

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 19, 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 Piraino at 6:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Members Freese, Greenwood, Hayes, Miller, Piraino, and Runyen answered roll call. Also present were Superintendent Robinson, Principal Neaveill, and Principal Willard. Member Curran was absent.

Public Participation: None

Four students were recognized by Principal Willard as being “Students of the Month”, one each from grades 6th, 7th, 8th, and one from high school.

Runyen moved to adjourn to executive session at 6:31 p.m. for 5 ILCS 120/2 © (1) – The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. Freese seconded the motion. Roll call: Freese, yea; Greenwood, yea; Hayes, yea; Miller, yea; Piraino, yea; Runyen, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Hayes moved to return from executive session at 7:51 p.m. Miller seconded the motion. Roll call: Greenwood, yea; Hayes, yea; Miller, yea; Piraino, yea; Runyen, yea; Freese, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

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

Motion by Freese to employ Marisa Gibbens as JH/HS English Teacher effective for the 2023-2024 school year. Hayes seconded the motion. Roll call: Miller, yea; Piraino, yea; Runyen, yea; Freese, yea; Greenwood, yea; Hayes, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Motion by Greenwood to approve administrative contracts for principals Neaveill and Willard. Freese seconded the motion. Roll call: Piraino, yea; Runyen, yea; Freese, yea; Greenwood, yea; Hayes, yea; Miller, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Motion by Runyen to approve Hannah Hayes as volunteer Cheer co-coach. Miller seconded the motion. Roll call: Runyen, yea; Freese, yea; Greenwood, yea; Hayes, yea; Miller, yea; Piraino, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

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

- Approve minutes of the March 15, 2023 regular meeting
- Approve financial reports
- Approve payment of April bills for the amount of \$132,528.67
- Approve updated list of staff authorized to access bank safe deposit box to include Krystal Williams

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

Principal Neaveill presented the PK-5 principal report: Midterms were sent home on April 14th; state testing at the Elementary is complete, 5th grade had perfect attendance during state testing and celebrated with a pizza party; retention letters will be sent out in April/May; 5th grade students will have a science fair on April 27th, they will show their projects to other classes during the day and the projects will be on display for the community in the evening; the awards ceremony for the end of the school year will be in the auditorium on May 22nd; PK screenings took place on April 17th and 19th; report cards will be sent home on May 22nd; required safety drills will take place the last week of April; Teacher Appreciation Week is May 8th-12th; Farm Day is April 24th; Kona Ice Truck will be at the school on May 22nd for students to enjoy shaved ice; Spring pics will be April 21st; PK family event will be held May 3rd for celebration of students advancing to Kindergarten.

Principal Willard presented the JH/HS principal report: all PSAT and SAT testing was completed on April 12th; JH IAR testing was completed April 12th-18th and students were treated to shaved ice by the Kona Ice truck; JH/HS Spring sports team records were discussed; a group of students went to Mt. Zion to assist in highway trash cleanup on April 12th; Mr. Ridgeway took a group of students to a food shelter to help unload pallets on April 18th; PTO put together an Empowering Parent Night on April 12th, thank you to Leah Durbin and all PTO members for setting up the event; HS awards night will be May 2nd in the auditorium, NHS ceremony starting at 6 p.m. and awards at 7 p.m.; JH awards night will be May 22nd in the auditorium; Spring band concert for 5th-12th grades will be May 8th at 7 p.m.

Superintendent Robinson reported on the following: received \$15,000 grant funds from ADM Cares for the 2023-2024 school year to be used for student project of raising chickens under the direction of Ag teacher Megan Meade; thank you to Karen Freese for \$230 donation to CGHS Class of 2025 made through ADM via the Dollars for Doers grant program; discussed how student vs. staff basketball game on March 23rd was well attended and the staff was victorious; bus evacuation drills were conducted on April 3rd and 4th; met with QFB Energy reps to discuss savings on natural gas costs and consideration of solar panel proposal; new doors were installed at the North entrance to CG Jr./Sr. High School; in the process of implementing two factor authorization log in for all staff to increase protection from cyber security attacks.

Unfinished Business: Continuing with discussion about solar energy and inquiring about financing and getting a second proposal.

Motion by Piraino to approve the addendum to transportation contract with Birch Bus Service, LLC for the 2023-2024 school year with a 4.5% increase over the current school year. Freese seconded the motion. Roll call: Greenwood, yea; Hayes, yea; Miller, yea; Piraino, yea; Runyen, yea; Freese, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Consideration and action on a resolution abating the District's working cash fund was tabled.

Motion by Freese to approve the first reading of IASB recommended board policy changes-Issue 111. Hayes seconded the motion. Roll call: Hayes, yea; Miller, yea; Piraino, yea; Runyen, yea; Freese, yea; Greenwood, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Motion by Runyen to approve a resolution to amend the Heartland Region Vocational Joint Agreement. Greenwood seconded the motion. Roll call: Miller, yea; Piraino, yea; Runyen, yea; Freese, yea; Greenwood, yea; Hayes, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

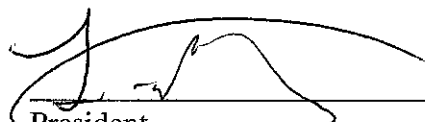
Motion by Piraino to approve an honorarium in the form of a nominal fee, as show of appreciation to volunteer Cheer coaches. Freese seconded the motion. Roll call: Piraino, yea; Runyen, yea; Freese, yea; Greenwood, yea; Hayes, abstain; Miller, yea. Motion carried.

Board discussed the board member appointment process. There will be a reorganization meeting on May 2nd at 5:30 p.m. in the JH/HS band room.

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



Secretary



President