

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 15, 2023  
CERRO GORDO JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH BAND ROOM

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 band room. Members Callaway, Freese, Howell, Miller, and Runyen answered roll call. Also present were Superintendent Weidner, Principal Neaveill, and Principal Willard. Members Curran and Greenwood were absent.

Public Participation and Correspondence: Amy Throneburg of The Lord's Storehouse presented Principal Neaveill and Principal Willard with certificates honoring the district with the Volunteer of the Year award. Throneburg also thanked members of the board for their work in recognition of School Board Appreciation Day.

Motion by Miller to adjourn hearing of the Remote Learning Plan at 6:40 p.m. Runyen seconded the motion. Roll call: Freese, yea; Howell, yea; Miller, yea; Runyen, yea; Callaway, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Four students were present for recognition as students of the month. HS Boys Cross Country state finalists and the Varsity volleyball team were recognized for their season accomplishments.

Callaway moved to adjourn to executive session at 6:55 p.m. for 5 ILCS 120/2 © (1) – The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body and 5 ILCS 120/2 © (10) – The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students. Runyen seconded the motion. Roll call: Howell, yea; Miller, yea; Runyen, yea; Callaway, yea; Freese, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Runyen moved to return from executive session at 7:26 p.m. Howell seconded the motion. Roll call: Miller, yea; Runyen, yea; Callaway, yea; Freese, yea; Howell, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

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

Motion by Miller to approve providing an honorarium to volunteer coaches Chad Corum and Kaleb Chenoweth. Howell seconded the motion. Roll call: Callaway, yea; Freese, yea; Howell, yea; Miller, yea; Runyen, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Motion by Howell to approve a leave of absence for April Shumard, PK teacher aide, from November 6-December 18, 2023. Callaway seconded the motion. Roll call: Freese, yea; Howell, yea; Miller, yea; Runyen, yea; Callaway, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Motion by Miller to approve Penny Timmerman to fill the vacancy for April Shumard as PK teacher aide. Freese seconded the motion. Roll call: Howell, yea; Miller, yea; Runyen, yea; Callaway, yea; Freese, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

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

Approve minutes of the October 18, 2023 regular meeting  
Approve financial reports  
Approve payment of November bills for the amount of \$666,788.18

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

Principal Neaveill reported midterms will go home on November 17<sup>th</sup>; the Raising Student Achievement Conference will be December 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>; CGES received Exemplary rating from ISBE Summative Designation; Illinois Science Assessment scores have increased by 10.4%; Health Life Safety visit is scheduled for November 16<sup>th</sup>; dental exams and sealants for students will be December 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>; a Veteran's Day assembly was held in the HS auditorium on November 10<sup>th</sup> and Principal Neaveill thanked all the veterans and volunteers that made it happen; students are collecting canned food items for holiday gift baskets; Family PK Night will be held December 5<sup>th</sup>; PTO will host Polar Express evening on December 8<sup>th</sup>; music program for upper elementary and 5<sup>th</sup> grade band will be December 7<sup>th</sup>.

Principal Willard reported Diann Durbin was recognized by the Decatur Rotary Club as November Teacher of the Month; the Theatre Company will present two one-act plays on November 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>; Bob Ridings of Decatur recognized their partnership with the CG HS Work Program in their companywide newsletter; HS choir participated in the LPC Choir Festival at Okaw Valley on November 9<sup>th</sup>; Diann Durbin has been selected by IADA District 5 as New Athletic Director of the Year; five students participated in the IHSA Student Leadership Conference on November 14<sup>th</sup> where they learned skills to be effective leaders in school; discussion of the Veteran's Day assembly and Principal Willard thanked the veterans and volunteers; Dick Marvin donated an abundance of fishing supplies and tools and the school appreciates his contribution; CG ranks first in test scores for grades 6-12 in the high school conference; CG ranks first in test scores for grades 6-8 in the junior high conference; CG ranks first in test scores for grades 6-12 in the Macon County Conference Association.

Superintendent Weidner reported substitute recruitment updates; Illinois School Report Card data shows district is doing well, CGES was rated Exemplary meaning students scored in the top 10%; HVAC project continues; new dishwasher with disposal was installed at JHHS; roof of JH addition needs attention and possible replacement; looking into plans to create a new tradition of holding one daytime basketball game with ALAH to take place in January.

Unfinished Business:

Motion by Callaway to approve Remote Learning Plan. Howell seconded the motion. Roll call: Runyen, yea; Callaway, yea; Freese, yea; Howell, yea; Miller, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Motion by Miller to approve School Maintenance Project Grant. Freese seconded the motion. Roll call: Callaway, yea; Freese, yea; Howell, yea; Miller, yea; Runyen, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Motion by Miller to approve resolution to cast a ballot in favor of Sue Stanish in the 2023 IMRF Trustee Election. Callaway seconded the motion. Roll call: Freese, yea; Howell, yea; Miller, yea; Runyen, yea; Callaway, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Motion by Runyen to approve Health Life Safety Survey Amendment. Howell seconded the motion. Roll call: Howell, yea; Miller, yea; Runyen, yea; Callaway, yea; Freese, yea. Motion carried all yeas.


Motion by Miller to adopt a resolution abating the tax levied for the year 2023 to pay debt service on Series 2017B Alternate Revenue Bonds. Freese seconded the motion. Roll call: Miller, yea; Runyen, yea; Callaway, yea; Freese, yea; Howell, yea. Motion carried all yeas.


Motion by Miller to approve a resolution regarding estimated amounts necessary to be levied for 2023. Runyen seconded the motion. Roll call: Callaway, yea; Freese, yea; Howell, yea; Miller, yea; Runyen, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Motion by Freese to set Truth in Taxation hearing for December 20, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the HS auditorium. Howell seconded the motion. Roll call: Freese, yea; Howell, yea; Miller, yea; Runyen, yea; Callaway, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

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

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

  
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