

CERRO GORDO COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #100
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 19, 2026
CERRO GORDO JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH AUDITORIUM

The regular meeting of the Cerro Gordo CUSD #100 Board of Education was called to order by President Miller at 6:32 p.m. Members Bebar, Callaway, Curran, Greenwood, Howell, Miller, and Runyen answered roll call. Also present were Superintendent Weidner, Principal Neaveill, and Principal Willard.

Public Participation and Correspondence: Joe Peter spoke regarding district hiring practices and voiced concerns about two teachers. Courtney Lehw expressed her concerns about an assignment and handout from the former band teacher. ISBE sent a notification to the district about grant opportunities.

Curran moved to adjourn to executive session at 6:51 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; 5 ILCS 120/2 © (10) - the placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students; 5 ILCS 120/2 © (14) - discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, whether for the purpose of approval by the body or semi-annual review of the minutes. Bebar seconded the motion. Roll call: Bebar, yea; Callaway, yea; Curran, yea; Greenwood, yea; Howell, yea; Miller, yea; Runyen, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Curran moved to return from executive session at 8:09 p.m. Howell seconded the motion. Roll call: Callaway, yea; Curran, yea; Greenwood, yea; Howell, yea; Miller, yea; Runyen, yea; Bebar, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

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

Motion by Runyen that the prior six months' closed meeting minutes remain closed and all verbatim recordings that were eighteen months or older be destroyed. Miller seconded the motion. Roll call: Greenwood, yea; Howell, yea; Miller, yea; Runyen, yea; Bebar, yea; Callaway, yea; Curran yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Motion by Miller to approve assignment of Jordan Andrews as Musical Director, Josh Grider as unpaid volunteer golf sponsor, Julia Parish as National Honor Society sponsor, Kathleen White as Literary Sponsor, and Andrew Wilinski as high school assistant baseball coach. Howell seconded the motion. Roll call: Howell, yea; Miller, yea; Runyen, yea; Bebar, yea; Callaway, yea; Curran, yea; Greenwood, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Motion by Curran to approve the hire of Triston Foran as Full - Time Substitute Teacher. Runyen seconded the motion. Roll call: Miller, yea; Runyen, yea; Bebar, yea; Callaway, yea; Curran, yea; Greenwood, yea; Howell, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Motion by Howell to approve MOU regarding 3 Circles Grant compensation for Ag teacher. Curran seconded the motion. Roll call: Runyen, yea; Bebar, yea; Callaway, yea; Curran, yea; Greenwood, yea; Howell, yea; Miller, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Motion by Miller to approve the resignation of Deanna Mason as Special Education Teacher Aide. Runyen seconded the motion. Roll call: Bebar, yea; Callaway, yea; Curran, yea; Greenwood, yea; Howell, yea; Miller, yea; Runyen, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Motion by Miller to approve the retirement of Renee Probst as Guidance Counselor at the end of the 2026-2027 school year. Howell seconded the motion. Roll call: Callaway, yea; Curran, yea; Greenwood, yea; Howell, yea; Miller, yea; Runyen, yea; Bebar, 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 July 15, 2026 regular meeting
- Approve financial reports
- Approve payment of August bills in the amount of \$257,823.78

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

Principal Neaveill reported class lists were posted on Friday, August 7th; the elementary school has the following goals this year: student attendance, lower the number of OSS/ISS and bullying incidents; kindergarten back to school night was held during the day on August 10th; new teacher orientation was held on August 6th; teacher institute was on August 10th and August 11th; the first day of school was on August 12th; effort was made to collect all outstanding fees for the 25-26 school year and to collect fees for the 26-27 school year; PTO set up a "signing" for kindergarten students; enrollment as of August 13th, 2026 is as follows: PK - 23, kindergarten - 22, 1st grade - 30, 2nd grade - 35, 3rd grade - 24, 4th grade - 32, 5th grade - 37, Life Skills - 1, and DPS - 3; total student enrollment in the elementary school was 207.

Principal Willard reported enrollment in the junior high/high school as of August 19, 2026 is as follows: 6th grade - 27, 7th grade - 40, 8th grade - 36; junior high total enrollment was 103; 9th grade - 39, 10th grade - 25, 11th grade - 37, 12th grade - 27; total high school enrollment was 128; this has the whole junior/senior high school enrollment at 231; the jr/sr high school has partnered with several different community organizations to provide lessons to all of our students including 11 Drug Prevention units to 6th and 7th graders, healthy food options through

Kirby Health, bully prevention training, healthy relationship training, career exploration through the Decatur Chamber of Commerce, and many more; back to school night was August 6th; the teachers participated in safety training with Shane Brandel on August 10th, and how to use our testing data on August 11th.

Superintendent Weidner reported JH Softball and Baseball had their first games; PK did home visits; Volleyball and Football had their scrimmages on Friday, August 14th; JH XC had their first meet at St. Matt's on August 22nd; HS XC had their first meet on August, 29th; 7 new teachers joined the district this year and 1 new full-time substitute teacher; teachers will participate in Trauma-Informed Practices Training on September 4th; all administrators, special education staff, and preschool staff will be trained in Crisis Prevention Intervention this year; Mrs. Neaveill, Dr. Weidner, and Mrs. Gordon attended the Back to School Administrator's Breakfast in Meridian on July 30th; State Bank of Bement awarded \$200 and a bag full of school supplies to Mr. Navratil, Dr. Gilpin, and Mrs. Kerley on August 10th; Dr. Weidner attended two Rooted & Rising meetings over the summer; Dr. Weidner participated in the SVCEO orientation on August 12th and she added a phone message to the welcome back email this year in order to test all communication systems.

Unfinished Business:

Motion by Miller to approve the second reading of IASB recommended board policy changes - PRESS Issue 122. Bebar seconded the motion. Roll call: Greenwood, yea; Howell, yea; Miller, yea; Runyen, yea; Bebar, yea; Callaway, yea; Curran, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

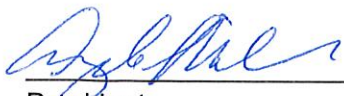
New Business:

Motion by Miller to approve the tentative budget for FY27. Greenwood seconded the motion. Roll call: Howell, yea; Miller, yea; Runyen, yea; Bebar, yea; Callaway, yea; Curran, yea; Greenwood, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Presentation of information regarding facilities recommendations from Veregy required no action.

As there was no further action to come before the board, Miller declared the meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.


Secretary


President