

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, September 12, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., in the Administration Bldg., 400 South Elm St., Centralia, IL 62801.

Members Present: Ron Johnson, Derek Harlan, Michael Middleton, Greg Dodson, Sue Williams

Members Absent: Renae Bauer

Also Present: Supt. Craig E. Clark, Christina Becker, Steven Stilt, Jennifer Stilt, Austin Williams, Rob Wielt, Stephanie Bowen, Donna Robinson

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

A Public Hearing was held on the 2023-2024 Budget.

The regular meeting was reconvened at 6:07 p.m.

MOTION #1:

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

Adjourned to closed session at 6:08 p.m.

Reconvened to open session at 7:09 p.m.

MOTION #2:

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

1. Approval of Minutes of regular meeting held on Tuesday, August 08, 2023.
2. Approval of Minutes of special meeting held on Wednesday, August 30, 2023.
3. Approval of bills for \$824,389.25.
4. Approval of September payroll.
5. Presentation of salary compensation of administration, staff and teachers as required by Section 10-20.47 and 34-18.38 of the School Code.
6. Approval of the out of district field trips:
 - a. Central Middle School Fourth Grade to Marlow's Pumpkins Patch on October 11, 2023.
 - b. Central Middle school to Riverboat at Gateway Arch on May 16, 2024.
 - c. Schiller School Kindergarten to Kountry Kids Pumpkin Patch on October 4, 2023.
 - d. Schiller First Grade to Kountry Kids Pumpkin Patch on October 5, 2023. Motion carried.

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

1. Rob Wielt from AGE presented options for the District's electric supply.
2. The Glass and Shuffet Audit Report will be presented at a future meeting.
3. Mrs. Stilt complimented the Home to School Connection Program for being present at community events.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Budget Committee - The proposed budget has a slight deficit due to construction costs that have already been funded. The actual Budget should end in the black.

CURRICULUM REPORT

Christina Becker reported that teacher training regarding literacy was held prior to the beginning of the school year, and another in-service day is scheduled for September 15th. As baseline testing is completed teachers will have information on the levels and needs of their students. IAR data shows progress is being made in the area of literacy.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION #4:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Middleton to approve the 2023-2024 School District Budget. Motion carried.

MOTION #5:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Harlan to accept the resignation of Alexis Appleby as HR Administrative Assistant. Motion carried.

MOTION #6:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Middleton not to accept the resignation of Sandra Johnson as Kindergarten Teacher. Motion carried.

MOTION #7:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Middleton not to accept the resignation of Kim McVey as Central School Special Education Teacher. Motion carried.

MOTION #8:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Middleton to approve the hiring of Cassie Glenn as HR Administrative Assistant. Motion carried.

MOTION #9:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Williams to approve the hiring of Joe Shuffett as bus driver pending license. Motion carried.

MOTION #10:

It was moved by Middleton and seconded by Williams to approve the Leave of Absence for Employee #1600. Motion carried.

MOTION #11:

It was moved by Harlan and seconded by Dodson to accept the intent to retire letter from Teresa Burdin effective 2027-20228. Motion carried.

MOTION #12:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Middleton to table approving the audit from Glass and Shuffett. Motion carried.

MOTION #13:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Middleton to approve the purchase of 60 teacher desks at a cost of \$31,500.00 from the Teacher Vacancy grant. Motion carried.

MOTION #14:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Middleton to approve the purchase of iReady at a cost of \$50,516.50 from the Title I grant. Motion carried.

MOTION #15:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Middleton to approve the electric Supply Contract renewal on a new electric supply agreement with bids facilitated by AGE. Motion carried.

MOTION #16:

It was moved by Harlan and seconded by Dodson to approve sidewalk improvement at Centralia Junior High at a cost of \$40,186.00 to be paid with Maintenance Grant Funds. Motion carried

MOTION #17:

It was moved by Harlan and seconded by Middleton to approve door replacement at the William Walker Educational Facility at a cost of \$40,466.00. Motion carried

MOTION #18:

It was moved by Middleton and seconded by Harlan to approve door and window replacement at Centralia Junior High School at a cost of \$45,976.00.

Motion carried

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Review of August 24, 2023 sixth-day enrollment figure - Numbers were down slightly from last year but have rebounded to 1065 students as of today.
2. Building Celebrations:

Schiller:

Jordan:

- The Jordan Elementary Open House was held on Monday, August 21st. Our faculty and staff were introduced during a short presentation by Mr. Bland. Guests were then given the opportunity to visit classrooms and meet teachers. Children were treated to cotton candy and kettle corn as they exited the building. Over 370 people were in attendance for this event.
- i-Ready diagnostic testing has taken place during the past few weeks. Testing focused on reading and math and the collected data identified student needs down to the sub-skill level. Teachers are presently analyzing this data to help to improve student performance.
- Our building "Sweep Team" has been administering the Fountas & Pinnell Benchmark Assessment Tool that identifies the instructional and independent reading levels of all students and documents student progress through one-on-one formative and summative assessments. Using this data, students will then be grouped by reading levels during balanced literacy blocks.
- During the Guided Reading Block, teachers have taught CHAMPS during week 1, CHAMPed their Literacy Centers (computer and independent reading) during week 2, CHAMPed their Sweep Team centers, guided reading tables, and rotations between centers during week 3, and will begin full balanced literacy during week 4.
- 2nd-grade students, special education students, students referred by their teacher, and new students participated in hearing and vision screenings on Monday, August 28th, and Tuesday, August 29th. 3rd-grade students participated in hearing screening only. Rescreenings will be held on Monday, September 11th.
- Numerous staff members participated in required yearly CPI trainings in August.
- The Jordan PTO held a Mums Fundraiser. Over 350 mums were sold making this fundraiser a big success.

- E-learning Day packets have been created by grade level teachers and have been distributed to students in the event that there is a school closure. Specific directions have been included and have also been posted on ClassDojo.
- Faculty and staff received copies of our updated Emergency Operations Plan. Evacuation Plans, Fire Drill Procedures, Severe Weather Drill Procedures, Severe Weather Drill Procedures, and Emergency Codes have been updated and are posted in each room in the building.
- Faculty, staff, and students participated in our first required fire drill on Tuesday, September 4th.
- Our Mental Health Support Team presented their monthly SEL program to students on Thursday, September 7th. This presentation focused on kindness and empathy.
- Our Reading for Education PTO fundraiser will take place on Monday, September 11th, through Friday, September 15th. Reading For Education is a safe and easy fundraiser with no face-to-face selling, collecting money, or delivering products.
- Annual Fall Pictures were taken on Tuesday, September 12th.

Central:

R2S2

- CMS is in the second year of implementation of our R2S2 (Respect, responsibility, safe, self-control). The teachers and students spent the first three days in station rotations to practice expectations in six targeted areas (playground, cafeteria, restroom, hallway, classroom, and bus). Students discussed expectations, made videos of examples and non-example, and then watched those videos. We have determined as a team that this process will be revisited at the start of each mid-quarter and quarter of learning throughout the school year.

I-ready testing

- CMS students started their very I-ready diagnostic testing in August. The results from the diagnostic test are used to shape instruction and attempt to close gaps in student learning.

Vision and Hearing Screening

- CMS is in the process of completing the hearing and vision screenings.

Cross county and Softball

- CMS students have started cross country and softball practice. Softball participation is new for CMS and we currently have four students who are participating on the CJHS team.

Fresh fruit and vegetables

- Students have an opportunity to participate in the fruit and vegetable tasting twice a month. The purpose of this program is to introduce students to new and unique fruits and vegetables.

Band Tryouts

- 5th grade students are currently in the process of trying out for the beginning band. This is a wonderful opportunity to expose students to the opportunities that are available in the fine arts program.

Mental Health Support

- CMS has hired a mental health support worker. In this new role, Ms. Kasten will be responsible for SEL (social, emotional, learning) for our students. Each month, students will participate in a targeted area that is geared to help students navigate situations that may arise and provide them with tools in their toolbelt to manage their emotions in different scenarios. In addition, Ms. Kasten has compiled a list of outside agencies that may be able to provide counseling services to our students outside of school.

Open House

- On August 22nd, CMS held its open house. Parents had an opportunity to visit classrooms and check in with the teacher who is responsible for educating their cub. The PAC provided juice and cookies and the event was well attended.

CJHS:

- All CJHS students and staff participated in our PBIS Station Rotation, where they learned the school-wide expectations that we have laid out for them.
- Our Open House was very successful again this year. Taco Jos was on site with their food truck, which was a big hit.
- KSED completed its annual hearing and vision screening of all of the students.
- All students have completed the first Iready Diagnostic.
- Fall sports are underway and are off to a good start.
- There are a lot of exciting things happening in all of the classrooms.
- The Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program has been a big hit so far this year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The vacancy on the Board of Education left by the departing of Mr. Gross needs to be filled.
2. Board Committees will finalize soon.

MOTION #19:

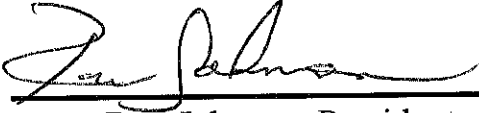
It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Harlan to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

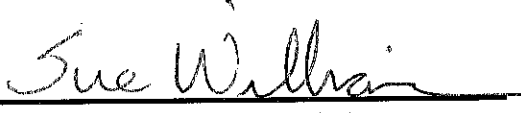
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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
Sue Williams, Board Secretary

APPROVED:



Ron Johnson, President



Sue Williams, Board Secretary