

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

Members Present: Ron Johnson, Blake Griffin, Greg Dodson, Sue Williams, Renae Bauer, Michael Middleton

Members Absent: Derek Harlan

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

Truth in Taxation Hearing

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

A Public Truth In Taxation Hearing was held for the 2023 Levy to be extended in 2024. A 5.99% increase over last year's levy amount is being requested. The assessor placed a 10% increase on properties for this year, so our increase will have little to no increase on our rate due to the increase in EAV.

MOTION #1:

It was moved by Griffin and seconded by Middleton to adjourn the Truth In Taxation Hearing. Motion carried.

The Hearing was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

MOTION #2:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Griffin to adjourn to closed session to discuss personnel.

Adjourned to closed session at 6:13 p.m.

Reconvened to open session at 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Renae Bauer arrived at 6:55 p.m.

Mr. Mike Middleton left at 6:56 p.m.

MOTION #3:

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, November 14, 2023.
2. Approval of bills for \$983,791.39
3. Approval of December payroll.

4. Approval of the destruction of closed session verbatim tapes from meetings held during and before June 2022 and to keep closed session minutes closed.
5. Approval of out of district field trip for Central Middle School Fifth Grade to Gateway Arch National Park on May 8, 2024.

MOTION #4:

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

RECOGNITION AND COMMENTS FROM EMPLOYEES AND PUBLIC

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Board members who went to the Joint Conference updated the board on sessions they attended.

CURRICULUM REPORT

Christina Becker reported that a recent Title I family survey had positive results which were shared with building principals. Benchmark testing in reading is showing significant gains. Diagnostic testing in reading and math is also being completed and will help teachers identify students who may need additional support as well as those who are performing well.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION #5:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Bauer to adopt the 2023 Tax Levies. Motion carried.

MOTION #6:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Griffin to approve the resolution abating a portion of the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2023 to pay debt service on General Obligation school bonds, Series 2019, and General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2018, of the District. Motion carried.

MOTION #7:

It was moved by Bauer and seconded by Dodson to accept the intent to Retire Letter from Tammy Heinrichsmeyer at the end of the 2027-2028 school year. Motion carried.

MOTION #8:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Griffin to approve the maternity leave request from employee #1767. Motion carried.

MOTION #9:

It was moved by Bauer and seconded by Griffin to approve the hiring Stephanie Severs as Head Volleyball Coach. Motion carried.

MOTION #10:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Griffin to approve the hiring of Stacy Nocerino as Assistant Volleyball Coach. Motion carried.

MOTION #11:

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Bauer to approve moving Tammy Urshan from half time to full time individual paraprofessional. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Building Celebrations
2. Other

Schiller:

- Students finished their vision and hearing testing with KSED.
- Parent and community volunteers helped our students shop for their families and friends during our Santa's Workshop. Students had a blast picking out special items to put under their tree for their loved ones.
- Students enjoyed doughnuts with their Favorite Adults in November. Students picked one special person to come to school to have breakfast with. Yummy doughnuts from Schnucks filled all of their bellies.
- Students and staff finished off American Education Week with a dodgeball tournament. Kindergarten faced off first again staff members followed by first grade. The finale included a game of girls versus boy's staff members.
- Santa and Mrs. Claus came to visit the school for pictures. After pictures, they visited each classroom to remind students the importance of following rules and being kind to others.
- Man did Schiller School rack up on food items! Students brought in child-friendly food items for students in our district who need a little help over Christmas break.

Jordan:

- Our "Reading Buddies" program continues weekly. Volunteers 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. CJHS 8th grade SOAR students are also participating in the program this year and have brought gifts to students and have created crafts with them.

- As part of American Education Week, the Jordan Elementary School Title I Program hosted our annual Christmas Craft Night on Thursday, November 16th, from 6:00-7:00 PM. This event was a great opportunity for our school to connect with parents and build a sense of community. This event featured Mr. Bland's reading of "Twas the Night Before Christmas" by Clement Clarke Moore, the making of three Christmas ornaments, an appearance from the Grinch, and hot chocolate and cookies. Over 200 people attended this event. A Scholastic Book Fair, sponsored by the Jordan PTO, was also held on Tuesday, November 14th through Friday, November 17th.
- We recently had a Jordan Spirit Wear Fundraiser. All proceeds will go to the Jordan Activity Fund.
- Prior to Thanksgiving Break, 2nd grade classes read the book "Balloons Over Broadway" to learn about the history of balloon making in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Afterwards, the students designed their own balloons and held parades in their classrooms.
- Our annual food drive began on Monday, November 27th, and ended on Thursday, December 7th. This project was sponsored by our Home to School Program. This project took the place of a gift exchange and helped to promote giving to others during the holiday season. Over 1,000 food items were collected.
- On Monday, November 27th, our monthly RtI meeting took place to where our RtI team discussed with teachers those students who are struggling academically and/or behaviorally and offered assistance/interventions to teachers in order to prevent those students from being referred for special education services.
- Our Building Leadership Team met on Wednesday, November 29th, to discuss Tier 3 interventions for those students with excessive Skyward Behavior Reports. Mrs. Jourdan was a guest speaker and helped our team to better understand this process.
- Our monthly Jordan Stars Assembly was held on Thursday, November 30th. Students are encouraged to express and demonstrate positive behaviors daily in their classrooms and around the school to receive this recognition. One student from each classroom is selected monthly.
- Our Sweep Team has been administering the Fountas and Pinnell testing to all students. This is used to determine a student's independent and instructional reading levels. It gives teachers the opportunity to observe student reading behaviors one-on-one.
- Our first annual "Breakfast with Santa and Mrs. Claus" took place on Monday, December 4th, and was a big success. Parents came to school and ate with their children while Santa and Mrs. Claus visited with everyone. "Photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus" were also taken as an Activity Fund Fundraiser. Mr. and Mrs. Claus then visited classrooms before departing for the North Pole. Mrs. Claus gave the boys and

girls tips on how to stay on the “good list” during the holiday season and led students in the singing of “We Wish You a Merry Christmas”.

- Mrs. Stroud received a classroom grant from the Marion County Farm Bureau for her “All About Bees” project. She will be sharing this project with all second graders in the spring.
- On December 5th, students began taking their second iReady Diagnostic Tests. These tests provide valuable information to teachers, including sophisticated data and actionable insights to help them address students' individual needs and support meaningful progress.
- “Santa’s Kottage” was open for business on December 6th, 7th, and 8th. This event, sponsored by the Jordan PTO, gave students the opportunity to inexpensively shop for Christmas gifts for their families.
- Students from Centralia High School’s FFA program visited third-grade again this month. The lesson was on the uses of corn and how it is grown.
- Monthly SEL lessons were presented by our Mental Health Support Team and Mrs. Jourdan to students on Tuesday, December 5th and Thursday, December 7th. These lessons focused on emotions and worry. Students created Christmas lights containing nice words to help bring joy to others and have been placed in our hallways.
- Those students who met the expected behavior criteria for the month attended a Good Conduct Movie at City Hope Church on Monday, December 11th. Students were treated to a Christmas-themed movie, “Scrooge: A Christmas Carol”, and popcorn. This movie’s SEL message included caring for others, showing empathy, caring for yourself, and changing your ways.
- Our annual Schiller and Jordan Christmas Program will be held on Thursday, December 14th at 1:00 PM. This program is under the direction of Mrs. Blair and will also be live-streamed on the district Facebook page.
- Third-grade classes will be participating in a Gingerbread House STEM project on Friday, December 15th.
- On Monday, December 18th, we will celebrate “Ugly Christmas Sweater Day”. Everyone is encouraged to wear an “ugly” Christmas sweater and enjoy this light hearted day when everyone is encouraged to be themselves and not be buttoned up.
- On Tuesday, December 19th, we will have a “Movies and Munchies” day. Students will wear pajamas and get to choose a movie to watch. Each teacher will show a different movie, and students will get to sign up for the one they want to watch. The Jordan PTO will be providing the munchies!
- In January, we will begin a Behavior Challenge for all classrooms. The goal of this challenge is to make students become more involved in their own goal setting. Each class will set their own behavior goal and manage it. If a class reaches its monthly goal, the class will receive a reward.
- Our Orphans in the Classroom program will begin on Friday, January 12th and will feature Centralia Orphans basketball players who will read SEL-themed books to students, participate in classroom discussions, and most importantly serve as positive

role models for our students. This program is organized by 2nd-grade teacher, Mrs. Stroud.

Central:

Station Rotation:

- In an effort to provide support for our Cubs, the students went through station rotation for our CMS expectations. The results of our behavior data demonstrate that reteaching expectations at the beginning of each grading period is creating a decline in unwanted behaviors at CMS.

Literacy Night

- On November 7th, CMS hosted a literacy night escape room. Ms. Stacey created a fun, challenging, and exciting escape room experience for our students and parents. The CMS team was on hand to lend support and supervise the classrooms. The event concluded with Pizza, cookies, and juice that was provided by our sponsor, Grand Canyon University. There were well over 100 people in attendance.

Body Boundaries

- On November 14th, 15th, and 16th, the Amy Center presented Body Boundaries to our fourth and fifth grade students. Students learned about the importance of being safe while online and not providing personal information online to strangers.

ALICE Drill

- On Monday November 27th, the CMS students completed their intruder drill training. The drill concluded with a lockdown

CJHS:

- CJHS hosted a Family Literacy Mystery Night. We had a great turnout for this event and shared a lot of laughs with families.
- The Centralia Youth Commission hosted a food drive. This was a student-led event that brought in over 500 food items.
- CJHS had our 2nd Quarter Midterm PBIS celebration. Students who earned the celebration were able to watch movies in the classrooms.
- Ms. Gogolek's class hosted a Thanksgiving feast. Her students helped select the menu and prepare the delicious lunch.
- All students participated in the ALICE drill, where they learned how and when to lock down in an emergency.
- Scholar Bowl tryouts were held, and the season will be underway soon.
- The Tigers of the Month went on a field trip to the Ronald McDonald House in St. Louis. The students were able to deliver grab-and-go breakfast bags for the families. We also donated over 20 pounds of soda tabs to the foundation. These students were

treated to lunch at Fitz's in the Delmar Loop. They were then celebrated with an assembly to honor them upon their return.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOTION #11:

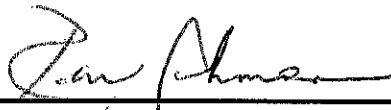
It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Griffin to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

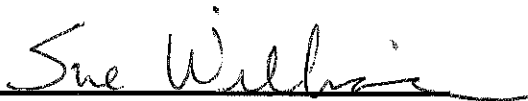
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WILLIAMS	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HARLAN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BAUER	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
MIDDLETON	Y	Y	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DODSON	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
GRIFFIN	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
Sue Williams, Board Secretary

APPROVED:



Ron Johnson, President



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