

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 19, 2025
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 Curran, Freese, Greenwood, Howell, Miller, and Runyen answered roll call. Also present were Superintendent Weidner, Principal Neaveill, and Principal Willard. Member Callaway was absent.

Principal Willard acknowledged six students of the month. Wil Pritchard received the Crystal Apple Award from Principal Willard.

Public Participation and Correspondence: Superintendent Weidner read a thank you card presented to the Board by the Greenwood family.

Howell moved to adjourn to executive session at 6:41 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 © (9) – Student disciplinary cases; 5 ILCS 120/2 © (10) – The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual needs. Miller seconded the motion. Roll call: Curran, yea; Freese, yea; Greenwood, yea; Howell, yea; Miller, yea; Runyen, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Runyen moved to return from executive session at 6:51 p.m. Howell seconded the motion. Roll call: Freese, yea; Greenwood, yea; Howell, yea; Miller, yea; Runyen, 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; Curran, yea; Freese, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Runyen moved to approve the employment of Jennifer Moore to teach summer school at the high school. Curran seconded the motion. Roll call: Howell, yea; Miller, yea; Runyen, yea; Curran, yea; Freese, yea; Greenwood, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Miller moved to accept the resignation of Karen Wildman and Mary Webb as Math RTI instructors effective at end of the school year. Runyen seconded the motion. Roll call: Miller, yea; Runyen, yea; Curran, yea; Freese, yea; Greenwood, yea; Howell, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Howell moved to accept the resignation of Cassie McCleery as high school cheerleading coach and the resignation of Jennifer Wentz as volunteer track coach effective March 19, 2025. Curran seconded the motion. Roll call: Runyen, yea; Curran, yea; Freese, yea; Greenwood, yea; Howell, yea; Miller, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Runyen moved to accept the resignation of Trudy Vest as TA for Life Skills effective at the end of the school year. Freese seconded the motion. Roll call: Curran, yea; Freese, yea; Greenwood, yea; Howell, yea; Miller, yea; Runyen, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Curran moved to approve the transfer of Ashley Kaylor from 3rd grade teacher to junior high ELA and JH/HS Science teacher beginning with the 2025-2026 school year. Howell seconded the motion. Roll call: Curran, yea; Freese, yea; Greenwood, yea; Howell, yea; Miller, yea; Runyen, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Howell moved to approve the transfer of Dawnaya Key from part-time to full-time Spanish teacher beginning with the 2025-2026 school year. Curran seconded the motion. Roll call: Freese, yea; Greenwood, yea; Howell, yea; Miller, yea; Runyen, yea; Curran, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

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

- Approve minutes of the February 19, 2025 regular meeting
- Approve financial reports
- Approve payment of March bills for the amount of \$163,681.59

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

Principal Neaveill reported the elementary school had IAR tests for the 5th grade March 24th – 28th; ISA testing will be April 9th -11th; PK screenings will take place on April 16th, Heather Yowell and Katie Badger will administer the screenings; report cards went home on March 14th, Rachel Allen, Ashley Kaylor and Sara Looper attended the Illinois Reading Council conference on March 13th and 14th in Springfield; students in grades 2-5 that made their 3rd quarter AR goal received a free homework pass; Kindergarten screenings will take place on March 28th, Sarah Bone and Kelly Martina will administer the screenings; second and third grade will attend a PASS program on April 15th; spring pictures are April 15th; Farm Day was March 21st; grades 4-5 are completing the 5 Essentials Survey; dental exams were March 7th, 13th, and 14th; dental presentations took place on March 6th; Growing Strong presented on March 10th and 11th; money continues to be collected for lunch/breakfast charges and registration fees; PTO paid for the Physics Van from the U of I to come to the elementary school on March 12th.

Principal Willard reported Read Across America week was March 3rd -7th; gift cards were raffled off by the JH student council to purchase books; Megan Meade and Vanessa Gower organized a March Madness game to promote new library books and gave away books to participating students; winter sports have ended for the season and spring sports have begun; the LPC Principals had a meeting on March 13th; the JH student council had their annual Crush Valentine Sale, the student council raised \$400.00 to “pay it forward” in our community (\$200.00 will be donated to Judy’s Kitchen to surprise patrons by paying for their meals and

\$200.00 will be donated to the Spurlock family from Mt. Zion to help with medical expenses); the Student vs. Staff game was March 6th, \$650.00 was raised and donated to The Lord's Storehouse; Marissa's Purpose Assembly was on March 4th, Deland-Weldon attended the presentation (the focus of the Assembly was drug prevention); Piatt County Mental Health came out and provided students with drug prevention information during lunch on March 17th; Mr. Schonert and two students participated in a Behavioral Management Committee under the Marion County Horizon Center and Health Care Management Corp on March 13th; Mrs. Durbin attended a teacher recruitment seminar at Milikin University on February 26th; the JH/HS met all thresholds for the 5 Essentials Survey; the final safety drill of the year was completed on March 18th; all teacher evaluations are complete.

Superintendent Weidner reported a junior was selected to participate in the Sangamon Valley CEO next year; Staff was surveyed on technology needs and were presented the results to QNS for a quote; Dr. Weidner completed CPR/First Aid and AED certification through the Red Cross, attended the IASA training on Artificial Intelligence, and the IASA Elevate Cohort; Amanda Roberts and Katrina Cearlock attended a Reading Recovery Training at the end of February; interviews are underway for the Dean of Students/AD position and will begin for teaching vacancies at the elementary; Dr. Weidner attended the ISU Education Job Fair in February; Dr. Weidner had a radio zoom interview with Seth Laurence; topics discussed were district hiring, Marissa's Purpose Assembly, Students vs. Staff basketball game, and various other things going on at the school; maintenance and repair requests from staff have been collected to make a master list for spring and summer work; PSIC came out to complete a new building appraisal for our property insurance; Dr. Weidner signed a quote from Heart Technology for \$2,300.00 to upgrade the intercom coverage and for \$26,968.00 with Midwest Educational Furnishings for the built-in tables at the elementary cafeteria as part of the School Maintenance Project Grant; BeckTech provided two quotes for additional cameras and a new server for the camera system, this was also included in the School Maintenance Project Grant; Nevco discussed installation of shot clocks and the possibility of a video board in the high school gym; we are exploring the possibility of creating a multimedia class that could create content for the video board; work has begun on the Consolidation District Plan for FY26; all federal grants were recently amended due to slightly increased allotments in title grants due to a change in spending plans in PreSchool For All; work will begin in April on the amended budget with a tentative budget presented in May and final amended budget with hearing during the June 18th regular meeting; April 1st is the school board election, we will seat a new board member after the votes are canvassed.

Unfinished Business:

Motion by Miller to approve Intergovernmental Agreement with Bement CUSD #5 regarding athletic cooperative agreements. Howell seconded the motion. Roll call: Howell, yea; Miller, yea; Runyen, yea; Curran, nay; Freese, yea; Greenwood, yea. Motion carried.

New Business:


No board action needed to set May 7, 2025 for the reorganization meeting and June 18, 2025 amended budget hearing.

Motion by Curran to approve the academic calendar for 2025-2026 school year. Miller seconded the motion. Roll call: Miller, yea; Runyen, yea; Curran, yea; Freese, yea; Greenwood, yea; Howell, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Motion by Runyen to renew membership in the Illinois High School Association. Curran seconded the motion. Roll call: Runyen, yea; Curran, yea; Freese, yea; Greenwood, yea; Howell, yea; Miller, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Motion by Curran to approve an overnight boys' basketball trip to Missouri. Freese seconded the motion. Roll call: Curran, yea; Freese, yea; Greenwood, yea; Howell, yea; Miller, yea; Runyen, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

As there was no further action to come before the board, Freese declared the meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.


Secretary


President