

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, April 09, 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, Renae Bauer

Members Absent: Derek Harlan, and Blake Griffin

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

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

MOTION #1:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Middleton to adjourn to closed session to discuss personnel matters relating to the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees. As well as a student disciplinary case.

Adjourned to closed session at 6:02 p.m.

Reconvened to open session at 7:07 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, March 12, 2024.
2. Approval of bills for \$967,632.09
3. Approval of April payroll.
4. Approval of the Superintendent of Schools to prepare an Amended School District Budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year with the Hearing for said budget to be set for the Board Meeting on June 11, 2024, if necessary.
5. Approval of the following out of district trips:
 - a. Schiller Kindergarten to The Zone in Mt. Vernon, IL on May 1, 2024.
 - b. Schiller First Grade to The Zone in Mt. Vernon, IL on May 3, 2024
 - c. Jordan Cross Cat Class to Rainbow Ranch in Nashville, IL on May 9, 2024.
 - d. CJHS Cross Cat Class to St. Louis City Museum and Berkemann's Bakery on May 13, 2024.
 - e. CJHS PBIS Students to the STEAM event at the Gateway Grizzlies Game on April 30, 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, Dr. Audrey Hill gave the Central School report. She presented reading data and information about iReady testing and technology used with ELL students. Plans to address math skills were shared along with goals for P.E. Student behavior has improved by reviewing expectations and having celebrations. New activities include dances, a spelling bee, and a science fair.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION #4:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Middleton to accept the resignation of Erin Del Sasso as CJHS Assistant Softball Coach. Motion carried.

MOTION #5:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Middleton to accept the resignation of Kathy Donnelly as part-time Home to School Liaison. Motion carried.

MOTION #6:

It was moved by Bauer and seconded by Dodson to accept the resignation of Abbey Holtkamp as Girls Basketball Coach. Motion carried.

MOTION #7:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Middleton to approve the hiring of Katy Knox as Jordan Special Education Teacher for the 2024-2025 school year pending license. Motion carried.

MOTION #8:

It was moved by Middleton and seconded by Dodson to approve the hiring of Hazel Martin as an Administrative Assistant/Purchasing Agent. Motion carried.

MOTION #9:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Bauer to approve the hiring of Cassie Glenn as District Treasurer. Motion carried.

MOTION #10:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Bauer to approve purchasing the Learning A to Z online program not to exceed \$82,046.25 for a three-year contract. Motion carried.

MOTION #11:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Bauer to approve the Category 2 E-rate winning bid for UPS units from CDWG. Motion carried.

MOTION #12:

It was moved by Bauer and seconded by Dodson to approve the category 2 E-rate winning bid for WAPs (wireless access points) and Switches from Bytespeed. Motion carried.

MOTION #13:

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Dodson to approve the playground installation at Jordan School by Serendipity for \$285,650.00. Motion carried.

A first reading of the following PRESS Policies was held:

2:40 Board Member Qualifications; 2:50 Board Member Term of Office; 2:60 Board Member Removal from Office; 2:140 Communications to and from Board; 2:140 E Exhibit Guidance for Board Member Communications, Including Email Use; 2:260 Uniform Grievance Procedure; 2:265 Title IX Grievance Procedure; 2:270 Discrimination and Harassment on the Basis of Race, Color, and National Origin Prohibited; 4:20 Fund Balances; 4:110 Transportation; 4:190 Targeted School Violence Prevention Program; 5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment; 5:20 Workplace Harassment Prohibited; 5:35 Compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act; 5:40 Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease; 5:100 Staff Development Plan; 5:300 Schedules and Employment Year; 6:40 Curriculum Development; 7:10 Equal Educational Opportunities; 7:10 E Exhibit Equal Educational Opportunities within the School Community; 7:20 Harassment of Students Prohibited; 7:180 Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation and Harassment.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Building Celebrations
2. Other

Schiller:

- PreK screenings took place at Schiller School on March 14th and 22nd.
- Summer maintenance walk-throughs were completed with Mr. Clark to make a to-do list for Schiller School. I'm glad to say there is no major construction and the list is minimal.
- Students continue to move up in reading fluency. Students enjoy coming down to the office for a certificate and sticker from the sticker wall for moving up a level. It is so exciting to see them move up and see the progress on our data wall.
- Paraprofessional Day was celebrated with sweet treats for our hardworking staff. They work hard and we are so appreciative to have such an awesome team at Schiller!
- Retention meetings were held for both kindergarten and first grade to brainstorm ideas to continue to help students move to the next grade level.
- Non-certified staff evaluations were completed and turned in.
- Schiller Star Students were recognized during our Wall of Fame and Star Student assembly for the school. We are proud of our students for being great citizens.

Jordan:

- 2nd and 3rd-grade students enjoyed a field trip to the Salem Library for the Solar Eclipse Planetarium Experience on March 5th and 12th. While at the library, students also had a lesson on how to find books and had time to practice by participating in a book scavenger hunt.
- Our 3rd Quarter Good Conduct Movie was held on Monday, March 18th. Thanks to City Hope Church for allowing us to view "Charlotte's Web" on the big screen. The moral of Charlotte's Web is that true friendship is immeasurably valuable. The movie focused on celebrating and making the most of life, the importance of good friends, appreciating diversity, staying humble, giving people a chance, and showing compassion.
- During March, 2nd-grade classrooms were visited by a leprechaun and participated in scavenger hunts and various other leprechaun-related activities.
- 3rd-grade students ended IAR testing with ice cream and a prize assembly. Each student had a daily opportunity to earn a ticket into the drawing based on attendance, behavior, and effort put forth during the test. For students earning a ticket during all six tests, their name was put into a grand prize drawing for a new bike. We are so proud of our 3rd-grade students for all of their hard work during these tests.
- Ms. McMillan's 3rd-grade class wrapped up their Women's History Month presentations. Students were each assigned a different woman who had an impact on the world, past and present.

- On March 7th and 19th, our SEL team presented their monthly lesson to students on self-confidence. Students created superhero masks to show that we all have superpowers.
- Before Spring Break, 2nd-grade students participated in an Easter Egg Hunt on the front lawn of the school grounds.
- Traci Macz and her son, George, presented the Macz Funeral Home Pursuit of Excellence Student Recognition Awards to students in each of our classrooms on April 2nd. This honor was established to recognize students striving to make a difference academically or personally. Honorees were selected by their classroom teachers who submitted applications describing why the students exemplified a pursuit of excellence in the classroom and among their peers. Mr. Bland selected Jayla for the "Best of the Best Recognition".
- On April 2nd, Jordan Elementary School students attended a performance of "Buckets N Boards", a comedy and percussion duo, who are one of the top acts for Disney Cruise Line and have performed for over 10 years in Branson, Missouri. This show was part of the Centralia Cultural Society's "Arts in Education" program which Mr. Bland helps to organize each school year. Thanks to the Jordan PTO for covering the cost of tickets for our students to attend.
- Picture Person Program volunteer and former Jordan teacher, Dee Miller, presented art lessons to 2nd-grade students on April 3rd-5th. Volunteer, Deb Powers Kordick, presented art lessons to 3rd-grade on March 7th-8th. Artwork from this program will be displayed at the Centralia Cultural Society in May, and students will be able to visit and view their creations.
- Mrs. Stroud's 2nd-grade class, Mrs. Witzel's 2nd-grade class, and some students from Ms. Wysocki's class and Ms. Knox's class will participate in swim lessons at the Centralia Recreation Complex in April.
- RtI math interventions are now being implemented by Mr. Krusinger, Mrs. Blair, and Ms. Issak. Lessons relating to specific student levels and deficiencies will be implemented daily to help students improve their math skills.
- Girls on the Run continues to meet on Mondays and Thursdays at Jordan Elementary School. This program encourages girls to develop self-respect and healthy lifestyles through dynamic, interactive lessons and running games, culminating in a celebratory 5k run. Instructional coach, Mrs. Laurie Miller, coaches this program. This year 22 girls are participating in grades 3-5 which is at full capacity for the program along with 3 returning participants who will be serving as junior coaches.
- Our annual "Title I Family Fine Arts Festival" will be held on Thursday, April 11th, and will include our "Jordan's Got Talent" show at 6:00 PM in the school gym, student art galleries in our hallways, and a Scholastic Book Fair in the multipurpose room.
- Our "ZYX Countdown" to the end of the school year will begin on Wednesday, April 17th. Each day will have a specific theme as we countdown. We will begin with "Z (Zoo) Day".

- Our Building Leadership Team has begun meeting with Tammie Henry to modify our existing behavior plan so that it will effectively meet the needs of those students who are receiving excessive Skyward Behavior Notices.

Central:

- **March 1st, Women's History:** This day marked the first day of Women's History Month. Each day, students listened to a small story about a persistent woman in American History. At the end of the month, there was a schoolwide trivia contest held and three classrooms (Mr. Webster, Ms. Roth, and Ms. Severs' class) were able to answer one of three trivia questions and win treats for their entire classroom.
- **March 15th, PBIS Celebration:** Students who remained in good standing with at least 85% of their behavior points secured were able to participate in a celebration. Students watched a movie and ate snacks for the final hour of the school day.
- **March 15th, Dance:** The CMS Spring Fling was held at school from 6-8 p.m. Students donned their best spring outfits and came out to dance and play games. It was a fun evening had by all and pics of the event were posted to the school FB page.
- **March 18th, Station Rotation:** Students reviewed the CMS expectations for civility (R2S2) in an afternoon station rotation. The areas of focus were: hallway, classroom, cafeteria, bathroom, buses, and the playground. The purpose of the review was to remind students of the expectations for appropriate behavior while in attendance at CMS.
- **March 18th, PAC:** The CMS/CJHS Parent Advisory met to discuss end of year topics and begin the discussion for new officers for the upcoming school year. Principals provided their monthly report including all of the events that were celebrated for the month of February.
- **Picture Person, Cultural Society:** Students have been working with Picture person to complete art projects. Once completed, these projects will be displayed at the Centralia Cultural Society for citywide viewing.
- **Swimming @ Recreation Complex:** Swimming has continued at the recreation complex for the fifth-grade students. In addition, in class water safety classes have been preparing students for what to do in the event of an emergency surrounding swimming and water safety.
- **March 25th, Maintenance Walkthrough:** The CMS maintenance walkthrough took place on March 25th. The goal was to get a plan in place for continued maintenance throughout the summer. Targeted areas identified will be improved throughout the summer months.
- **March 26th, Cub of the Month:** Students who were identified as exemplifying our CMS behavioral expectations were awarded with a pizza luncheon, dessert, and drinks. Each child was permitted to bring a guest of their choice to participate in the celebration.

- **March 27th, Teacher Birthday Luncheon:** The monthly teacher luncheon was held on this day. Teachers shared in a potluck of salads, drinks, and desserts. Each month, staff birthdays are recognized and celebrated at CMS.

CJHS:

- The cast was selected for School House Rock Jr. Live, which Mr. Bland will lead. CMS and CJHS students will be performing in this musical.
- The volleyball season concluded. The girls had a successful season led by two new coaches.
- CJHS band members performed at CHS for the Sound Spectacular.
- CJHS's PBIS team and staff continue working with an outside facilitator to revamp our PBIS system.
- Our 6th-8th grade students who earned the 3rd quarter celebration went to the rec center for
- Track is now underway. The first home meet was held on 3-28 at CHS.
- Tigers of the Month were celebrated with a lunch at Tequilas.
- The 8th Grade Honors Club took a field trip to Springfield and visited Lincoln's house, the Presidential Museum, the Capital Building, and Lincoln's tomb.
- Grand Canyon University sponsored a luncheon with staff to speak about their programs.
- CJHS finished IAR testing. The ISA test will begin in the second week of April for 8th graders.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The District Bowling Night will be held on 04/24/2024 at the New Bowl Lanes in Mt. Vernon.

MOTION #14:

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


Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

MOTION #	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
JOHNSON	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
WILLIAMS	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HARLAN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BAUER	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
MIDDLETON	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
DODSON	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
GRIFFIN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

MOTION #	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
JOHNSON	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
WILLIAMS	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HARLAN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BAUER	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
MIDDLETON	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
DODSON	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
GRIFFIN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
Sue Williams, Board Secretary

APPROVED:



Ron Johnson, President



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