

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 18th 2024
CERRO GORDO JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH AUDITORIUM

The regular meeting of the Cerro Gordo CUSD #100 Board of Education was called to order by Vice President Miller at 6:15 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Members Callaway, Greenwood, Howell, Miller, and Runyen, answered roll call. Not present, Freese. Curran entered at 6:22pm. Also present were Superintendent Weidner, Principal Neaveill, and Principal Willard.

FY25 School District Budget Hearing held, Budget will be voted on later in the meeting.

Public Participation: None

Seven students were recognized by Principal Willard as being students of the month. Principal Willard presented an apple award to Mr. Vogel.

Curran moved to adjourn to executive session at 6:30 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, 5ILCS 120/2 © (10) – The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual needs. Callaway seconded the motion. Roll call: Greenwood, yea; Howell, yea; Miller, yea; Runyen, yea; Callaway, yea; Curran, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Runyen moved to return from executive session at 6:56 p.m. Curran seconded the motion. Roll call: Howell, yea; Miller, yea; Runyen, yea; Callaway, yea; Curran, yea; Greenwood, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Miller moved to approve executive session minutes. Greenwood seconded the motion. Roll call: Miller, yea; Runyen, yea; Callaway, yea; Curran, yea; Greenwood, yea; Howell, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Howell moved to approve the employment of Doug Henderson as an unpaid volunteer assistant football coach. Curran seconded the motion. Roll call: Runyen, yea; Callaway, yea; Curran, yea; Greenwood, yea; Howell, yea; Miller, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Runyen moved to approve the resignation of Kaleb Chenoweth as an assistant football coach. Callaway seconded the motion. Roll call: Callaway, yea; Curran, yea; Greenwood, yea; Howell, yea; Miller, yea; Runyen, 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 August 21, 2024 regular meeting
- Approve financial reports
- Approve payment of August bills for the amount of \$278,507.43
- Approve creation of the Class of 2028 Activity Fund
- Approve the annual teacher and administrator salary and benefits report

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

Principal Neaveill reported the elementary school has had a wonderful start to the 2024-2025 school year; There is a new theme word/phrase each month; Having a "Growth Mindset" is the September theme of the month; Students in grades 1-5 tested using the STAR Reading and STAR Math Assessments; Teachers use this information to determine which students need more assistance in the areas of math and reading; These students attend math/reading RtI; Members of the Problem Solving Team met with teachers to set RtI groups, based on STAR scores and current performance in the classroom; The Leading to Reading (LTR) began on September 3rd; This program is for grades 1 and 2. This is a daily program that focuses on basic phonics skills-novels; Math RTI Groups and Reading RtI Groups began; Reading Recovery Lessons began as well; First grade students who qualify for this program receive reading instruction daily for 30 minutes for 20 weeks; Mid-terms were sent home on September 13th; Report cards go home on October 18th; PrinciPALS will celebrate on September 27th; This year Principal Neaveill will be coaching two principals in Decatur Public Schools through the Illinois Principal Association; Principal Neaveill has been asked to be on the RTO Committee for CG (restraint/time out); The committee will meet 2 times per year to look at discipline data, specifically if restraints or time outs are used; Teachers, administration, and support staff will complete mandated state trainings via online training – Global Compliance Network and Ed Leaders Network; A fire drill was practiced on September 19th and an evacuation drill to our safe location was also preformed; Bus safety drills were done on September 16th and 18th during elementary PE classes; School pictures will be taken at the elementary on October 16th; Vision and Hearing Screenings will take place on October 9th and 10th; The CG Fire Department will bring a fire truck to the elementary school on October 7th for students in PK-5 to see; Kirby Medical from Monticello will be offering the flu vaccine to students and staff on October 2nd; Registration fees are being collected; Grandparent's Day on September 6th was a huge success; The children sang for their grandparents and they had cookies and lemonade; Grades 3-5 had their Grandparent's Day program in the morning from 9:30-10:30 and grades K-2 had their program in the afternoon from 1:30-2:30; Over 300 grandparents were in attendance; The first PK parent/student night was September 20th from 6:00-7:30; Parent teacher conferences are set for October 10th and October 17th from 4:00-7:30; The elementary school will have a Scholastic Book Fair during the week of September 30-October 4th; The Fannie May Fundraiser began August 19th and ended September 6th; The PTO Fundraiser Day of Awesomeness was September 25th; Thank you to the American Legion Auxiliary for the donation of school supplies: Kleenex, Clorox wipes, Crayola markers, Crayola crayons, Ticonderoga pencils, underwear in various sizes and sweat pants in various sizes.

Principal Willard reported there were 7 students of the month; 4 junior high students and 3 high school students; CG was represented by 5 FFA members at the Section 16 Forestry CDE (career development event) where they demonstrated skills and knowledge needed in forest management; CG FFA received 3rd place as a team; A Peer Tutoring Program has been established; Students interested in becoming peer tutors were interviewed; the tutoring lab is open during study hall period; CGHS was selected by Millikin University as a school to be invited to the Millikin Choral Concert; the students attended the concert on September 23rd; The Bronco Workout Program (partnership with KMC Active) started the beginning of September; there is an average of 15-20 students participating in daily workouts; Broncopolooza was August 31st; Despite getting rained out, there was a large crowd from the community using the inflatables provided by the booster club and the PTO; We have partnered with Piatt County Mental Health Department to provide 11 lessons to our JH students on drug prevention; The program is called "Too Good for Drugs"; We have partnered with Growing Strong to Provide all of our students the state mandated Erin's Law Training; we have also added Bully Prevention Training this year; For this year's presidential election, students from Cerro Gordo High School will be working as Student Elector Judges for Piatt County; There will be 5 students participating as electoral judges; Training began on August 26th with the Piatt County Clerk's office to become certified as Student Elector Judges; You will see these students helping work at the polling precincts throughout Piatt County on Election Day in November; The National Honor Society hosted a Blood Drive for our students, teachers, and community members on September 4th; We have once again partnered with the Decatur Area Chamber of Commerce on their Workforce initiative; Company representatives will be coming out monthly to work with our seniors on interview skills, resumes, and finding them jobs upon graduation; Six high school students attended the Kirby HealthCare Pathways program meeting on September 12th; This opportunity is for students interested in a career in the health care field; The focus of this meeting is on Radiology; Students heard from experts in this field and were able to observe them performing scans, etc.

Superintendent Weidner and staff participated in Title IX training during the August 30th early dismissal for school improvement; Dr. Weidner participated in the final meeting of the IASA Elevate Cohort, attended the IASA region meeting, and presented at the Aspiring Superintendent's Conference in Springfield; The roof project was completed September 13th; The amount is covered in the allowance of \$25,000; The district has the opportunity to apply for the SMPG of \$50,000 again this year; The district is required to commit \$50,000 to the proposed project; Repair, upgrades, and renovations are eligible; New builds and additions are not eligible; Districts in the state and across the country have been dealing with online threats that state things such as "These districts will be the next to have a school shooting". Our area had a credible threat and a copycat or hoax threat in September; No threats included Cerro Gordo CUSD; However, the awareness of online threats in other districts put some of our families on edge; The district completes state required drills every school year; This includes 3 fire drills, one severe weather drill, a bus evacuation drill, and a relocation drill; We also participate in an earthquake drill each year that is not required; We hold a safety planning meeting every September to update our emergency plans; The district has been engaged in school emergency planning through the Regional Office of Education for the last three years; Mr. Willard and Dr. Weidner attend monthly meetings at the ROE office with a rea school administrators, law enforcement, fire departments, EMS, and other first responders; The group has been trained on reunification

processes that are based on best practices from research across the country; In August 2023, we took our staff to our reunification site in Monticello and in March of 2024, Mr. Willard and Dr. Weidner attended a live practice reunification in Piatt County; On Thursday, September 12th Dr. Weidner, Mrs. Neaveill, Mr. Willard and Mr. Johnson met with first responders to review the district safety plan; Dr. Weidner attended a free training at the ROE on September 23rd regarding the Reunification Protocol recommended by the "I Love U Guys Foundation"; Dr. Weidner wrote a grant application for a community grant from the Heart of Illinois Community Foundation for Cartwheel Mental Health Tele therapy services; Dr. Weidner participated in a monthly radio interview with Seth Laurence on WHOW on September 6th; Dr. Weidner attended the Sangamon Valley CEO meeting on September 10th; SVCEO is exploring the possibility of offering a Dual Credit option for the class through Western Illinois University; Dr. Weidner attended the volleyball, football, softball, and baseball games this month, and got the opportunity to coach JV volleyball at the ALAH tournament.

Unfinished Business: Approve FY25 school district budget
Approve the second reading IASB recommended board policy changes – Issue 116
Marshall Estate Update

Motion by Callaway to approve FY25 school district budget. Curran seconded the motion. Roll call: Howell, yea; Miller, yea; Runyen, yea; Callaway, yea; Curran, yea; Greenwood, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Motion by Howell to approve the second reading IASB recommended board policy changes – issue 116. Miller seconded the motion. Roll call: Miller, yea; Runyen, yea; Callaway, yea; Curran, yea; Greenwood, yea; Howell, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Marshall Estate Update required no motion.

New Business: Recommendation to approve facilities study with BLDD and FOIA Report.

Motion by Runyen to approve new business. Curran seconded the motion. Roll call: Runyen, yea; Callaway, yea; Curran, yea; Greenwood, yea; Howell, yea; Miller, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

No motion needed on the Marshall Estate Update.

As there was no further action to come before the board, Miller declared the meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.



Secretary



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