at Jordan School for \$20,452.00. Motion carried.

MOTION #24:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Middleton to approve Town and Country Pavement to pave and fix district asphalt at Centralia Junior High School for \$34,430.00. Motion carried.

MOTION #25:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Gross to approve the contractual agreement between the Board of Education and the Centralia Education Association - Educational Support Personnel.. Motion carried.

MOTION #26:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Gross to approve salary increases for Administration Building, Contracted Confidential Employees, and bus personnel. Motion carried.

MOTION #27:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Gross to approve a new Schiller Gym door access control panel and openers from Security Alarm at a cost of \$10,200.00. Motion carried.

MOTION #28:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Gross to approve purchasing 70 Chromebooks from the Rural and Low Income grant at a cost of \$21,000.00. Motion carried.

MOTION #29:

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Dodson to approve purchasing 6 basketball goal adjusters for Schiller School from the Rural and Low Income grant at a total cost of \$10,903.00. Motion carried

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. CJHS Graduation will be held on Tuesday, May 23rd, beginning at 6:00 p.m.
2. Building Celebrations
3. Other

Schiller:

- Students were visited by Dental Safari who performed free dental screenings and dental work for our students.
- Picture Person volunteers came to our first-grade classrooms and completed artwork with our students. Students were then bused to the Cultural Society to see their artwork on display. It was an awesome experience for our students to see not only their artwork but their classmates as well on display.
- Graphic Packaging came to our school to plant trees with our students. Each student was able to take a special tree home to plant.
- The Centralia High School band came to Schiller to perform for our students. It was so neat to see the students perform and even see some of our former students that went to school here at Schiller.
- Earth Day was celebrated school-wide with many stations and activities. Ms. Dudley coordinated with teachers and staff to provide stations for the students that included: a scavenger hunt, planting grass people, Earth Day bingo, earth painting, and more. Centralia Junior High School Soar students and Christ Our Rock seniors came to man the stations and help the students.
- ABC countdown is on! Each day we have a special activity for our students. K day was celebrated with kindness towards others as well as KC day. The Kaskaskia College basketball players came to the school and read a book to each classroom. When finished, they joined students for lunch recess and played with the students. I'm not sure who had more fun, our students or the players!
- Several 1st grade classrooms celebrated Cinco de Mayo with their students by making sombreros, learning Spanish words, and concluding with chips and salsa and one teacher even singing a song in Spanish to the students!
- BCMW Head Start came to visit our school to see where they would be coming to school next year. The students were treated to a tour of the building and introduced to teachers and staff.
- Our Penny war brought in \$2020.40! This is enough money to cover our end-of-the-year field trip for our entire school!
- Students are finishing their end-of-the-year diagnostic test on iReady. It is amazing to see the growth of our students over the school year. Final F&P testing will be starting next week. We can't wait to see the final growth of our students this year.

Jordan:

- Our annual ZYX Countdown began on Thursday, April 20th, and will continue until the end of the school year. Each day has a theme relating to the letter of the day.
- Students meeting the criteria and qualifying to participate as a result of good behavior were treated to an X-tra Play on Friday, April 21st.
- Virtual speech services have begun and are going well. Students work either independently or in small groups with speech therapist, Vanessa Hernandez.

- iReady Diagnostic Testing Window #3 is open from Monday, April 24th through Friday, May 12th. Students are presently taking their final diagnostic tests in reading and math.
- Fountas and Pinnell assessments began on Monday, April 24th. These assessments are conducted by our sweep team and will provide final student reading levels for the school year.
- The 2nd grade classes read a nonfiction story about owls. On Tuesday, April 25th, Mrs. Stroud's husband came and shared what an owl pellet looked like and what was inside the pellet.
- On Wednesday, April 26th, Veterinarian Britt Douglas from Douglas Veterinary Clinic, presented an assembly to students and discussed how vets serve the healthcare needs of animals. This assembly was in honor of "V" day which was part of our ZYX Countdown.
- The CHS Jazz Band and Rock 101 Class, directed by Stephanie Aarons-Dennison, presented an assembly to students on Thursday, April 27th. Many former Jordan Elementary School students were members of both groups.
- Our annual Title I Fine Arts Festival, Jordan's Got Talent Show, and Scholastic Book Fair were held on Thursday, April 27th. Our Fine Arts Festival featured student artwork displayed in our hallways. Our talent show featured students performing vocal solos, dances, and comedy. There were over 200 people in attendance at this event.
- All students recently participated in Picture Person art classes. Students in grades 1-3 had their artwork displayed on Thursday, May 4th at the annual Picture Person Art Exhibit at the Centralia Cultural Society.
- Three special education students participated in the Special Olympics in Mt. Vernon on Thursday, May 4th. These students were coached by Mr. Krutsinger.
- Teacher Appreciation Week will be celebrated during the week of Monday, May 8th through Friday, May 12th.
- The St. Louis Dairy Council presented their Mobile Dairy Classroom Tour to students on our front parking lot on Tuesday, May 9th.
- The Jordan PTO Spring Fling Carnival will be held on Friday, May 12th on the south side of the school from 4:00 to 6:30 PM. This event will feature games, food, drinks, bounce houses, and a raffle.
- Mrs. Laurie Miller will lead her Girls on the Run as they participate in the Girls on the Run 5K Walk/Run on Saturday, May 13th, in St. Louis.
- All students will participate in "Baseball Week" during the week of May 15th to May 19th. The theme of baseball will be incorporated into the curriculum and CHS baseball players will assist with baseball fundamentals and skills. Students will be treated to the St. Louis Cardinals virtual Fredbird & Friends Elementary School Program, presented by Bally Sports Midwest. This program will answer the question, "What makes a good teammate?"

- SEL Escape Rooms will be created by our Mental Health Support team in the multipurpose room on Tuesday, May 16th and Thursday, May 18th. This activity will involve teamwork strategies.
- The following field trips have been planned and have been approved by the board:
Tuesday, May 16th - Borland/Wysocki Field Trip to Salem Bowl/Joe's Pizza
Monday, May 22nd - 2nd Grade Field Trip to Salem Bowl/Fairview Park
Tuesday, May 23rd - 3rd Grade Field Trip to Nu Bowl Lanes/Yellin' Helen's
*The Jordan PTO has offered to pay all student expenses for field trips this year.
- Students will participate in a Play Day/Field Day on Thursday, May 25th, our last day of student attendance. During half of the day, students will participate in Field Day activities at the CHS.. Mr. Krutsinger will coordinate these activities, and students will earn ribbons for each event. During the other half of the day, students will enjoy numerous bounce houses on our playground provided by the Jordan PTO. Hot dogs will be grilled for all students and staff by Mr. Kohlmeier during lunch.

Central:

After School program

- The after-school program continues to meet with students on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The teachers have created engaging activities to help students with their learning and to attempt to close gaps in reading and math.

Poetry Month

- CMS celebrated Poetry month by students listening to a poem read over the announcements daily for the entire month.

Body Boundaries

- A representative from the Amy Center came and spoke to our students about body boundaries and how to remain safe when interacting with others. She also spoke about cyberbullying and the impact it can have on victims. Students were permitted to ask questions as a final portion of the two-day presentation.

Picture Person (fifth grade)

- The representative from Picture Person came in to work on art projects with our fifth graders. Their artwork will be displayed for community viewing at the cultural society on May 2nd. Our students will get an opportunity to see their work displayed in the art show when they travel to the exhibit on May 3rd, 2023.

SOAR Trip

- CMS SOAR students traveled to Vandalia and Foundation Park.

Earth Day

- CMS students traveled to Carlyle Lake on the 21st to participate in the Earth Day Celebration. Students traveled to several stations and received information on sustainability and how to contribute to making the Earth a better place to exist while minimizing the carbon footprint.

IAR Testing

- Students in fourth and fifth grade completed their IAR testing. Students had a six-test passport where they could earn points for giving their best effort and taking their time on the standardized test. A winner was selected each day to come down to the office and get a prize.

ISA Testing

- Fifth grade students completed three sessions of the ISA testing. The purpose of the test was to assess students in the content area of Science. Our students worked very hard to finish their testing to the best of their ability.

I-ready Diagnostic #3

- CMS students unlocked the third and final I-ready diagnostic. This is the last assessment for the 22-23 academic year. Students continue to show growth in math and reading lessons.

Reading Sweep

- The CMS sweep is underway completing the final reading sweep of the academic year. Several students have shown growth in advancing their reading levels. The goal is to ensure that all students are reading on grade level. Teachers have been focused and diligent while conducting their guided reading and writing skills and we hope to see this effort transferred to the IAR results.

Swimming

- CMS fifth grade has been attending swimming lessons at the Centralia Recreation Complex. They have also been learning about basic water safety in the classrooms once a week.

Mid-Quarter PBIS celebration took place on the 28th

- Those students who had earned the PBIS celebration were invited to participate in an outdoor activity for the last hour of the school day and they were permitted to bring their own snacks.
- Those students who fell short of the required points had the opportunity to participate in a reset activity that was facilitated by Ms. Jourdan. The topic of the reset was empathy.

Administrative Assistant Day

- CMS teachers and students celebrated Ms. Husk on the 26th and thanked her for all of the hard work that she performs to keep our school up and running. We are very grateful to have Ms. Husk on our CMS team.

Cubs of the Month

- The cubs of the month enjoyed a luncheon sponsored by One Kids 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: Alfred Bazile, Wyatt Mullinex, Ethan Ruscher, Nazireyah Thomas, Reed Marko, and Matthew Stebbins
 - 5th grade: Cohen Ellison, Riley Gordon, Esperanza Villagomez, Christian Watson-Cooley, Amirah Starks, and Brooklyn Stebbins

CJHS:

- Several students qualified for the state meet. Congrats to those students.
- 8th grade Honor's Club took a trip to Springfield and toured several museums.
- The after-school program has concluded. There were roughly 12 students in this each week.
- Students finished the IAR & the ISA state tests.
- CHS came to present information about clubs/sports programs that will be offered to the incoming students.
- We celebrated the April TOM students with an assembly and a pizza party.
- 6-7 grade SOAR went to Cahokia.
- SOAR students presented at Carlyle Lake for Earth Day.
- CJHS Band/Chorus Spring Show was successful again this year.
- 8th grade students worked with the Child's Play Theater Group to create a student lead performance at the Cultural Society.
- 8th grade students won the April behavior challenge and got to play the staff members in a dodge ball game.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOTION #30:

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

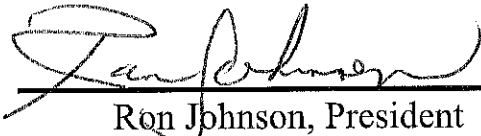
Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.


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JOHNSON	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
WILLIAMS	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HARLAN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BAUER	Y	Y	Y	Y	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MIDDLETON	Y	Y	Y	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	Y	Y	Y
GROSS	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

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JOHNSON	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
WILLIAMS	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HARLAN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BAUER	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MIDDLETON	Y	Y	Y	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	Y	Y	Y
GROSS	Y	Y	Y	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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