

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 21, 2022
CERRO GORDO JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH AUDITORIUM

The regular meeting of the Cerro Gordo CUSD #100 Board of Education was called to order by President Piraino at 6:28 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Members Curran, Freese, Hayes, and Piraino answered roll call. Also present were Superintendent Robinson, Principal Neaveill, and Principal Willard. Members Greenwood, Miller, and Runyen were not present. In the absence of Miller, Hayes motioned to appoint Freese as Secretary Pro Tem. Curran seconded the motion that through voice vote carried unanimously.

Public Participation: Four students were recognized by Principal Willard as being “Students of the Month”, one each from grades 6th, 7th, 8th, and one from high school.

The Truth in Taxation hearing started at 6:32 p.m., with Superintendent Robinson presenting the 2022 Tax Levy details. The public did not have any questions or comments. The Truth in Taxation hearing was adjourned at 6:38 p.m. by Piraino to resume regular meeting discussions.

Curran moved to adjourn to executive session at 6:38 p.m. for 5 ILCS 120/2 © (1) – The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. Hayes seconded the motion. Roll call: Freese, yea; Hayes, yea; Piraino, yea; Curran, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Hayes moved to return from executive session at 7:12 p.m. Curran seconded the motion that through voice vote carried unanimously.

Curran moved to approve the minutes of executive session as having been read in executive session. Hayes seconded the motion that through voice vote carried unanimously.

Motion by Hayes to accept letters of resignation from Rebecca Milligan as classroom aide/music substitute, and Brittany Wright as volunteer HS Cheerleading Co-sponsor. Freese seconded the motion. Roll call: Hayes, yea; Piraino, yea; Curran, yea; Freese, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Motion by Freese to employ Ashley Spent as classroom aide/substitute teacher. Curran seconded the motion. Roll call: Piraino, yea; Curran, yea; Freese, yea; Hayes, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Motion by Hayes to approve Jennifer Taylor as Pre-K parent coordinator. Curran seconded the motion. Roll call: Curran, yea; Freese, yea; Hayes, yea; Piraino, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Motion by Curran to approve Chris Ridgeway as head football coach. Freese seconded the motion. Roll call: Freese, yea; Hayes, yea; Piraino, yea; Curran, 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 16, 2022 regular meeting and November 2, 3, 10, and 30 special meetings
- Approve financial reports
- Approve payment of December bills in the amount of \$168,748.84

Freese seconded the motion. Roll call: Hayes, yea; Piraino, yea; Curran, yea; Freese, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Principal Neaveill presented the PK-5 principal report. Goals: 1. Report cards will go home 1/6/23, teacher institute day on 1/4/23 including school safety plan, Smartboard, and teacher presentation training, STAR Math and Reading Assessments will be given to students in grades 1-5 during the week of Jan. 9-13, four teachers attended the Raising Student Achievement Conference in Chicago, LTR program ended December 2 and will resume in January, the Social Emotional Learning Committee is doing a book study, the November PrinciPALS was celebrated on November 30 and December was celebrated on December 19 (selected students were awarded with an ice cream sundae), students took a trip to Bloomington for Reading Recovery Lessons with Neaveill, Judy Enis, Katrina Cearlock, and Sydney McRae, 2. Vision and hearing screenings took place the last part of November, dental sealants/cleanings took place on December 16, 4. Elementary students collected food for 12th annual food drive (over 300 cans of food collected), holiday baskets will be put together with donations from the American Legion (hams) and the Oakley Brick Church (blankets and fresh fruit) and the baskets will be delivered to CG families by Neaveill and Shelley Frye on December 20 and 21.

Principal Willard and Jason Jacobs attended the Rotary Club of Decatur Luncheon on December 5 (Jacobs was the recipient of the Rotary's Outstanding Teacher Award, recognized for his excellent work as a math teacher at CG). On December 12-13, three teachers attended the Raising Student Achievement Conference in Chicago along with the four teachers from the Elementary (sessions included administrators and educators from the Midwest focusing on student engagement and learning strategies, teacher burnout, time management, and resilience). Willard thanked Jason Navratil for helping to coordinate a lesson with University of Illinois 4H that talked about the Great Depression and WWII (next lesson will focus on Indian culture and cuisine). The final unit on drug prevention was completed on December 14 (partnered with the Piatt County Mental Health department for the lessons). The holiday band concert was held on December 5, which consisted of over 100 CG students as well as band students from Bement. The school participated in the Spread the Love food drive and donated the items to The Lords Storehouse in La Place. The volleyball team participated in the Real Men Wear Pink Breast Cancer Awareness Project (over \$2000 donated to HSHS St. Mary's and a local community member battling cancer); Willard thanked players, parents, and Victoria Herrmann for the fantastic job of putting it together. The JH/HS Trauma Response Team will offer a professional development opportunity to better inform staff on dealing with trauma, resilience, and healing (the team currently facilitates for approximately 20 district staff personnel). CG was host to the

7th annual boys' basketball Thanksgiving Turkey Tournament (tournament has grown from 4 teams to 12 and profited over \$8000 for the school). Rhonda Lovin and Jason Jacobs put together a winter dance that was held on December 2 for students with passing grades (activities like this are part of Positive Behavior Intervention Systems that encourage students to improve academic performance).

Superintendent Robinson discussed the bid submitted by Davis-Houk Mechanical, Inc. that was approved at the November 30 special meeting to continue with the HVAC project. Robinson attended the Egyptian Trust Board of Managers meeting in Mt. Vernon on 12/7 where changes were approved that will save member districts and employees money. On December 7, a justification was submitted to ISBE concerning the fact that 1% of students are allowed to take the Dynamic Learning Maps Alternate Assessment on state testing for grades 3-11 (justification was approved, 1.35% of CG students took the assessment with percentage being based on testing population). The Raising Student Achievement Conference that was attended by seven teachers from the district had registration fees covered by ROE. A bleacher inspection is scheduled for December 22, 2022.

Unfinished Business: None


Motion by Curran to adopt the resolution abating the tax levied for the year 2022 to pay the debt service on Series 2017B Alternate Revenue Bonds. Hayes seconded the motion. Roll call: Piraino, yea; Curran, yea; Freese, yea; Hayes, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Motion by Piraino to approve the 2022 Certificate of Tax Levy as presented in the Truth in Taxation hearing. Curran seconded the motion. Roll call: Curran, yea; Freese, yea; Hayes, yea; Piraino, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

The discussion on the IASB/IASA/IASBO Joint Annual Conference is tabled until the January meeting. All in attendance agreed.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Motion by Curran to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m. Hayes seconded the motion that through voice vote carried unanimously.


Secretary


President