

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, October 10, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., in the Administration Bldg., 400 South Elm St., Centralia, IL 62801.

Members Present: Ron Johnson, Derek Harlan, Greg Dodson, Sue Williams, Renae Bauer

Members Absent: Michael Middleton

Also Present: Supt. Craig E. Clark, Christina Becker, Steven Stilt, Jennifer Stilt, Austin Williams, Megan Urshan

Board President Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

A Public Hearing was held on the 2023-2024 Administrative Costs per Pupil Limitation Waiver.

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

MOTION #1:

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

Adjourned to closed session at 6:08 p.m.
Reconvened to open session at 7:02 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, September 12, 2023.
2. Approval of bills for \$572,651.66
3. Approval of October payroll.
4. Approval of returning annual income of Centralia City Schools Endowment Fund to the Centralia City Schools Endowment Fund.
5. Approval of the out of district field trips:
 - a. Seventh Grade ELA students to Cendarhust Center for the Arts on February 23, 2024.
 - b. Jordan Second Grade to Salem Bowling Alley on May 20, 2024.Motion carried.

MOTION #3:

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

RECOGNITION AND COMMENTS FROM EMPLOYEES AND PUBLIC

1. Megan Urshan from Glass and Shufett presented the annual audit report. The district's Financial Profile Score increased to 3.9 this year, which falls in the highest status available. There were no findings in the audit.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

CURRICULUM REPORT

Christina Becker reported that the professional development day in September was used effectively. Instructional coaches have been working with new teachers and with grade level teams during common planning times. Steps are also being taken to support the larger number of English Learners (EL) in the district this year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

MOTION #4:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Bauer to accept the Glass and Shuffet audit. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION #5:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Harlan to approve the annual employee in-district travel allowance. Motion carried.

MOTION #6:

It was moved by Harlan and seconded by Dodson to adopt the 2023-2024 Administrative Costs per Pupil Limitation Waiver resolution. Motion carried.

MOTION #7:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Harlan to approve the hiring of Mary Hinkel as Schiller Individual Paraprofessional. Motion carried.

MOTION #8:

It was moved by Harlan and seconded by Bauer to approve the hiring of Dray Sodsakitch as Schiller Individual Paraprofessional. Motion carried.

MOTION #9:

It was moved by Bauer and seconded by Dodson to approve the hiring of Tammy Urshan as half-day Schiller Individual Paraprofessional. Motion carried.

MOTION #10:

It was moved by Harlan and seconded by Dodson to approve the hiring of Iana Watson as Individual Paraprofessional at Jordan School. Motion carried.

MOTION #11:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Harlan to accept the resignation of Angie Edson as Girls' Volleyball Coach. Motion carried.

MOTION #12:

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Dodson to accept the intent to retire letter from Mr. Craig Bland at the end of the 2027-2028 school year.. Motion carried.

MOTION #13:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Bauer to approve the maternity leave request from Employee #1666. Motion carried.

MOTION #14:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Bauer to approve Ameren to move the gas line at Central Middle School at a cost of \$13,837.30. Motion carried.

MOTION #15:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Harlan to accept 2022-2023 Meal Program Report. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Other:

- a. Mr. Clark recognized district administrators for their contributions.
- b. Three board members received Established Board Leader awards: Mr. Johnson, Mr. Dodson, and Mrs. Bauer.
- c. Kenya Stacey received national recognition as a Fullbright Scholar.

2. Building Celebrations:

Schiller:

- We practiced fire drills twice at school. Once we had the fire department come so we knew exactly what to do and they checked and timed us. We did great!
- Staff enjoyed our first full day in service. We worked on team building and on our School Improvement Plan. We have big goals for Schiller School and are excited about conquering them.
- Staff has a postcard for each student in their class. Our goal is to send out a positive postcard in the mail to each student in the school at least once (hopefully more). We think it is important that our students and their parents know how special they are.
- Room 1 finished its apple unit. We participated in several experiments including predicting if apples and seats would float and making an apple erupt like a volcano.
- Room 11 and Room 12 celebrated Johnny Appleseed Week and made apple volcanos! Students loved watching everything unfold outside with their cool experiments!
- Parents joined us for our annual Room Parents Tea to discuss parties and activities for the school year.
- Mid-terms went home to parents and we are already preparing for the end of the quarter and parent-teacher conferences.
- Schiller School hosted our first Star Student of the Month assembly. Wall of Fame students were introduced to the school for respect and one very respectful student from each class was chosen for Star Student of the Month. Our stars will be receiving a special star shirt for their accomplishments.
- Our first Rak'd award was given to Daxton Benton this month for being an amazing helper on the playground and pushing a student with special needs on a swing when her aide couldn't. Way to go Daxton!
- Students have participated in multiple activities and indulged in special treats for Hispanic Heritage Month. Mr. Hernandez has even gone classroom to classroom reading one of his favorite books in Spanish.
- Students all practiced bus evacuations with Ms. Jeri. All students did a good job exiting quickly from the bus and answering questions about what they should do in an emergency.

- Dental Safari finished their check-ups with students who had to be seen a second time for extensive dental work.
- Kindergarten students enjoyed their field trip to Country Kids in Hoyleton. Stations were completed throughout the day and each student was able to bring home a pumpkin to decorate for a book report.

Jordan:

- Required bus evacuation drills took place on Tuesday, September 26th. These drills included instruction from our transportation department on safe bus riding practices for all students.
- Students who met the behavior criteria participated in an Extra Play Good Conduct Party on Friday, September 29th. Students were given an extra period of play and received popsicles.
- Our “Reading Buddies” program recently kicked off. Volunteers will read to students during our lunch periods. This program allows students to be paired up with an adult or older student and take turns reading to one another. It allows for authentic reading practice and a model of fluent reading. This program is organized by Mrs. Jodie Witzel, Title I teacher.
- FFA students from Centralia High School presented a lesson on apples to 3rd-grade students on Tuesday, October 3rd. They also made applecopters with the students, and each student was given an apple donated by Schwartz Orchard.
- Students participated in a required law enforcement drill on Tuesday, October 3rd. Students were shown the "Stop! Look! Listen!" video, followed by Officer Hinkel, our School Resource Officer, visiting classes and answering questions. Our drill was conducted following these activities.
- 4-H representative, Tammy Guidish, visited the 3rd-grade classrooms and spoke to students about the many opportunities that the 4-H program has to offer to students. Students participated in a hands-on activity.
- Safe Routes to School Program grant surveys were completed at school, and parents have been asked to complete parent surveys at home. In addition, Mr. Bland wrote a letter of support for this grant. Survey results will be used by the City of Centralia to apply for a grant through the Safe Routes To School Program which will help to link the northeast section of Centralia's residential area along Country Club Road to the existing sidewalks allowing access to Jordan Elementary School, Centralia High School, and Centralia Junior High.
- The Satchel Pulse Screener was completed by all teachers. This screening device allowed teachers to rate their students on social-emotional needs and helped our Mental Health team to identify those students in need of services.
- On Thursday, October 5th, Ag in the Classroom teacher, Meggan Hiestand, presented lessons to 2nd-grade students on the topic of pizza. Students learned that the biggest

day for pizza consumption is Super Bowl Sunday, and that pepperoni pizza is the most popular kind of pizza. Ag in the Classroom classes are taught monthly.

- This month's SEL lesson was presented by our Mental Support team on Thursday, October 5th and taught focused on anti-bullying. Students learned what bullying looks like and sounds like. They learned about solutions for when or if they do get bullied. Students colored book marks, received a certificate for not being a bully, and participated in a coloring contest. To introduce diversity, various posters with diverse populations have been placed throughout the school.
- Fire Prevention Week kicked off on Monday, October 9th. The week's activities will include a required fire drill, a Patches the Fire dog assembly for 2nd-grade students, and a Fire Safety House Tour for 3rd-grade students, all presented by the Centralia Fire Department.
- Students will be treated to wildlife assembly called "Animalogy" featuring Bob Tarter, a friend of Mrs. Wangler. This assembly is sponsored by the Jordan PTO.
- 3rd-grade students will participate in the Centralia Sentinel's annual "Draw An Ad" contest. Students will be asked to develop an ad for specific Centralia businesses using illustrations and catchy slogans to attract customers.
- Red Ribbon Week will be celebrated during the week of October 23rd through Friday, October 27th. District-wide events for each day have been planned and include "Give Drugs the Boot/Red Day", "Being Drug Free Is No Sweat", and "Sock It to Drugs". We will also have a school-specific "Drugs Are Scary" day where students will wear Halloween costumes, participate in a costume parade, and celebrate with classroom parties.
- Our annual Title I "Halloween Spooktacular" will be held on Tuesday, October 24th, from 6:00 to 6:30 PM around our circle drive.
- Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, October 26th, and Friday, October 27th.

Central:

I-ready testing

- CMS students completed their first I-ready diagnostic test. Teachers used the data to help assemble their math groupings for differentiated instruction.

SEL

- Ms. Jourdan and Ms. Blanchard provided empathy lessons to our students. They discussed being in another's shoes while participating in an activity where they were able to pick a different pair of shoes to decorate. Ms. Kasten created a wall for students to write encouraging words on a post-it. Students had the option of selecting an encouraging word from a peer or depositing an encouraging word to a peer.

Cub of the Month

- CMS cubs were treated to a pizza luncheon. Six fourth grade students and Six fifth grade students were treated to a luncheon with a guest of their choosing. Students were

recognized for following CMS expectations and for displaying R2S2 (respect, responsibility, practicing self-control, and being safe).

Fire Drill

- Students successfully completed their first fire drill on September 14th.

Picture Day

- CMS students had fall pictures taken on Wednesday September 20th.

PBIS Celebration

- All students who maintained good standing were able to participate in our first CMS PBIS celebration that was on Friday September 22nd. Students had popsicles and play time outside at the end of the school day.

CJHS:

- CJHS baseball and softball teams concluded their seasons. Both teams had great seasons, and we're already looking forward to next year.
- CJHS/CMS conducted our first fire drill of the year. We were very pleased with how well it went.
- On September 15, In-service day, staff went through state testing data with their content teams and listened to educational motivator Monica Genta. Monica energized all of our staff and gave us strategies to enjoy every day in education.
- Cross Country is well underway, and the varsity team has earned first and second place at several big meets.
- Lifetouch took fall pictures; picture retake will be on October 24th with fall sports pictures.
- Students earning the Midterm PBIS party were treated to movies in the classroom with snacks and drinks.
- Tryouts were held for cheerleading, Tigerettes basketball, and Tigers basketball teams. Those sports will begin in October.
- We celebrated big for our September Tigers of the Month. These students were treated to a Tequila's lunch, ice cream, and a goody bag. They were also honored at an all-school assembly.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOTION #16:

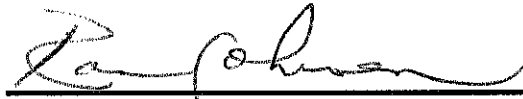
It was moved by Harlan and seconded by Dodson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.


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WILLIAMS	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HARLAN	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
BAUER	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
MIDDLETON	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DODSON	Y	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



Sue Williams, Board Secretary