

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, March 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, and Derek Harlan

Members Absent: Lyle Gross

Also Present: Supt. Craig E. Clark, Christina Becker, Craig Bland, Steven Stilt, Jennifer Stilt, Christian Boyles

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

MOTION #1:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Martin to adjourn to closed session to discuss personnel matters relating to the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees.

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

Reconvened to open session at 7:13 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, February 14, 2023.
2. Approval of bills in the amount of \$1,201,646.67.
3. Approval of March payroll.
4. Approval of taking bids for the 2023-2024 school year at the May meeting for bread, food, and milk.
5. Approval of the disposal of outdated equipment.

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 Calendar Committee met recently and developed a recommended calendar that coincides fairly closely with Centralia High School. The first day of school will be 8/16/2023 and the last day 05/23/2023.

## CURRICULUM REPORT

Mr. Craig Bland presented an overview of this year at Jordan School. He shared information about balanced literacy and how the needs of individual students are being met with the needs of individual students are being met with significant progress being shown interventions for students with behavior concerns were also described, along with opportunities for family involvement and multiple special activities offered to the students at Jordan School.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### NEW BUSINESS

#### MOTION #4:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Bauer to approve the 2023-2024 School Calendar. Motion carried.

#### MOTION #5:

It was moved by Harlan and seconded by Dodson to schedule the Eighth Grade Graduation program for Tuesday, May 23, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried.

#### MOTION #6:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Williams not to accept the resignation of Mr. Thomas Cox, Schiller Resource Teacher. Motion carried.

#### MOTION #7:

It was moved by Harlan and seconded by Dodson to accept the resignation of Mr. Brandon Cook as Assistant Baseball Coach. Motion carried.

#### MOTION #8:

It was moved by Bauer and seconded by Dodson to accept the resignation of Mrs. Jessica Hughes as Seventh Grade Volleyball Coach. Motion carried.

#### MOTION #9:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Harlan to accept the resignation of Mrs. Allee Nollman as Schiller Paraprofessional. Motion carried.

#### MOTION #10:

It was moved by Harlan and seconded by Dodson to accept the resignation of Charles Cannon as Schiller Custodian. Motion carried.

MOTION #11:

It was moved by Bauer and seconded by Harlan to accept the intent to retire letter from Mr. Craig Bland, Principal at Jordan School at the end of the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried.

MOTION #12:

It was moved by Harlan and seconded by Dodson to approve the transfer of Mr. Jesse Hernandez from Grounds/Custodian to Schiller Custodian. Motion carried.

MOTION #13:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Harlan to approve the maternity leave for employee #1715 beginning May 16, 2023, through the end of the year. Motion carried.

MOTION #14:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Bauer to approve a contract extension with Mrs. Christina Becker for four years. Motion carried.

MOTION #15:

It was moved by Bauer and seconded by Dodson to approve the purchase and installation of sound equipment for Schiller's new multipurpose room from 618 Pro for \$15,251.00. Motion carried.

MOTION #16:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Harlan to approve the purchase of software and hardware for buses from Transfinder for \$38,063.00. Motion carried.

MOTION #17:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Harlan to approve ULLC as Illinois Learning Partner at a cost not to exceed \$64,083.00. Motion carried.

MOTION #18:

It was moved by Harlan and seconded by Dodson to approve the 5 year renewal of GoGuardian at a cost of \$50,320.00. Motion carried.

MOTION #19:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Bauer to approve a resolution approving winning E-Rate bids from Clearwave and Charter Spectrum for category one internet services. Motion carried.

### MOTION #20:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Harlan to approve a resolution approving winning E-Rate bids from CDWGand Bytespeed for category two internal connections and managed internal broadband services. Motion carried.

### MOTION #21:

It was moved by Harlan and seconded by Dodson to approve Glass and Shuffett to perform the yearly audit at a cost of \$13,500.00. Motion carried.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

### 1. Building Celebrations

#### **Schiller:**

- Mrs. Hughes has scheduled Mrs. Unverfehrt to come to do Yoga with our students during PE.
- Students studied African American Heroes the month of February, doing at least two lessons a week on their chosen hero. On the 23rd, student work was displayed for our Schiller Night at the Museum. Families and friends came out to tour our building which displayed student work from writings, pictures, paintings, to science experiments. Students were excited to tell about their hero and the interesting facts they learned.
- Read Across America was celebrated week long with fun activities for the students. Dr. Seuss books were read and activities to match were done including, Wacky Wednesday and sampling green eggs and ham.
- We had Mobile Ed STEAM Museum visit our school last week. Six centers were set up for students to explore hands-on materials. The students had a blast learning about the many different science stations they explored with our parent volunteers.
- Our sweep team is currently working with our students to complete third quarter F&P testing. It is always so exciting to see the gains our students are making in their reading levels!!!

#### **Jordan:**

- Teachers attended the virtual Tri-County Institute on Friday, February 17th, 2023.
- Faculty, staff, and students participated in a "U.S. Presidents' Week Celebration" on Monday, February 20th through Friday, February 24th, 2023. Activities included: "Lincoln's Birthday Celebration" where students were encouraged to dress like Mr. Lincoln, participated in Lincoln activities, and were treated to a cupcake in Lincoln's honor, "Washington Wednesday" where students were encouraged to dress like Mr. Washington and participated in Washington activities, "Red, White, and Blue Day"

where everyone was encouraged to dress in patriotic red, white, and blue and celebrate the United States of America, and “Honesty Is The Best Policy Day” where during Community Building Circles, students discussed ways that they show honesty and then wrote about it.

- Coinciding with our U.S. Presidents’ Week Celebration, our annual Lincoln Penny Drive took place. Students brought in pennies to raise money for our school. Pennies are presently being counted by Peoples National Bank. The classroom that collected the most pennies will receive a pizza party.
- Dental Safari returned to finish cleaning teeth on Thursday, February 23rd, 2023.
- 2nd grade students in Mrs. Eversgerd’s and Mrs. Miller’s 2nd-grade classrooms began swim lessons at the Centralia Recreation Complex on March 1st, 2023. Students will swim eight times during the month of March.
- Monthly SEL lessons were presented on Tuesday, March 7th, 2023. They focused on relationship skills and how to be a good friend. They were presented by Mrs. Wendy Jourdan, and our Mental Health Support Team consisting of Mrs. Kiana Algire and Ms. Heather Wehking.
- Volunteers from the Centralia Cultural Society have begun Picture Person art lessons in our 3rd-grade classrooms. 2nd-grade students will participate in the program during the month of April, and a Picture Person Art exhibit will be held at the Centralia Cultural Society on Thursday, May 4th, 2023. This will give students an opportunity to view all of the student artwork produced through this program.
- Our After School Program continues to meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 to 4:30 PM. Glenna Bonner, a volunteer from Centralia Connected, has started working with small groups on Tuesdays.
- The Girls on the Run program began on Thursday, March 9th at Jordan Elementary School. The program inspires girls in grades 3 through 8 by helping them to build confidence, kindness, and develop their decision-making skills. The program is led by Mrs. Laurie Miller. She is assisted by Mrs. Alexis Appleby, Ms. Kalynn McMillan, Ms. Marcia Stinde, and Ms. Kim McVey.
- We will sponsor a CHS National Honor Society food drive during the week of Monday, March 13th through Friday, March 17th, 2023. The classroom that contributes the most food items will receive a pizza party.
- Our Jordan PTO will have a Krispy Kreme fundraiser beginning on Monday, March 13th, 2023, and ending on Friday, March 24th, 2023.
- Third-grade teachers are continuing to prepare students for the upcoming IAR tests. A “Don’t Sweat the IAR” pep assembly will be held on Friday, March 17th and will feature the CHS cheerleaders. Tests will be administered during the week of Monday, March 20th through Friday, March 24th, 2023. Make up testing will take place during the following week.

## **Central:**

### **After School program**

- The after-school program continues to meet with students on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Students in the after-school program colored a picture mural of Langston Hughes in celebration of black history month.
- Teachers have been focused on fluid movement throughout the balanced literacy block. Students have been showing growth in reading levels.

### **Black History Month**

- Each morning, students heard an excerpt about a famous African-American citizen who impacted the history of the United States.
- Students participated in a Black History Month poster contest put on by the Centralia Youth Center.

### **Bright Star Touring Company**

- Students were treated to a two-person performance about Jackie Robinson through the Bright Star Touring Company. The event was engaging and entertaining and students had an opportunity to ask questions of the cast at the conclusion of the performance.

### **Classroom Valentine's Parties**

- All fourth and fifth grade students enjoyed a festive afternoon Valentine's Day celebration in their classrooms.
- PAC sold CRUSH sodas for Valentine's Day. Any students who did not have a soda gifted to them from a peer, PAC provided one so that every child received at least one CRUSH soda for Valentine's Day.

### **Mid-Quarter PBIS celebration**

- Those students who had earned the PBIS celebration were invited to participate in a movie with snacks for the afternoon. Students must be in good standing by following the CMS traits R2S2 (respectful, responsible, safe, self-control).

### **Cubs of the Month**

- The cubs of the month enjoyed a luncheon 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: Jhilee Agin, Aydin Slater, Aubrey Marshall, Memphis Brown, Zyah Wallace, Kiyan Pinner
  - 5th grade: Majer Yoder, Marcellus Burke, Brooklynn Stebbins, Jennifer Bone, Christian Watson-Cooley, Amirah Starks

### **Tri-County Institute**

- Teachers and paras were able to participate virtually in the Tri-County Conference. Teachers selected three sessions of interest and explored professional development in a unique way.

### **SEL Lessons**

- Ms. Jourdan came around to all of the classes to present SEL lessons to our cubs. The students watched a short video that discussed how to interact in certain real-life

situations. After the excerpts, the students had a chance to participate in an Q and A with Ms. Jourdan.

### **Cafeteria Lunch Winners**

- Every Friday during lunch 5 students are randomly selected to win a treat during lunch time. Students enter the drawing by submitting their earned cub cash. Students have multiple opportunities to earn cub cash throughout the weeks.

### **CJHS:**

- The Tigers basketball team placed 2nd at the SIJHSAA State Tourney.
- The Tigers played an exhibition game against Central City, and 8th Grade cheerleaders and basketball players were recognized.
- CJHS hosted a blood drive on February 6th.
- Crush sodas were sold as a fundraiser for PAC.
- Staff members participate in an “old school” paper bag Valentine exchange.
- GCU hosted a luncheon for staff.
- Teachers and paras participated in the Tri-County Institute hosted by KSED.
- Centralia High School counselors presented 8th-grade students with their schedules for next year.
- Tigers of the Month winners celebrated with a pizza party.
- Science classes created models of atoms, molecules, elements, and compounds using marshmallows.
- Winter Sports awards were presented at an all-school assembly.
- CJHS Robotics Team presented at the Rotary Club Meeting.
- CJHS administrators participated in Behavior Intervention Specialist Certification Training.
- Two eighth-grade students were recognized as runners-ups for the Illinois Arts Education Week art contest. They will be recognized on March 13th in Springfield at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library.
- Two eighth-grade students were selected as winners for the CCYC Black History Month essay contest. The CCYC hosted a ceremony to honor the students and showcase their work.
- Landon R. represented CJHS in the ROE Spelling Bee and placed 4th.
- CJHS celebrated National School Resource Officer Day with SRO Hinkel with cake and sweets.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

MOTION #22:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 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	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
MARTIN	Y	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DODSON	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
GROSS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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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	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
MARTIN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DODSON	Y	Y	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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Sue Williams, Board Secretary