

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 20, 2023
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 6:19 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Members Callaway, Freese, Greenwood, Howell, Miller, and Runyen answered roll call. Also present were Superintendent Weidner, Principal Neaveill, and Principal Willard. Member Curran was absent.

The first order of business was the FY24 Budget Hearing. Superintendent Weidner presented the FY24 proposed budget. There was no public participation in regards to the budget. President Freese called the budget hearing closed.

Public Participation and Correspondence: Bement Superintendent Vogt has invited board members to join Bement board members for dinner on Saturday night of the IASB annual conference.

Five students were present for recognition as students of the month. Principal Willard thanked these students for going above and beyond school expectations.

Runyen moved to adjourn to executive session at 6:35 p.m. for 5 ILCS 120/2 © (1) – The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body and 5 ILCS 120/2 © (11) – Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal. Miller seconded the motion. Roll call: Freese, yea; Greenwood, yea; Howell, yea; Miller, yea; Runyen, yea; Callaway, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Howell moved to return from executive session at 6:52 p.m. Freese seconded the motion. Roll call: Freese, yea; Greenwood, yea; Howell, yea; Miller, yea; Runyen, yea; Callaway, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

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

Motion by Miller to accept the resignation of Elizabeth Owens as .5 assistant HS volleyball coach. Howell seconded the motion. Roll call: Howell, yea; Miller, yea; Runyen, yea; Callaway, yea; Freese, yea; Greenwood, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Motion by Runyen to accept the resignation of John Strack as HS head baseball coach. Callaway seconded the motion. Roll call: Miller, yea; Runyen, yea; Callaway, yea; Freese, yea; Greenwood, yea; Howell, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Motion by Callaway to pay Diann Durbin for the .5 assistant HS volleyball coach duties in order to compensate for the absence of Elizabeth Owens. Miller seconded the motion. Roll call: Runyen, yea; Callaway, yea; Freese, yea; Greenwood, yea; Howell, yea; Miller, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Motion by Runyen to approve a leave of absence for Andrew Buhr. Miller seconded the motion. Roll call: Callaway, yea; Freese, yea; Greenwood, yea; Howell, yea; Miller, yea; Runyen, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Motion by Callaway to approve a leave of absence for Adrianna Jarvis. Freese seconded the motion. Roll call: Freese, yea; Greenwood, yea; Howell, yea; Miller, yea; Runyen, yea; Callaway, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Motion by Howell to approve hiring Kraig Rogers as a volunteer HS girls basketball coach. Runyen seconded the motion. Roll call: Freese, yea; Greenwood, yea; Howell, yea; Miller, yea; Runyen, yea; Callaway, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

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

- Approve minutes of the August 16, 2023 regular meeting
- Approve financial reports
- Approve payment of September bills for the amount of \$371,921.99
- Approve change of names on Britlinger Fund at First Mid Bank & Trust to Brandon Willard and Emily Weidner
- Approve annual teacher and administrator salary and benefits report

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

Principal Neaveill discussed grades 1-5 testing using STAR Reading and STAR Math assessments where teachers use the information to determine which students need assistance; Leading to Reading (LTR) began September 5th for grades 1 & 2 and is a daily program that focuses on basic phonics; mid-terms sent home September 15th; report cards will be sent home October 20th; school pictures will be taken October 11th; district is planning an earthquake drill on October 19th; registration fees are being collected; parent/teacher conferences are set for September 28th and October 5th; Scholastic Book fair will be held during the week of October 3-10; PTO fundraiser Day of Awesomeness is set for September 29th.

Principal Willard presented 2023 IAR projected data; discussed two new programs for the year: 20-minute homeroom, and the Stand Out Student report; HS has partnered with Champaign News Gazette to have a correspondent write monthly articles; eighteen students went on a field trip to the Farm Progress Show; fourteen students in FFA participated in horse judging on 9/20 and won first place; JH is partnering with Piatt County Mental Health Center to provide "Too Good for Drugs" curriculum to students; SEL team has started a district wide book study and the next meeting will be September 25th; JH softball finished season with 14-1 record; JH

baseball finished season with 6-6 record; Bronco-Palooza was held before football game on September 1st and over 150 children participated.

Superintendent Weidner reported on the following: new tenure and teacher evaluation laws; unit office secretary interviews; updates on new unit office area; solar updates; Preschool Monitoring visit between September 2023 and May 2024; two new slides ordered for the elementary playground; HVAC updates; adding text messages to the communications plan, parents will have an option to opt in to receive text messages from the district; attended meetings with the Sullivan Superintendent group and the IASA Abe Lincoln Region Superintendent group; has joined the IASA Elevate Cohort which is a professional network of female superintendents who meet for professional development and networking opportunities; nominated by IASA Executive Director Brent Clark to join the Horace Mann League which is a national organization that is dedicated to preserving, supporting, and strengthening public schools in the US.

Unfinished Business:

Motion by Callaway to approve the FY24 school district budget as presented in the budget hearing. Freese seconded the motion. Roll call: Miller, yea; Runyen, yea; Callaway, yea; Freese, yea; Greenwood, yea; Howell, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Motion by Runyen to approve Jared Eastlack and Bailey Law Firm in the administration of the Marshall Estate. Howell seconded the motion. Roll call: Runyen, yea; Callaway, yea; Freese, yea; Greenwood, yea; Howell, yea; Miller, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

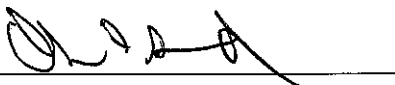
Recommendation to apply for a FY24 School Maintenance Project Grant through ISBE will be brought to the Board at a later date.

Motion by Miller to approve additional Student Resource Officer time with Deputy Bross. Runyen seconded the motion. Roll call: Callaway, yea; Freese, yea; Greenwood, yea; Howell, yea; Miller, yea; Runyen, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Recommendation to create an Emergency Remote Learning Plan will be brought to the Board at a later date.

No action needed on the FOIA request regarding the number of certified librarians employed by the district. Information sent to the requestor with no response received.

As there was no further action to come before the board, Freese declared the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.



Secretary



President