SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES JULY 29, 2025

CERRO GORDO JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

The special board meeting of the Cerro Gordo CUSD #100 Board of Education was called to order by President Miller at 6:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Members Miller, Greenwood, Bebar (via phone call), Curran, Howell, and Runyen answered roll call. Malinda Callaway was absent. Also present were Superintendent Weidner and Principal Willard.

President Miller made a motion to appoint Vice President Greenwood as Secretary Pro Tempore in the absence of Malinda Callaway. Curran seconded the motion. Roll call: Bebar; yea, Curran; yea, Greenwood; abstain, Howell; yea, Miller; yea, Runyen; yea. Motion carried 5 yeas, 1 abstain.

President Miller invited public participation from the audience. Nick French, a CG alumnus and parent, spoke in favor of the cooperative agreement with Arcola. He encouraged the board to find a way for the athletes to have a football season and to make a long term plan beyond the proposed cooperative agreement. Courtney Lehew also spoke in favor of the football cooperative agreement and highlighted the work that the youth league has done to boost and sustain participation in the JFL program.

President Miller opened the discussion regarding the proposed football cooperative agreement between Arcola, Cerro Gordo, and Bement School Districts for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years. Superintendent Weidner shared a recap of the steps that the district has taken regarding football over the past year and this summer including recruitment efforts and exploration of cooperatives and 8-man football association membership. The district pursued a football cooperative with Okaw Valley in the spring that did not come to fruition. Arcola reached out to Cerro Gordo and Bement during the week of July 21st to explore a cooperative agreement. The agreement provides a varsity season for the athletes in all three districts and may also allow for JV games if there is a sufficient number of players. Arcola would be the host of the football season with Cerro Gordo and Bement providing transportation.

Superintendent Weidner commended the coaching staff and Principal Willard for their work to develop and protect the football program over the summer. The board discussed the importance of providing a football season and doing what is best for the students. Concerns were brought forward regarding the necessity of fair and equal treatment of CGB players in the Arcola program.

President Miller asked for a motion to approve the football cooperative agreement between Arcola, Bement, and Cerro Gordo for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years. Howell made a motion. Curran seconded the motion. Roll Call: Curran; yea, Greenwood; yea, Howell; yea, Miller; yea, Runyen; yea, Bebar; yea. Motion carried, all yeas.

As there was no further action to come before the board, President Miller adjourned the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

Président

Malinda Callaway