

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 21, 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.

Public Participation and Correspondence: Board received a thank you card from the James VanMatre family.

Four students were recognized by Principal Willard as being students of the month, one student each from grades 6th, 8th, 11th, and 12th.

Teacher Vanessa Gower was recognized as the Crystal Apple award winner for the month.

Curran moved to adjourn to executive session at 6:40 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 © (2) – Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; 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 students . Howell 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 7:51 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. Greenwood 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 Callaway to approve the hiring of Karina Rodriguez as assistant HS softball coach. 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 Callaway to approve the hiring of Cody Sheets as JH boys track coach. Runyen seconded the motion. Roll call: Runyen, yea; Callaway, yea; Curran, yea; Freese, yea; Greenwood, yea; Howell, yea; Miller, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Motion by Miller to approve Jared Schonert as an unpaid volunteer JH boys track coach. Howell 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 Runyen to approve Penny Timmerman as BAS assistant for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year. Callaway seconded the motion. Roll call: Miller, yea; Runyen, yea; Callaway, yea; Curran, yea; Freese, yea; Greenwood, abstain; Howell, yea. Motion carried.

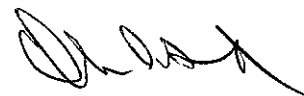
Curran moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. The consent agenda consisted of the following:

- Approve minutes of the January 17, 2024 regular meeting and February 5, 2024 special meeting
- Approve financial reports
- Approve payment of February bills for the amount of \$190,083.53

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

Principal Neaveill reported the IAR will take place for 3rd and 4th grades during the week of March 11-15, 5th grade will take the assessment during the week of March 18-22; the ISA will be given to 5th grade in April; report cards will go home March 15th; staff evaluations will be completed in March; PK compliance visit took place February 15th; Piatt and Dewitt County Farm Bureau approved a book grant for \$200 for classroom books that pertain to agriculture; classes had Valentine parties on February 14th; Cerro Gordo Women's Club made a donation that was used to purchase board games, clothes, recess equipment, and Clorox wipes; Oakley Brick Church donated sweatpants.

Principal Willard reported JH students will go ice skating as a mid-quarter reward; the library hosted a book fair that raised \$600 to purchase new books; choir student Hayden Rice auditioned and was selected to sing the national anthem at select U of I sporting events; art student Addie Cripe was selected as the Macon County Gallery 510 Art Student of the Month and her work is on display at the gallery during the month of February; HS ag students and Miss Meade have been working with elementary students on the process of hatching chickens and some chickens hatched last week; three students competed in a cake decorating contest at the FCCLA Sectional in Springfield on February 14th; Kirby Fitness is sending a fitness instructor once per week to do cross fit workouts with all PE students; SPARCLE Club worked with elementary students on making heart-shaped compliment cards, they also made Valentine cards for a 4th grade class in Summerville, SC.; FCCLA week was celebrated and students from the group handed out popcorn to teachers and helped them in the classrooms, they handed out pencils and suckers to students that wore red, and they had an ice cream fundraiser; HS boys and girls basketball seasons ended and track, baseball, and softball will be starting; 8th grade girls volleyball placed second in the conference tournament; Illinois Youth Survey was conducted on February 13th; student vs. staff basketball game is scheduled for February 29th; a blood drive was held on January 31st and 31 units of blood were donated which resulted in a \$250 scholarship being awarded that will be given to a Senior student; Teacher Appreciation Night was held on February 9th at the HS boys basketball game and players from the boys and girls basketball teams as well as the cheerleaders presented teachers with gifts.



Superintendent Weidner reported students, teachers, and parents are participating in the 5Essentials Survey that gathers data related to five indicators that can predict important student outcomes, including improved attendance and larger test score gains; discussed updates on the roof project for the JH addition; staff was asked for suggestions and feedback for the 2024-2025 academic calendar; principal and teacher evaluations will be completed the last week of February; recruitment of substitutes is ongoing and the district has added nine new sub teachers, three teacher's aide subs, and two BAS aide subs.

Unfinished Business:

Motion by Curran to approve the resolution to abate the working cash fund by \$490,000, transfer the abatement amount to the operations and maintenance fund, and then transfer \$315,000 to the capital projects fund. Miller seconded the motion. Roll call: Freese, yea; Greenwood, yea; Howell, yea; Miller, yea; Runyen, yea; Callaway, yea; Curran, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

The update on the Marshall Estate did not require board action.

New Business:

The FOIA update did not require board action.

The FCCLA Conference was changed to a one-day event and does not require an overnight stay, no board action needed.

Board discussed IASB Constitution and Position Statement Timeline, no board action needed.

Motion by Curran to approve new three-year contract with Quality Network Solutions. Freese seconded the motion. Roll call: Howell, yea; Miller, yea; Runyen, yea; Callaway, yea; Curran, yea; Freese, yea; Greenwood, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

As there was no further action to come before the board, Freese declared the meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.



Secretary



President