

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 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 Callaway, Curran, Freese, Greenwood, Howell, Miller, and Runyen answered roll call. Also present were Superintendent Weidner and Principal Neaveill.

Superintendent Weidner acknowledged nine students as students of the month; five of those students attended the meeting. Sara Looper received the Crystal Apple Award from Principal Neaveill.

**Public Participation and Correspondence:** After the reading of the public participation policy by President Freese, one community member addressed the board on his thoughts about the sports cooperative with Bement. IASB position statements were given to members of the board.

Curran moved to adjourn to executive session at 6:44 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; and 5 ILCS 120/2 © (10) – The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students. Miller seconded the motion. Roll call: Curran, yea; Freese, yea; Greenwood, yea; Howell, yea; Miller, yea; Runyen, yea; Callaway, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Callaway moved to return from executive session at 7:55 p.m. Curran seconded the motion. Roll call: Freese, yea; Greenwood, yea; Howell, yea; Miller, yea; Runyen, yea; Callaway, yea; Curran, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Runyen 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; Callaway, yea; Curran, yea; Freese, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Motion by Howell to approve resignation of Diann Durbin as Athletic Director, ELA teacher, head high school volleyball coach, and assistant high school girls basketball coach effective at the end of the school year. Freese 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 Runyen to approve resignation of Lisa Forbes as 4<sup>th</sup> grade elementary teacher effective at the end of the school year. Miller seconded the motion. Roll call: Miller, yea; Runyen, yea; Callaway, yea; Curran, yea; Freese, yea; Greenwood, yea; Howell, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

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

- Approve minutes of the January 15, 2025 regular meeting
- Approve financial reports
- Approve payment of February bills for the amount of \$267,687.76

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

Principal Neaveill reported the Illinois Assessment of Readiness in ELA and Math will take place for elementary students beginning March 24<sup>th</sup>; the Illinois Science Assessment for 5<sup>th</sup> grade will take place April 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>; midterms went home on February 7<sup>th</sup> and report cards will go home on March 14<sup>th</sup>; the state required 5 Essentials Survey is open for teachers, parents, and students in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades; Neaveill completed training in World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment for Kindergarten ACCESS for English Language Learners (assessment is required by the state to be administered to any student where English is not their primary language); dental exams given by the Dewitt/Piatt Bi-County Health Department will take place on March 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>; PTO is bringing the Physics van to the school on March 12<sup>th</sup>.

Superintendent Weidner presented Principal Willard's report and discussed the Hatching Potential lessons where high school students will provide lessons to elementary students on the hatching and life cycles of chickens; Mr. Vogel is volunteering his time to meet with Sophomore students to prepare them for the accuplacer exam which allows entrance to the RTA program; four students competed at FCCLA sectional on February 6<sup>th</sup>; six students involved in FFA attended the Ground Zero Leadership Conference in Effingham on February 6<sup>th</sup>; Maddy Willard and Sabrina Sterling advanced to the JHOC conference spelling bee; with thanks to the booster club, the records hall was installed on February 17<sup>th</sup>; Teacher Appreciation Night was February 18<sup>th</sup> during the boys basketball game, Senior students involved with Scholastic Bowl were recognized, and cheerleaders along with elementary students performed a routine that was learned at cheer camp; the second blood drive of the year took place on January 29<sup>th</sup> and 23 units of blood were collected.

Superintendent Weidner discussed employment vacancies that have posted or will be posting soon; the IMPACT program began January 23<sup>rd</sup> and Jessie Gordon is the student liaison to Cerro Gordo; discussions are continuing with vendors to add additional security cameras, work on intercom system, and replace lights and ceiling tiles in the old junior high addition.

Unfinished Business: None

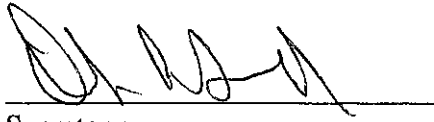
New Business:

Motion by Curran to approve a one-year contract with Kirby Medical Center for athletic trainer services for the 2025-2026 school year. Miller seconded the motion. Roll call: Callaway, yea; Curran, yea; Freese, yea; Greenwood, yea; Howell, yea; Miller, yea; Runyen, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

No board action needed for the sports cooperative discussion.

Two FOIA requests were reported.

As there was no further action to come before the board, Freese declared the meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

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Secretary

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President