

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 08, 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, and Blake Griffin

Members Absent: Renae Bauer, Greg Dodson, and Mike Middleton

Also Present: Supt. Craig E. Clark, Christina Becker, and Austin Williams

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

MOTION #1:

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

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

Reconvened to open session at 7:04 p.m.

MOTION #2:

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

1. Approval of Minutes of regular meeting held on Tuesday, September 10, 2024.
2. Approval of Minutes of the special meeting held on Monday, September 23, 2024.
3. Approval of Minutes of the special meeting held on Thursday, September 26, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.
4. Approval of Minutes of the special meeting held on Thursday, September 26, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.
5. Approval of bills for \$555,071.85
6. Approval of October payroll.
7. Approval of returning annual income of Centralia City Schools Endowment Fund to the Centralia City Schools Endowment Fund.

MOTION #3:

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

RECOGNITION AND COMMENTS FROM EMPLOYEES AND PUBLIC

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

CURRICULUM REPORT

Mrs. Becker reported that the district has welcomed an instructional coach from the ROE this year. Based on screening results approximately 40 students qualify for EL services. Feedback from teachers regarding the new math and phonics program is generally positive and will lead to increased growth in student achievement.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION #4:

It was moved by Harlan and seconded by Griffin to approve employee in-district travel allowances. Motion carried.

A second reading of the PRESS Policy Updates 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 Griffin and seconded by Harlan to adopt the PRESS Policy Updates 116 as read. Motion carried.

MOTION #6:

It was moved by Harlan and seconded by Griffin to table the audit report from Glass and Shuffett. Motion carried.

MOTION #7:

It was moved by Griffin and seconded by Harlan to approve the employment of Jace Hughes as 7th Grade Boys' Basketball Coach. Motion carried.

MOTION #8:

It was moved by Harlan and seconded by Griffin to accept the resignation of April Snow as Homebound Teacher. Motion carried.

MOTION #9:

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Harlan to accept the resignation of Allison Austin as an Individual Paraprofessional at Schiller School.

Motion carried.

MOTION #10:

It was moved by Harlan and seconded by Griffin to accept the resignation of Evalynne Snyder as an individual paraprofessional at Jordan School.

Motion carried.

MOTION #11:

It was moved by Harlan and seconded by Griffin to accept the Intent to Retire Letter from Mrs. Bev Braun, Central Middle School Cook, at the end of the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried.

MOTION #12:

It was moved by Harlan and seconded by Griffin to accept the Intent to Retire Letter from Mrs. Donna Wooters, Bus Monitor, as of December 2024.

Motion carried.

MOTION #13:

It was moved by Griffin and seconded by Harlan to approve the FMLA request from Employee #1666. Motion carried.

MOTION #14:

It was moved by Harlan and seconded by Griffin to approve the FMLA request from Employee #1610. Motion carried.

MOTION #15:

It was moved by Harlan and seconded by Griffin to approve the purchase of 5 Opengate weapon detectors for \$100,000.00 from the ISBE Stronger Connections Grant. Motion carried.

MOTION #16:

It was moved by Griffin and seconded by Harlan to approve the purchase of Fortinet FortiGate 200F firewall for \$21,000.00 from ISBE Stronger Connections Grant. Motion carried.

MOTION #17:

It was moved by Harlan and seconded by Griffin to adopt the following resolution for utilizing E-rate. Motion carried.

“Centralia City School District 135 participates in the federal E-rate program which provides significant grant funding for Internet, Fiber Optic connections and internal technology infrastructure. In accordance with E-rate guidelines, Centralia City School District 135 provides internet safety and filtering protection for all students.”

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

1. Building Celebrations
2. Other

Schiller:

- After a no show with Lifetouch, a new date was made and students and staff successfully got their pictures taken
- Students and parents participated in our first fundraiser of the year, Krispy Kreme Doughnuts. They have broken the record to this date by selling 1,038 dozen doughnuts!!! The top sellers win a gift card and lunch with Ms. Marshall.
- Both Kindergarten and 1st grade have now started Guided Reading. Some classes had already gotten a jumpstart on it but it is being fully implemented in the school now. Students will be rotating centers, working independently, with support staff, and with the classroom teacher in small groups on their academic level.
- The students did a phenomenal job completing fire drills with the CFD. Students exited the building quickly and safely.
- Our annual active shooter training with Officer Jansen went well with students learning about what to do in a time of danger. The training was age-appropriate and the drill was accomplished.
- Schiller School completed their walk-through with the ROE with minimal corrections to be made. Thankful for our faculty, especially our custodians and maintenance personnel who make sure we are on our game at all times!
- KSED has completed vision/hearing screenings for our students.
- Schiller School hosted our Room Parent's Tea for the year where parents were able to come meet together to discuss upcoming class parties and their ideas for celebrations.
- Our first Star Student assembly was had where students are recognized for having good character at school. The month of September focused on students who showed respect. A Wall of Fame student is chosen each week and at the end of the month, one of these students are chosen for the Star Student Award.
- Mr. Smith taught our students about bus safety and what to do if there is ever an emergency on the bus. Students quickly exited the bus in a timely fashion as a drill.

Jordan:

- Our “Reading Buddies” program recently kicked off. 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. CJHS students will begin participating in the program on Fridays. This program is organized by Mrs. Jodie Witzel, Title I teacher.
- Hearing and vision screenings and rescreenings were coordinated this month by Nurse Niepoetter and conducted by KSED.
- The Jordan PTO held its first meeting of the school year on Tuesday, September 10th. This meeting focused on planning events for the upcoming school year including Scholastic Books Fairs, Santa’s Kottage, and our annual Spring Fling.
- Students participated in a required law enforcement drill on Tuesday, September 17th. Students were shown the "Stop! Look! Listen!" video, followed by Officer Jansen, our School Resource Officer, who visited classes and answered questions. Our drill was conducted following these activities. Faculty and staff participated in an active shooter training during our teacher in-service on Friday, September 13th.
- Our Mental Support team presented their monthly SEL lessons on Wednesday, September 18th, and Wednesday, September 25th. Students enjoyed a game of Keepy Uppy for this month’s SEL lesson on self-control. Students used self-control while taking turns. Students also learned about things that they can and cannot control.
- The CN Railroad visited students on Friday, September 20th. Thank you to CN Railway and Officer Rueter, who gave presentations to students and Little Obie rides to CHS and back. Mrs. Donoho coordinated this event.
- Required bus evacuation drills took place on Tuesday, September 24th. These drills included instruction from our transportation department on safe bus riding practices for all students.
- 1st quarter mid-term reports were sent home with students on Wednesday, September 25th.
- A 4-H representative visited the 3rd-grade classrooms and spoke to students about the many opportunities that the 4-H program has to offer. Pumpkins were painted by students as an activity.
- A Jordan Stars assembly was held on Monday, September 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 by the classroom teacher. Students receive a certificate, a t-shirt, and a free meal at Wendy’s.
- Students who met the behavior criteria participated in our monthly Expectations Celebration on Tuesday, October 1st. September’s theme was “Backyard Barbeque”. Students were served hotdogs and participated in horseshoes, cornhole, and jump rope activities. Mr. Krutsinger and Mrs. Osborne organized the celebration, and Mr. Kohlmeier grilled the hotdogs.

- Mrs. Megan Heistand with the Ag in the Classroom program visited the 2nd-grade classes to teach about the importance of bees. After reading a story to each class, she had the students make a list of items they would like if they were going to a BBQ. After the list was created, Ms. Meggan took out all the items that would not be there if bees didn't exist. Almost every item was eliminated.
- On Thursday, October 3rd, FFA students from Centralia High School presented a lesson on apples to 3rd-grade students. They also made applecopters with the students, and each student was given an apple.
- School Custodian Day was postponed a few days and was celebrated on Friday, October 4th, when both custodians were present. Mr. Boettcher and Mr. Isaiah were acknowledged for their hard work and were presented with a gift from our faculty and staff.
- The Satchel Pulse Screener is being completed by all teachers. This screening device allows teachers to rate their students on social-emotional needs and helps our Mental Health team to identify those students in need of services.
- Fire Prevention Week kicked off on Monday, October 7th. The week's activities will include a required fire drill, a Patches the Firedog assembly for 2nd-grade students, and a Fire Safety House tour for 3rd-grade students, all presented by the Centralia Fire Department.
- Red Ribbon Week will be celebrated during the week of October 21st through Friday, October 25th. 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 22nd, from 6:00 to 6:30 PM around our circle drive.
- Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, October 24th, and Friday, October 25th.

Central:

- September 5th Alice Intruder Drill: CMS students practiced their lockdown drill in the event of an intruder in the building. Students did an excellent job taking the drill seriously. Officer Jansen went around to each classroom to answer questions both before and after the drill.
- September 15th: Today marks the first day of Hispanic Heritage Month. Each morning at CMS students get a 'fun fact' that recognizes the contributions of Hispanic Americans in American history.
- September 19th: CMS held a potluck for our I.T. personnel to thank them for everything that they do to keep us up and running.

- September 20th Teacher Institute: Teachers met to debrief the teacher intruder drill scenarios from the 13th. CMS teachers reviewed the discipline data and used the data from August and early September to brainstorm ideas for maintaining CMS student expectations.
- September 20th Mid-term PBIS celebrations: Students who have earned enough points to attend the PBIS celebration were invited to enjoy a popsicle and extra hour playtime at the end of the school day. The school operated on a shortened schedule to accommodate the celebration.
- September 23rd Station Rotation: R2S2 (responsibility, respect, safe, self-control). Students participated in station rotation and reviewed the CMS behavioral expectations to begin the second part of the grading period.
- September 25th Fire Drill #2: Students participated in their second fire drill of the school year. Once again, students and teachers performed the drill with excellence. One exit was blocked off and teachers had to re-route their students to get them safely out of the building.
- September 25th Cub of the Month Luncheon: 12 students were awarded Cub of the month for their ability to follow expectations and be a role model for their peers. Students were invited to an end of month pizza party and they were permitted to bring a guest.
- September 27th Ameren Presentation: Fifth grade students participated in an Ameren presentation about being good stewards of the environment. Each child received a gift pack from Ameren to take home with energy efficient products.

CJHS:

- U of I Traveling Science Center: The University of Illinois Traveling Science Center was on display in the CJHS parking lot on September 23. All 8th grade students explored the exhibit during their science classes.
- I-Ready Testing: CJHS students completed their I-Ready testing. This testing provides us data and guidelines for where each of our students are performing.
- A.L.I.C.E. Training: CJHS students took part in A.L.I.C.E. (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) Training on September 5. The training addressed what students and staff need to know and do in the unlikely event that a violent intruder enters the school building. This training was immediately followed by an intruder drill.

- 4 E's Training: Teachers and staff met as a district in the CJHS gymnasium on September 13. Officer Hinkle and local police officers led a 4 E's training on how to respond to an active shooter.
- Second Fire Drill: CJHS students completed their second fire drill of the school year on September 25. Students & staff were evacuated quickly and efficiently.
- September Faculty Meeting: On September 11, teachers and paraprofessionals met as a group in the library. Mr. Boldt went over some tips for leading a student-led classroom. Mrs. Hollenkamp announced the 2024-2025 BLT's. And teachers met in their grade levels to select the September Tigers of the Month.
- Tigers of the Month: The following CJHS students were selected as the September Tigers of the Month and were honored at the September 27 school-wide assembly:

6th Grade: Cadie Shuler, Dawn Phillips

7th Grade: Kiara Cruz Vazquez, Aiden Hirsch

8th Grade: Jesiah Jackson, Emma Quick

- Softball Team: The girls' softball team made it to the regional championship game against Salem, and finished with a record of 7-10.
- Baseball Team: The boys' baseball team won five games this season, matching last year's total, finishing with a record of 5-8 overall.
- Cross Country: The boys' Cross-Country team finished 3rd in the St. Mary's Invitational on September 25.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOTION #18:

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

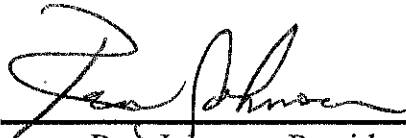
Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

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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	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MIDDLETON	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DODSON	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRIFFIN	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

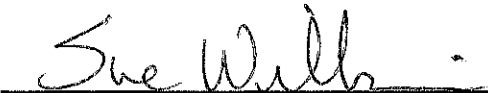
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JOHNSON	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
WILLIAMS	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HARLAN	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
BAUER	-	-	-	-	-	-
MIDDLETON	-	-	-	-	-	-
DODSON	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRIFFIN	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
Sue Williams, Board Secretary

APPROVED:



 Ron Johnson, President



 Sue Williams, Board Secretary