

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, November 12, 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,
Mike Middleton and Blake Griffin

Members Absent: Greg Dodson

Also Present: Supt. Craig E. Clark, Christina Becker, Elizabeth Hollenkamp,
Timothia Reid and Austin Williams

Board President Johnson called the regular meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

MOTION #1:

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

Adjourned to closed session at 6:03 p.m.

Reconvened to open session at 7:02 p.m.

Mr. Dodson arrived at 6:45 p.m.

MOTION #2:

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

1. Approval of Minutes of regular meeting held on Tuesday, October 08, 2024.
2. Approval of bills for \$697,860.14
3. Approval of October payroll.

MOTION #3:

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

CURRICULUM REPORT

Mrs. Becker reported that the After School Program is underway. Recent surveys collected from families at parent-teacher conferences showed satisfaction regarding communication and feeling welcome in our schools. All district buildings received “commendable” summative designations meaning that no school improvement activities were required by ISBE.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION #4:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Bauer to approve the 2024 Tentative Tax Levies to be adopted December 10, 2024. Motion carried.

MOTION #5:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Middleton to table the audit from Glass and Shuffett. Motion carried.

MOTION #6:

It was moved by Bauer and seconded by Middleton to approve the hiring of Beth Hollenkamp as Assistant Superintendent starting 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried.

MOTION #7:

It was moved by Harlan and seconded by Dodson to approve the hiring of Gabriel Langenfeld as Schiller Individual Paraprofessional. Motion carried.

MOTION #8:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Griffin to approve the hiring of Angela Brubaker as Schiller Individual Paraprofessional. Motion carried.

MOTION #9:

It was moved by Harlan and seconded by Middleton to approve the hiring of Jamesha Scott as Schiller part-time Individual Paraprofessional. Motion carried.

MOTION #10:

It was moved by Griffin and seconded by Dodson to accept the resignation of Erin Del Sasso as Seventh-Grade Math Teacher. Motion carried.

MOTION #11:

It was moved by Bauer and seconded by Griffin to accept the resignation of Jennifer Heinrichsmeyer as a bus driver. Motion carried.

MOTION #12:

It was moved by Middleton and seconded by Harlan to approve FMLA request for employee #00492. Motion carried.

MOTION #13:

It was moved by Williams and seconded by Dodson to approve the purchase of UPS battery units and network rack equipment from CDWG for \$12,791.14 using Category 2 E-Rate grant funds. Motion carried.

MOTION #14:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Middleton to approve the purchase of wireless access points and switches from Bytespeed at a cost of \$53,830.00 using Category 2 E-Rate grant funds. Motion carried.

MOTION #15:

It was moved by Dodson and seconded by Middleton to establish a Health Refund Account with Egyptian Trust to start on January 1, 2025. Motion carried.

MOTION #16:

It was moved by Griffin and seconded by Bauer to approve a contract with Robison Transportation to transport a student to Marine, IL. Motion carried.

A first reading was held for the following PRESS Policy updates:

2:105 - Ethics and Gift Ban; 2:120 - Board Member Development;
4:30 - Revenue and Investments; 4:60 - Purchases and Contracts;
4:150 - Facility Management and Building Programs; 4:170 - Safety;
5:10 - Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment;
5:20 - Workplace Harassment Prohibited; 5:90 - Abused and Neglected
Child Reporting; 5:125 - Personal Technology and Social Media; Usage
and Conduct; 5:230 - Maintaining Student Discipline; 6:60 - Curriculum
Content; 6:135 - Accelerated Placement Program; 6:270 - Guidance and
Counseling Program; 7:10 - Equal Educational Opportunities; 7:100 -
Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of
Students; 7:180 - Prevention and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and
Harassment; 7:200 - Suspension Procedures; 8:10 - Connection with
Community

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. Parent-Teacher Conference Reports
2. Building Celebrations
3. Other

Schiller:

- Centralia Fire Department came to Schiller to educate our students in fire safety. They enjoyed the new CFD mascot, Sparky who taught us so much!
- Kindergarten teachers completed their KIDS entries for the state before the deadline with no hiccups.
- Our earthquake drill went well and as planned. The students and staff did awesome!
- Our partnership with Kaskaskia College Boys Basketball started with the basketball players coming to meet and play with our students. They will be visiting and reading with our students throughout the year. Our students were so excited to meet them with lots of high fives given out.
- Bayer came to present Halloween safety to our students. Students were treated with trick or treat bags with goodies inside.
- Spooktacular was a great success again this year! Students and families came out to enjoy trick-or-treating around the parking lot with our staff and community members.
- Students enjoyed their field trip to Marlow's Pumpkin Patch. Students rotated stations that included picking out a pumpkin, corn maze, haunted maze, hay ride, playground, and a small zoo. The weather was beautiful and fun was had by all!
- Schiller School parent-teacher conferences were completed with 100% participation. We love sharing reports of our awesome students with their parents.
- SAFE came to do body safety presentations to each classroom. The lessons were age-appropriate and well-received by students.

Jordan:

- SAFE presented their body safety program to students on Monday, October 7th, and Tuesday, October 8th.
- Third-grade students continue to participate in the Great Garden Detective Program with Krystal Pruden from the Illinois Nutrition Education Program. Ms. Pruden visits once a month to teach students about nutrition.
- 3rd-grade students participated in a fun family project to promote a love for reading. Students were asked to choose a book character and create a pumpkin to resemble it. Students and parents had a chance to read the story and be creative.
- Students from Centralia High School's FFA program visited the third grade on Thursday, October 3rd. The October lesson was on pumpkins.
- Students participated in Fountas and Pinnell testing, administered by our Sweep Team, on October 7th-24th. This testing helps teachers identify each student's independent, instructional, and hard reading levels to better inform targeted and effective instruction.

- During Fire Prevention Week, students participated in a required fire drill with the Centralia Fire Department on Thursday, October 10th. Following the drill, the firemen and Sparky the Fire Dog presented a fire safety assembly to 2nd-grade students.
- 3rd-grade students toured the Centralia Fire Departments Fire House on Friday, October 11th.
- This month's SEL lesson was presented by our Mental Support team on Tuesday, October 15th and Tuesday, October 29th, and focused on bullying.
- Students and staff participated in the Great American Shakeout on Thursday, October 17th. At 10:17 AM a severe weather drill took place.
- Mrs. Megan Hiestand with the Ag in the Classroom program taught 2nd-grade students that many of the ingredients in pizza are found on the farm on Thursday, October 17th. Students listened to a story and then created their own pizzas.
- On Friday, October 18th, 3rd-grade students who had NEVER lost a SINGLE Dojo point during the first quarter were honored with a short assembly where they were presented a certificate and a reward from their teacher.
- Red Ribbon Week was 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". Jordan had a school-specific "Drugs Are Scary" day where students wore Halloween costumes, participated in a costume parade, and celebrated with classroom parties.
- Our annual Title I "Halloween Spooktacular" was held on Tuesday, October 22nd, and was a huge success! Over 400 people were in attendance for this event! A special thank you to the Jordan PTO, SSM Sleep Center, Tri Chi '27, Boy Scouts, T-Mobile, and parents who helped to make this event so special for our students and their families!
- Halloween Keepsake Photos were taken on Wednesday, October 23rd, while students were in their Halloween costumes. All proceeds went to the Jordan Elementary School Activity Fund.
- Mrs. Moore, 3rd Grade Teacher, is the recipient of one of the Ronald McDonald House Charities foundation grants for just over \$4,500. The grant will be used for flexible seating, technology, science materials, and to provide additional learning opportunities for our students.
- Parent Teacher Conferences were held on Thursday, October 24th, after school and in the evening and in the morning on Friday, October 25th. 100% of our parents participated in conferences.
- Congratulations to 3rd-grade students, Lyhdia, Abriella, and Janaya. These students received 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place overall in the Centralia Fire Department's annual Fire Safety Poster Contest. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners were awarded in each classroom
- Bob Tarter, a wildlife educator, visited on Wednesday, October 30th and presented his "Animalogy" program to the students. Thank you to Jordan PTO for sponsoring this program for our students.

- On Tuesday, October 31st, students who participated in the Centralia Fire Department's Fire Prevention Week poster contest were honored. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each of our six 3rd-grade classes were awarded. Talaya, a student in Mrs. Moore's classroom, received 1st place overall in all of the Centralia schools. These students were also invited to attend a pizza party sponsored by the fire department.
- On Thursday, October 31st our October "Expectations Celebration" was held for those students who met the behavior criteria. Students participated in pumpkin painting. Thank you to Mrs. Stroud for organizing this event and Frey Farms for donating the pumpkins for students to paint.
- A "Jordan Stars" all-school assembly was held on Friday, November 1st. One student is selected monthly in each of our classrooms. Students who are selected receive a "Jordan Star" t-shirt, a "Jordan Stars" certificate, and a coupon for a free kids' meal at Wendy's.
- The Jordan PTO official St. Louis Cardinals 2025 Calendar fundraiser ended on November 1st and was successful.
- Vadawn Stroud has been awarded a grant from Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom for this school year. This grant request will bring books into your school to help increase agricultural literacy of your students while also addressing important content area learning standards
- Students participated in our last required fire drill of the school year on Tuesday, November 7th. All required school safety drills have been completed for the school year.
- On Thursday, November 7th, Mrs. Meggan Hiestand presented an the Ag in the Classroom lesson to 2nd-grade students. She shared her excitement about farm machinery by reading a nonfiction book about tractors, showing students various types of farm equipment, and explaining how the machinery benefits the farm. At her end of the lesson, students made their own tractor ornament.
- Students participated in our last required fire drill of the school year on Tuesday, November 7th. All required school safety drills have been completed for the school year.
- 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.
- Our After School Program began on Tuesday, November 12th, and will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30-4:30 PM. This program will focus on reading and math and will offer intervention activities in both subject areas. Students will also receive a snack prior to the start of the program each day. EL students will also take part in this program at Schiller.

- The Jordan Elementary School Title I Program will be hosting our annual Christmas Craft Night on Thursday, November 14th, from 6:00-7:00 PM. This event is a great opportunity for us to connect with parents and build a sense of community. It is also a great opportunity for parents to spend quality time with their children. A Scholastic Book Fair, sponsored by the Jordan PTO, will also be held on Tuesday, November 12th through Friday, November 15th.
- Santa will be visiting Jordan Elementary School on Monday, December 9th. Photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus will also be taken as a Activity Fund fundraiser, Mr. Claus will visit classrooms, and Jolly Old St. Nick will dine with students and parents during our “Lunch with Santa” family event before departing for the North Pole.

Central:

- **October 2nd:** CMS recognized our custodians today with a potluck and gift card.
- **October 2nd:** CMS invited all students to invite their two favorite adults to join them for breakfast. Families enjoyed the event with muffins, juice, and coffee. We had a large turnout of families to support our Cubs.
- **October 10th:** Book Blast Chat with our representative. This was the first in a series of meetings to prepare for our upcoming Family Reading Night. The goal of the event is to help our Cubs to build their home libraries and to support literacy.
- **October 13th:** CMS was invited to participate in the Parent Advisory Council (PAC) fundraiser at Salem Bowl. This fundraising event is to financially support our Cubs.
- **October 15th:** The CFD (Centralia Fire Department) organized the smokehouse for our 4th grade students. The aim of this event is to prepare our students for the unlikely event of navigating a fire in their home.
- **October 17th:** CMS participated in the Great Shakeout which is a national event where students practice earthquake protocol.
- **October 17th:** Students participated in their annual Tornado drill. Students received glowing marks for preparedness and following all of the required protocols.
- **October 18th:** Our annual Halloween dance took place from 6-7pm in the school cafeteria. A special thank you to all staff who were able to decorate and chaperone the event. The event was a huge success and the students enjoyed their first school wide dance of the school year.
- **October 18th:** PBIS celebrations took place in the afternoon and all students in good standing were invited to attend the afternoon event that included snacks and a movie.
- **October 21st:** This date kicked off the school wide book fair. Students had an opportunity to visit the book fair and make purchases of books and other interesting gadgets.
- **October 21st-October 24th:** Red Ribbon Week was held to encourage students to say no to drugs. Each day had a theme (Monday: give drugs the boot and wear your favorite pair of boots. Tuesday: being drug free is no sweat and wearing your favorite workout gear. Wednesday: Follow your dreams and don't do drugs and students were

able to wear their favorite pair of pajamas. Thursday: Sock it to drugs and wear crazy socks).

- **October 24th:** Teachers worked an extremely long day and parents were invited to conference with teachers right up until 8:00 p.m. The goal is to encourage communication between home and school.
- **October 24th:** Administration provided dinner for teachers to accommodate the long day (sandwiches, chips, drinks, and desserts).
- **October 25th:** This was the second day of P/T conferences. CMS teachers were vigilant in attempting to have 100% contact with each parent. CMS held conferences with 196/200 parents for a 98% contact rate. 31/165 conferences were in-person. 31 were via phone. 95% of the L.E.A.P. forms were returned, completed.
- **October 28th:** Picture retakes for Fall pictures and Fall sports teams.
- **October 30th:** This was the final day of P/T conferences.
- **October 31st:** Classroom Halloween Parties.

CJHS:

- Parent-Teacher Conferences: On October 24 – 25, CJHS conducted Parent-Teacher Conferences. A make-up date was provided on October 30. 96.6% of our students' parents/guardians were reached during the conferences.
- Red Ribbon Week: During the week of October 21 – 24, CJHS students & staff participated in Red Ribbon Week, which highlighted the importance of living a drug-free life.
 - Monday: Give Drugs the Boot Day! (Wear Boots)
 - Tuesday: Being Drug-Free Is No Sweat! (Workout Clothing)
 - Wednesday: Follow Your Dreams, Don't Do Drugs! (PJ Day)
 - Thursday: Sock It To Drugs! (Crazy Socks)
- Book Fair: During the week of October 21 – 24, CJHS provided a Book Fair in the Library. A total of 270 books equaling more than \$4100 were sold at the fair.
- Earthquake Drill: CJHS students completed the Earthquake Drill on October 17. Students & staff took cover in their classrooms.
- Tornado Drill: CJHS students completed the required Tornado Drill on October 30. Students & staff moved to their assigned places quickly & efficiently.
- 8 th Grade Testing: Centralia High School conducted the 8 th grade testing at CJHS on the morning of October 23.
- Picture Retake Day: LifeTouch came to CJHS to take pictures for student-retakes, athletic teams, & clubs on October 28.

- October Discipline: Overall discipline numbers were down compared to last year at this time:
 - Oct 2023 Oct 2024
 - 6 th Grade 26 16
 - 7 th Grade: 90 33
 - 8 th Grade: 52 43
- October Faculty Meeting: On October 9, teachers and paraprofessionals met as a group in the library. Mrs. Hollenkamp spoke about the cell phone referral process & the Social Suspension policy. Mr. Boldt went over some tips for providing students higher-order thinking questions. Mrs. Laurie Miller & Mrs. Teresa Burgin went over the instructional coaching program. And teachers met in their grade levels to select the October Tigers of the Month.
- Tigers of the Month: The following CJHS students were selected as the October Tigers of the Month and were honored at the October 31 school-wide assembly:
 - 6 th Grade: Jayson Overall, Lakeydra Scott
 - 7 th Grade: Hayden Weibley, Hattie Blair
 - 8 th Grade: Christifer Tate, Ashly Moncada Santiago
- Girls' Basketball Team: The girls' basketball team defeated Central City at the Feeder School Shootout at Centralia High School for their first win of the season on October 26.
- Boys' Basketball Team: The boys' basketball team defeated Carbondale at the Feeder School Shootout at Centralia High School for their first win of the season on October 26. And they were the champions of the Wesclin Tournament.
- Cross Country: The boys' Cross Country team finished in 6 th place at the state meet on October 19 in DuQuoin. Trey Branch (7 th place) and Montez Lewis (23 rd place) both medaled (out of over 130 runners).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOTION #17:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

<u>MOTION #</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>
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
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

<u>MOTION #</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>
JOHNSON	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
WILLIAMS	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
HARLAN	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
BAUER	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
MIDDLETON	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
DODSON	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
GRIFFIN	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
Sue Williams, Board Secretary

APPROVED:



Ron Johnson, President



Sue Williams, Board Secretary