

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, February 13, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., in the Administration Bldg., 400 South Elm St., Centralia, IL 62801.

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

Members Absent: Renae Bauer (arrived at 6:37 p.m.)

Also Present: Supt. Craig E. Clark, Christina Becker, Jennifer Stilt,
Austin Williams, Joann Allen, Steven Stilt, and Jordan Queen

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

MOTION #1:

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

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

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

MOTION #2:

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

1. Approval of Minutes of regular meeting held on Tuesday, January 9, 2023.
2. Approval of bills for \$636,121.71
3. Approval of February payroll.
4. Approval of the disposal of surplus property
5. Approval of out of district trips:
 - a. 4th and 5th grade student to Carlyle Lake on April 19, 2024
 - b. 5th grade students to Marion County Fairgrounds on April 30, 2024
 - c. Jordan 3rd Grade to Salem Library on March 5, 2024
 - d. Jordan 2nd Grade to Sale Library on March 12, 2024
 - e. Soar to Marion County Fairgrounds on April 25, 2024
 - f. Honors Club to Springfield, IL on March 26, 2024

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

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

CURRICULUM REPORT

Principal, Mr. Jordan Queen gave the Centralia Junior High School report. He included programs to address social-emotional learning, athletics and other extracurriculars like robotics, band, chorus, and scholar bowl. Students of the Month have been treated to lunches in the community and other field trips. Accommodations have been made for ELL students. The image of the school has improved through building improvements and on social media. Curriculum improvements were also described.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

A First Reading was held for the following PRESS Policy Updates:

2:20 Powers and Duties of the School Board; Indemnification; 2:120 Board Member Development; 2:200 Types of School Board Meetings; 2:220 School Board Meeting Procedure; 2:220 E2 Exhibit - Motion to Adjourn to Closed Meeting; 4:10 Fiscal and Business Management; 4:30 Revenue and Investments; 4:60 Purchases and Contracts; 4:130 Free and Reduced Price Food Services; 4:130 E Exhibit - Free and Reduced - Price Food Services; Meal Charge Notifications; 4:160 Environmental Quality of Buildings and Grounds; 5:30 Hiring Process and Criteria; 5:90 Abused and Neglected Child Reporting; 5:190 Teacher Qualifications; 5:200 Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal; 5:210 Resignations; 5:220 Substitute Teachers; 5:250 Leaves of Absence; 5:330 Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves; 6:15 School Accountability; 6:30 Organization of Instruction; 6:50 School Wellness; 6:60 Curriculum Content; 6:230 Library Media Program; 7:50 School Admissions and Student Transfer To and From Non District Schools; 7:60 Residence; 7:70 Attendance and Truancy; 7:160 Student Appearance; 7:190 Student Behavior; 7:270 Administering Medicines to Students; 7:285 Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response, and Management Program; 7:290 Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention; 8:30 Visitors to and Conduct on School Property

MOTION #4:

It was moved by Bauer and seconded by Dodson to approve the employment of Emylee Sanders as Kindergarten Teacher. Motion carried.

MOTION #5:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Middleton to approve the Intent to Retire request from Mrs. Monica Wimberly, Centralia Junior High School, at the end of the 2027-2028 school year. Motion carried.

MOTION #6:

It was moved by Griffin and seconded by Harlan to approve the FMLA request for Employee # 1582. Motion carried.

MOTION #7:

It was moved by Harlan and seconded by Williams to approve the FMLA request for Employee # 00405. Motion carried.

MOTION #8:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Bauer to approve Lunsford Architects proceeding with Jordan School playground project planning and bid specs. Motion carried.

MOTION #9:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Middleton to approve the Undesignated Opioid Antagonists Guidelines. Motion carried

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Semester Enrollment Report - Student Enrollment continues to decline, although a few families recently enrolled. The number of preschool students has increased, which is encouraging.
2. Building Celebrations
3. Other

Schiller:

- Mad Scientist Night was a blast here at Schiller School! Students and families came out for a night of dinner and a spellbinding show of science. The Mad Scientist traveled to us from St. Louis Missouri and taught us about science and performed a few experiments with the help of our students.
- Schiller students were taken to the Cultural Society to see a show Bots. Students enjoyed their field trip and learning about STEAM.
- The pay it forward assembly, NED, came to our school for a school-wide assembly about kindness. The presenter was a yo-yo master and performed his show with the help of his yo-yo. The students were very intrigued with many of them purchasing yo-yos to practice at home. The money from yo-yo sales enables the performer to offer the assembly for free.
- SAFE came to our school to educate our students about body safety. The program was well presented and received by the students.
- Many students graduated from the after-school program in January! Students are really moving along.

- The ELL after-school program is going great with students improving their reading and vocabulary. They are currently using Rosetta Stone and learning about the Chinese Lunar New Year.
- Mrs. Linder's class enjoyed learning about the Chinese New Year through writing projects, art papers, and readings. They concluded their celebration with noodles and chopsticks and a special gift of a red envelope with a special surprise inside for the students!
- The sweep team finished the building-wide reading level testing. I am proud to say students are jumping reading levels! They get to come down to the principal's office for a certificate and sticker off my sticker wall and they have about cleaned me out!
- Students celebrated the 100th day of school with many activities followed by watching 102 Dalmatians on the 102nd day of school with Scooby Snacks.
- Staff joined in a building-wide potluck to thank Ms. Austin for her hard work and time here at Schiller School as a long-term sub.
- We welcomed new teacher, Emylee Sanders, to our team and are excited to get to work with her.
- Classes are hard at work on their projects for black history month. These projects and artwork will be displayed during our Schiller Night at the Museum on February 22nd 6-7:00 PM.

Jordan:

- Behavior Challenges are up and running in all classrooms. Each teacher along with students have created a Behavior Challenge. This is designed to encourage students to do their best to attain their classroom goals. Behavior challenges are posted outside of each classroom door and display the progress of each classroom. If a class reaches its goal, they will receive a reward.
- Students celebrated 100 days of school on January 31st. Students participated in various activities during the school day. 3rd grade students participated in a glow dance party to celebrate.
- Various 2nd grade classes celebrated Twos Day with classroom activities on the 102nd day which was on February 2nd.
- A Jordan Stars assembly was held on Wednesday, January 31st. Students are encouraged to express and demonstrate positive behaviors daily in their classrooms and around the school to receive this recognition.
- Jordan Elementary School sponsored our annual Red Cross Blood Drive on January 25th. We did not meet our goal this year, but we did have 17 donors. Thanks to Melissa Cavitt and Carloyn Queen who worked at the sign-in desk during this event.
- Black History Month activities are taking place in classrooms during the month of February.
- Our American Heart Association Kids Heart Challenge kicked off on Monday, February 5th. Our goal is to raise \$1,500 for the American Red Cross. This program is led by our Mental Health Support team with assistance from Mr. Krutsinger in PE.

Through this program, students will learn about taking care of their hearts, and they will participate in cardio-pumping challenges in PE. In addition to raising money for the American Red Cross, our school will earn money for PE equipment.

- A Jordan PTO Meeting was held on Monday, February 5th at 6:00 PM in the school gym. Plans were made for our upcoming Spring Fling Carnival in May.
- The Jordan PTO Gourmet Kettle Corn Company fundraiser was a big success. The kettle corn is produced by one of our 3rd grade parents, Sarah Johnson.
- All students completed a severe weather drill on Wednesday, February 7th. Through drill practice, students grasp necessary crisis steps, enabling calm and suitable responses, and improving overall school safety. All safety drills have been completed for the school year.
- Our Orphans in the Classroom, which brings CHS boys basketball players into the classroom to read SEL-related books to students, concluded on Friday, February 9th. An assembly featuring the Centralia Orphans boys basketball team and Coach Lee Bennett will be held on Wednesday, February 14th at 12:45 PM. This program is coordinated by Mrs. Stroud.
- Mrs. Blair is currently teaching art lessons to students! Students are learning about famous artists and the style of artwork the artist produced. Students will then create their own artwork in the style of the artist they have studied. Artwork will then be displayed at our Title I Family Fine Arts Festival in April.
- Our US Presidents' Week Celebration will take place during the week of February 19th through February 23rd. This week will consist of various themed days celebrating US Presidents. Students will also attend a production of "Keeping Mr. Lincoln" at the Centralia Cultural Society on Wednesday, February 21st. This show is sponsored by the Jordan PTO.
- Dr. Seuss Week will take place during the week of February 26th through March 1st. This coincides with Read Across America Day on March 2nd which is designed to encourage reading.
- Mrs. Laurie Miller is presently seeking participants for the Girls on the Run program. Girls on the Run is a positive development program for girls in 3rd through 5th grade. The program combines life skills lessons with training for a 5K run. The program instills confidence and equips girls with tools to empower them for a lifetime of healthy living. The program will begin on Thursday, March 7th and will meet at Jordan Elementary School on Mondays and Thursdays after school.
- 2nd grade students had their monthly Ag in the Classroom presentation. The month of February was all about horses.
- 3rd grade students had the Great Garden Detective Program with Krystal Pruden from the Illinois Nutrition Education Program.
- Students from Centralia High School's FFA program visited 3rd grade again. The January lesson was on dairy. The students were treated to some ice cream.

- Teachers are currently evaluating various math curriculums for future use. Mrs. Becker has met with 2nd and 3rd grade teams and has given them the opportunity to look at several different curriculums for teachers to evaluate.
- 3rd grade students are gearing up for the IAR in March. Students have been practicing with the online resources in order to be prepared.

Central:

- **January 5th In-service:** Todd Whitaker was the guest speaker. The topic centered around being an effective teacher and what that looks like. Teachers followed up with a brief discussion during the CMS follow up meeting before lunch.
- **January 8th Station Rotation:** Students returned to school following the Christmas break. CMS operated using a 1:45 dismissal schedule and students participated in station rotation for R2S2 (respect, responsibility, safety, and self-control). The focus was on following expectations at CMS in the hallway, classroom, restroom, playground, cafeteria, and travel buses.
- **January 10th Early Dismissal:** Teachers at CMS were introduced to and provided generic training and trials with the new Time kettle earbuds. These translation devices had been implemented at CMS for small group instruction for our ELL students in months prior. The additional sets allow all teachers who are directly involved with our ELL students to be able to engage with them in conversation and allow our ELL students the ability to hear in real-time translation of the directions in their native language. CMS teachers Roth and Curry have noted that these earbuds are a “game changer”.
- **January 15th NO SCHOOL:** In honor of Martin Luther King day, CMS students were engaged in lessons throughout the week that served to explain the dream that Dr. King hoped to achieve through desegregation.
- **January 24th Cub of the Month Luncheon:** On January 24th, Six fourth graders and their guest along with Six, fifth graders and their guest were treated to a pizza luncheon in honor of their recognition for following the CMS expectations for appropriate behavior while in representation of CMS. Students received a certificate and a Cub of the Month magnet to display on their locker.
- **Science Fair Projects:** CMS students have been working on completing their Science Fair Projects which will be displayed, graded, and judged for awards at the upcoming, first annual CMS Science Fair which will be held on February 6th from 12:30-2:30 p.m.

CJHS:

- The Scholar Bowl team has been selected, and their season is off to a great start.
- The Tigerettes Volleyball team has also been selected, and their season is now underway. They placed 5th in the St. Peter Lutheran Tourney to begin their season.
- The JV Tigers basketball team won the Highland 7th Grade Tournament.
- The Robotics team finished their season. They placed 4th out of 40 teams in the qualifying round to advance to the next level. In their regional matchup, they placed 10th.
- Tigers of the Month for December and January were celebrated with a lunch at Tequilas and an all-school assembly.
- The Tigers won their Regional and advanced to the SIJHSAA State Tourney at Rend Lake.
- Soar continues to provide the Reading Buddies program at Jordan School.
- Our Home to School program has helped countless CJHS families this year. Thank you for all your hard work and support of our students.
- Timekettle translator earbuds were distributed to the 7th-grade team to serve our ELL students better.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOTION #10:

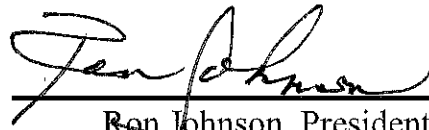
It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Harlan to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

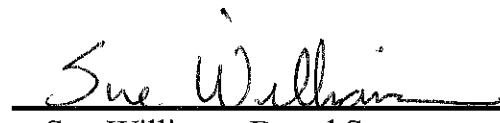
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JOHNSON	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
WILLIAMS	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HARLAN	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
BAUER	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
MIDDLETON	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
DODSON	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
GRIFFIN	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
Sue Williams, Board Secretary

APPROVED:



Ron Johnson, President



Sue Williams, Board Secretary