

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 18, 2024
CERRO GORDO JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH AUDITORIUM

The regular meeting of the Cerro Gordo CUSD #100 Board of Education was called to order by President Freese at 6:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Members Callaway, Curran, Freese, Greenwood, Howell, Miller, and Runyen answered roll call. Also present were Superintendent Weidner, Principal Neaveill, and Principal Willard.

Principal Willard acknowledged three students as students of the month. Lisa Forbes received the Crystal Apple Award from Principal Neaveill.

Public Participation: Katie Helm thanked the board members and district staff for fixing the north door to the auditorium.

The Truth in Taxation hearing started at 6:36 p.m. with Superintendent Weidner presenting the 2024 Tax Levy details. The public did not have any questions or comments. The Truth in Taxation hearing was adjourned at 6:51 p.m. by President Freese to resume regular meeting discussions.

Curran moved to adjourn to executive session at 6:52 p.m. for 5 ILCS 120/2 © (1) – The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body; 5 ILCS 120/2 © (10) – The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students; and 5 ILCS 120/2 © (9) – Student disciplinary cases. Callaway seconded the motion. Roll call: Curran, yea; Freese, yea; Greenwood, yea; Howell, yea; Miller, yea; Runyen, yea; Callaway, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Curran moved to return from executive session at 7:08 p.m. Runyen seconded the motion. Roll call: Freese, yea; Greenwood, yea; Howell, yea; Miller, yea; Runyen, yea; Callaway, yea; Curran, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Miller moved to approve the minutes of executive session as having been read in executive session. Howell seconded the motion. Roll call: Greenwood, yea; Howell, yea; Miller, yea; Runyen, yea; Callaway, yea; Curran, yea; Freese, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Motion by Howell to approve resignation of Sierra Johnson as a teacher aide effective 11/26/2024. Curran seconded the motion. Roll call: Howell, yea; Miller, yea; Runyen, yea; Callaway, yea; Curran, yea; Freese, yea; Greenwood, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Motion by Miller to approve a leave of absence for Christian Wilkey beginning in January. Freese seconded the motion. Roll call: Miller, yea; Runyen, yea; Callaway, yea; Curran, yea; Freese, yea; Greenwood, yea; Howell, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Curran moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. The consent agenda consisted of the following:

- Approve minutes of the November 20, 2024 regular meeting
- Approve financial reports
- Approve payment of December bills for the amount of \$273,130.07

Callaway seconded the motion. Roll call: Runyen, yea; Callaway, yea; Curran, yea; Freese, yea; Greenwood, yea; Howell, yea; Miller, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Principal Neaveill reported report cards will be sent home on January 10th; teacher institute day will be held on January 3rd, students will return in person January 6th; STAR Math and STAR Reading Assessments have been given to students in grades 1-5; two teachers attended Raising Student Achievement Conference in Chicago; LTR ended on December 6th, will resume the program in January; parents are receiving weekly notifications via Skyward when student lunch balances reach -\$50; music programs for grades K-5 were held December 9th and 11th, both were well attended, thanks to Mr. Wilkey and Mr. Pritchard for an amazing job; elementary students have been collecting food for our 14th annual food drive with over 466 cans of food collected; holiday baskets will be delivered to sixteen families, the American Legion will donate hams for the baskets and the Oakley Brick Church Women's Fellowship will donate blankets and fresh fruit to put in the baskets (big thanks to Megan Howell and Leah Durbin for their donation of food); PK family night will be held on December 13th.

Principal Willard reported the Jr/SR High School Band and Choir Concert was on December 4th in Bement; we hosted our 8th annual Thanksgiving Turkey Tournament for boys basketball, the event profited over \$11,000 dollars for the school; National Honor Society and Publications ran bake sales and used the money raised to purchase gifts for the Angel Tree program, gifts for twenty children were provided; National Honor Society used fundraising money to purchase and deliver meals to CG families; Mrs. Lovin and members of the JH Student Council rang the Salvation Army bell at the Mt. Zion Kroger on December 7th; FAFSA completion night was held on December 2nd; the JH play of "The Elf on the Shelf Must Die" was performed on December 14th.

Superintendent Weidner thanked Diann Durbin and Brandon Willard for their work with the Thanksgiving Turkey Tournament; she thanked the PTO for the gingerbread house decorations in the hallways at the elementary school; Sangamon Valley CEO will host a 5K run at Allerton Park on December 21st, two CG Seniors are involved in the program; the School Maintenance Project Grant for FY25 has been approved by ISBE; the annual Health, Life, and Safety inspection took place on December 5th; a kiln has been installed in the art room at the high school.

Unfinished Business:

Strategic Planning Update – staff will complete a survey on January 3rd and the information from that survey will be related to goal setting and long-term planning.

Members of the board shared information that they learned at the annual IASB conference held in November. Topics of discussion included social media, educational funding, school status, school safety, and updated technology.

New Business:

No action needed on the presentation of the 2024 Annual Financial Report presented by Superintendent Weidner.

No action needed on the Annual Report on Average Expenditures to Combined Cash Reserve Balance as presented by Superintendent Weidner.


Motion by Howell to approve the Risk Management Plan as presented. Curran seconded the motion. Roll call: Callaway, yea; Curran, yea; Freese, yea; Greenwood, yea; Howell, yea; Miller, yea; Runyen, yea. Motion carried all yeas.


Motion by Curran to approve the 2024 Certificate of Tax Levy. Miller seconded the motion. Roll call: Curran, yea; Freese, yea; Greenwood, yea; Howell, yea; Miller, yea; Runyen, yea; Callaway, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Motion by Freese to approve the first reading of the IASB recommended board policy changes – Issue 117. Miller seconded the motion. Roll call: Freese, yea; Greenwood, yea; Howell, yea; Miller, yea; Runyen, yea; Callaway, yea; Curran, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

No FOIA requests to report.

As there was no further action to come before the board, Freese declared the meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.


Secretary


President