

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 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., in the Administration Bldg., 400 South Elm St., Centralia, IL 62801.

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

Members Absent:

Also Present: Supt. Craig E. Clark, Christina Becker, Timothia Reid,  
Derek Sherman, Luke Easton, Jennifer Stilt, and Steven Stilt

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

A Public Hearing was held on the 2024-2025 School District Budget. Mr. Clark presented the proposed budget and answered questions from board members.

MOTION #1:

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

Adjourned to closed session at 6:20 p.m.

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

MOTION #2:

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

1. Approval of Minutes of regular meeting held on Tuesday, August 13, 2024.
2. Approval of bills for \$397,879.54
3. Approval of September payroll.
4. Presentation of salary compensation of administration staff and teachers as required by Section 10-2047 and 34-18.38 of the School Code.

MOTION #3:

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

## RECOGNITION AND COMMENTS FROM EMPLOYEES AND PUBLIC

1. Mr. Derek Sherman, Economic Development Director for the City of Centralia addressed the board along with Mr. Luke Easton, Executive Director of the South Central Region Planning and Development Commission. They were interested in expanding the City of Centralia Downtown TIF District #111 for 13 years beyond 2025.
2. Mrs. Jennifer Stilt complimented Schiller staff for supporting the Centralia Historical Commission.

## BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

1. The Budget Committee met last week. Due to Construction costs they are looking at a deficit budget for 2024-2025. However, conservative revenue and liberal spending were considered to develop the budget.

## CURRICULUM REPORT

Mrs. Becker reported that new math and phonics programs are in use. Assessments have begun with IAR data being used to determine areas of celebration and to identify goals.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### NEW BUSINESS

#### MOTION #4:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Middleton to adopt the 2024-2025 School District Budget. Motion carried.

A first reading of the PRESS Policy Issue 116 was held as follows:

2:260 Uniform Grievance Procedure; 2:265 Title IX Grievance Procedure;  
5:100 Staff Development Program; 7:20 Harassment of Students Prohibited;  
7:185 Teen Dating Violence Prohibited

#### MOTION #5:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Griffin to accept the resignation of Hannah Crites as CJHS paraprofessional. Motion carried.

#### MOTION #6:

It was moved by Bauer and seconded by Griffin to accept the resignation of Amanda Horst as CJHS paraprofessional. Motion carried.

**MOTION #7:**

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Harlan to approve the hiring of Allison Austin as Schiller Individual Paraprofessional. Motion carried.

**MOTION #8:**

It was moved by Harlan and seconded by Dodson to approve the hiring of Kelly Carbaugh as Central Middle School Individual Paraprofessional. Motion carried.

**MOTION #9:**

It was moved by Middleton and seconded by Harlan to approve the hiring of Alisha Lewis as Central Middle School Individual Paraprofessional. Motion carried.

**MOTION #10:**

It was moved by Harlan and seconded by Dodson to accept the Intent to Retire letter from Jo Ann Glenn at the end of the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried.

**MOTION #11:**

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Middleton to approve the purchase of i-Ready from Curriculum Associates for \$51,448.00. Motion carried.

The District's E-Learning Plan for 2024-2025 was reviewed.

**MOTION #12:**

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Griffin to approve the District's E-Learning Plan for 2024-2025. Motion carried.

The District's Attendance and Trancy Policy for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years was reviewed.

**MOTION #13:**

It was moved by Bauer and seconded by Griffin to approve the District's Attendance and Truancy Policy for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years. Motion carried.

The District's Bullying Policy for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years was reviewed.

**MOTION #14:**

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Bauer to approve the District's Bullying Policy for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years. Motion carried.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Review of the August 22, 2024, sixth-day enrollment figures - A slight total increase compared to last year was noted. However, approximately 30 students are in alternative placement.
2. Building Celebrations
3. Other

### **Schiller:**

- Staff started the school year off with an Amazing Race around Centralia, completing tasks at local businesses. Staff enjoyed ice cream at their final stop at C-Town Twist. The Literacy Team won this year!
- Students started the year with learning the rules of our school including: classroom, hallway, cafeteria, gym, and bathroom. Students watched a video of our local students showing them how to follow the rules on our new playground.
- We had an incredible turnout for our Open House at Schiller School with 174 out of 232 students equaling 75% attendance! Parents and students were welcomed by staff and got a chance to drop off their supplies, tour the building, and meet their teachers.
- Students did a great job during our first fire drill of the school year. Students and staff vacated the building promptly and orderly making sure everyone was safe and accounted for.
- Dental Safari visited our students this year with a record breaking turn out for students to be examined by the dentist. They will be returning soon for more severe treatments on students.
- Our first fundraiser of the school year will begin this week with Krispy Kreme sales to help us pay for a field trip.

### **Jordan:**

- The Jordan Elementary Open House was held on Monday, August 19th. Our faculty and staff were introduced during a short presentation by Mr. Bland. Guests were then allowed to visit classrooms, meet teachers, and play on our new playground. Attendees were treated to cookies and punch compliments of T-Mobile, and children were treated to 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 improve student performance.
- 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.

- Numerous staff members participated in the required yearly CPI training in August. Additional staff will participate in these training sessions in September and October.
- Our BLT (Building Leadership Team) met on Monday, August 27th, and discussed and planned monthly “Meeting Expectations Celebrations” for the school year. They also discussed creating rules for the playground and cafeteria using the CHAMPS behavior management model.
- Our RtI team met on Wednesday, August 28th, to discuss students experiencing significant difficulties with academics and/or behavior. The purpose of these meetings is to provide teachers with ways to assist these students before referring them to special education testing.
- The Jordan PTO held a Mums Fundraiser. Over 400 mums were sold making this fundraiser a big success.
- An August “Meeting Expectations Celebration” was held on Tuesday, September 3rd, for students who met the monthly behavior criteria and expectations. The theme for the celebration was “Popsicles and Play on the Playground”. This event was planned by Mr. Bland and Mrs. Jodie Witzel.
- A “Jordan Stars” assembly was held on Wednesday, September 4th. One student from each classroom was selected by the classroom teacher. Students received a “Jordan Rockstar” t-shirt, a certificate, and a coupon for a free kids’ meal at Wendy’s.
- Faculty and staff received copies of our updated Crisis Management Plan/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.
- Our annual fall pictures were taken on Tuesday, September 10th.
- The Jordan PTO held its first school year meeting on Tuesday, September 10th. Upcoming events and activities were discussed.
- Faculty, staff, and students will participate in our first required fire drill on Monday, September 9th, an active shooter drill on Tuesday, September 17th, and a bus evacuation drill on Tuesday, September 24th.
- Our Mental Health Support Team will present their monthly SEL lesson on Wednesday, September 18th, and Wednesday, September 25th. These presentations will focus on self-control.

**Central:**

- **Station Rotation (R2S2 Respect, Responsibility, Safe, Self-Control):** The first three days of school (morning) were spent in station rotation during the morning. The goal is to help all students transition back to school wide expectations in areas that may be challenging (restroom, hallway, classroom, bus, playground, and cafeteria). Students were able to provide examples and non-examples of appropriate and inappropriate conduct in each of the six stations.
- **Open House:** CMS held its annual open house. Parents were invited into the building to meet and greet their student’s teacher. In addition, families had the opportunity to

tour the school and get an idea of how their student's day would unfold. A special thank-you to the PAC (Parent Advisory Council: Ms. Ray and Ms. Daniels) for providing juice and cookies to our guests. The event was well-attended.

- **I-Ready Diagnostic #1:** CMS students completed their first round of the I-ready diagnostic test. This assessment will be used to assign students individualized lessons to enhance their learning opportunities in reading and math.
- **First Fire Drill:** CMS students participated in the very first of three fire drills for the school year. This first drill was conducted with the assistance of the Centralia Fire Dept. Students exited the building quickly and efficiently and received glowing remarks from the fire department.
- **Bus Evacuation Drill:** As part of the state required drills, CMS students engaged in a bus evacuation drill. Students were expected to actively participate in exiting the bus in an orderly fashion. CMS students completed the drill and were within the allotted time to exit a bus which may be in distress.
- **Fall Pictures:** Fall pictures were completed for all 4th and 5th grade students. Students came dressed to impress with smiles and new hairstyles.
- **Cross Country Team:** One of the only sports available to CMS students is Cross Country. CMS boasts 7 students who actively participate in this team. We continue to wish them success as they begin their junior high sports career. Practices are held daily, outside.

#### **CJHS:**

- **Back to School:** Teachers and staff met as a district in the CJHS cafeteria on August 14. Mr. Boldt introduced himself to staff in the library, going over expectations and strategies for the new year. Mrs. Hollenkamp spoke to staff about PBIS implementations. Melanie Andrews, Senior Director of Professional Learning & Student Programs, gave a one-hour presentation in the library called, "Is It Enough? Are You Enough? When is Enough Really Enough?"
- **Open House:** CJHS held our annual Open House on August 15 from 6:00 – 7:00 pm. Mr. Boldt introduced himself as the new building principal to parents/guardians in the gymnasium. Families then had the opportunity to tour the building and meet with teachers and staff.
- **Fall Pictures:** Fall pictures were completed on August 21 for all CJHS students & staff. 17 students were absent that day. Our make-up picture date is scheduled for October 22.
- **I-Ready Testing:** CJHS students are still in the process of completing I-Ready testing. It will be open until September 12. This testing provides us data and guidelines for where each of our students are performing.
- **First Fire Drill:** CJHS students completed their first fire drill of the school year on August 28. The local fire department was present for the drill. Students & staff were evacuated quickly and efficiently.
- **Softball Team:** The girls' softball team finished second at the Selmaville Round Robin on August 10.

- Baseball Team: The boys' baseball team won the Fall Baseball Classic for the first time since 2021.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOTION #15:

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

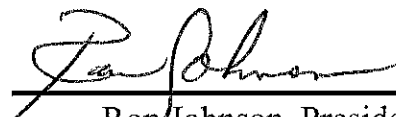
Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.


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JOHNSON	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
WILLIAMS	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
BAUER	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
MIDDLETON	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
DODSON	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
GRIFFIN	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED  
Sue Williams, Board Secretary

APPROVED:

  
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Ron Johnson, President

  
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Sue Williams, Board Secretary