

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 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 6:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Members Callaway, Curran, Freese, Miller, and Runyen answered roll call. Also present were Superintendent Weidner, and Principal Neaveill. Members Greenwood and Howell were not present.

Public Participation: None

Three students were recognized by Superintendent Weidner as being students of the month, two from 7th grade and one from high school.

The Truth in Taxation hearing started at 6:33 p.m. with Superintendent Weidner presenting the 2023 Tax Levy details. Fund balances as of July 1, 2023 were as follows:

Education Fund:	\$4,264,333
Operations & Maintenance:	\$137,448
Debt Service:	\$786,101
Transportation:	\$276,679
IMRF/Social Security:	\$99,015
Capital Projects:	\$105,162
Working Cash:	\$1,805,500
Tort:	\$139,958
Fire Safety:	\$103,145

The public did not have any questions or comments. The Truth in Taxation hearing was adjourned at 6:39 p.m. by Curran to resume regular meeting discussions. Miller seconded the motion. Roll call: Curran, yea; Freese, yea; Miller, yea; Runyen, yea; Callaway, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Callaway moved to adjourn to executive session at 6:39 p.m. for 5 ILCS 120/2 © (1) – The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. Runyen seconded the motion. Roll call: Freese, yea; Miller, yea; Runyen, yea; Callaway, yea; Curran, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Curran moved to return from executive session at 6:49 p.m. Freese seconded the motion. Roll call: Miller, yea; Runyen, yea; Callaway, yea; Curran, yea; Freese, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

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

Motion by Curran to approve resignation of Jeremy Moore as assistant HS Boys Basketball coach and pay thirty percent of the coaching stipend to compensate for time spent

coaching this season. Callaway seconded the motion. Roll call: Callaway, yea; Curran, yea; Freese, yea; Miller, yea; Runyen, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Motion by Runyen to approve hiring of Ethan Spain and John Strack as co-assistant HS Baseball coaches. Callaway seconded the motion. Roll call: Curran, yea; Freese, yea; Miller, yea; Runyen, yea; Callaway, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Motion by Curran to approve Zach Rogers as an unpaid volunteer HS Boys Basketball coach. Freese seconded the motion. Roll call: Freese, yea; Miller, yea; Runyen, yea; Callaway, yea; Curran, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

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

Approve minutes of the November 15, 2023 regular meeting and December 11, 2023 special meeting

Approve financial reports

Approve payment of December bills for the amount of \$135,553.95

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

Principal Neaveill reported report cards will be sent home on January 5th; teacher institute day will be held on January 3, 2024, students will return in person January 4, 2024; STAR Math and STAR Reading Assessments will be given to students in grades 1-5 during January 8-12; two teachers attended Raising Student Achievement Conference in Chicago; LTR ended on December 8th, will resume the program in January for grades 1-2; dental sealants/cleanings took place on December 8th and 11th; parents are receiving weekly notifications via Skyward when student lunch balances reach -\$50; elementary students have been collecting food for our 13th annual food drive with over 300 cans of food collected; holiday baskets will be delivered to CGES families, the American Legion will donate hams for the holiday baskets, the Oakley Brick Church is donating blankets and fresh fruit to put in the baskets.

Superintendent Weidner reported for Principal Willard that our school has three Illinois State scholars, which is the most we have had in 6 years; the Jr/SR High School Band and Choir Concert was on December 15th; on December 11th and 12th, two teachers attend the Raising Student Achievement Conference; we hosted our 7th annual Thanksgiving Turkey Tournament for boys basketball, the event profited over \$9,000 dollars for the school; on December 7th, we completed our final unit of the 11 units on drug prevention, this program was for middle school students, we partnered with the Piatt County Mental Health Department to provide lessons to the students; the HS Volleyball team was able to donate \$500 to the American Breast Cancer Foundation by raising money from their Pink Game; the JH students went to Bement for the first combined school dance to take place there.

Superintendent Weidner reported the staff will be served breakfast with a welcome back speech from Dr. Weidner during teacher institute day on January 3rd, a representative with Horace Mann will present regarding the Crystal Apple Award for teachers that they will be sponsoring, teachers will participate in staff meetings with their building principals and will have time to perfect their remote learning lessons, Special Education staff will have time for training

using the Unique Curriculum as well as training on Autism in the afternoon, the Superintendent and both Principals will join administrators from Deland-Weldon, Bement, and Monticello at the Monticello Christian Church for a brief meeting about reunification plans with area first responders; the district is now using a program called PD Plus through ISBE that allows district unit office staff to input professional development activities that are provided by the district into the ISBE website; the Corn Bowl Classic at ALAH is on January 5, 2024; the Health Life Safety and Fire Marshall annual inspections took place on November 16th and a list of corrections for each building was compiled, the district is responding to each correction and has until July to make all corrections; weekly notices from Skyward have been sent out to parents to try and help decrease negative lunch balances.

Unfinished Business:

Motion by Runyen to approve the second reading of the IASB recommended board policy changes – Issue 113. Miller seconded the motion. Roll call: Runyen, yea; Callaway, yea; Curran, yea; Freese, yea; Miller, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

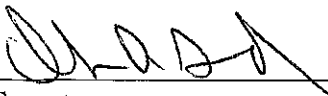
Motion by Curran to approve the 2023 Annual Financial Report. Freese seconded the motion. Roll call: Callaway, yea; Curran, yea; Freese, yea; Miller, yea; Runyen, yea. Motion carried all yeas.


Motion by Freese to approve the 2023 Certificate of Tax Levy. Miller seconded the motion. Roll call: Curran, yea; Freese, yea; Miller, yea; Runyen, yea; Callaway, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

The district received a FOIA request regarding reading instruction for grades Kindergarten-3; no action by the board needed.

Motion by Miller to approve an Intergovernmental agreement with Macon/Piatt ROE #39 to allow students to be enrolled in “Option 3 Truancy Program”. Curran seconded the motion. Roll call: Freese, yea; Miller, yea; Runyen, yea; Callaway, yea; Curran, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

As there was no further action to come before the board, Freese declared the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.


Secretary


President