

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 16, 2024
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, Freese, Greenwood, Howell, Miller, and Runyen answered roll call. Also present were Superintendent Weidner, Principal Neaveill, and Principal Willard. Member Curran was absent.

Principal Willard acknowledged three students as students of the month. Kelly Martina and Sarah Bone received the Crystal Apple Award.

Public Participation and Correspondence: Parents spoke of concerns of the recent resignation of the Life Skills teacher and how the absence will affect their children. Safety in the classroom and Kindergarten class size were also discussed.

Miller moved to adjourn to executive session at 7:21 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 © (10) – The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students; 5 ILCS 120/2 © (9) – Student disciplinary cases. Howell seconded the motion. Roll call: Freese, yea; Greenwood, yea; Howell, yea; Miller, yea; Runyen, yea; Callaway, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Runyen moved to return from executive session at 7:47 p.m. Callaway seconded the motion. Roll call: Freese, yea; Greenwood, yea; Howell, yea; Miller, yea; Runyen, yea; Callaway, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

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

Motion by Miller to approve Christine Henderson as a long-term substitute in elementary special education. Runyen seconded the motion. Roll call: Howell, yea; Miller, yea; Runyen, yea; Callaway, yea; Freese, yea; Greenwood, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Motion by Howell to approve Tammy Nuding as a long-term substitute for K-12 Art. Callaway seconded the motion. Roll call: Miller, yea; Runyen, yea; Callaway, yea; Freese, yea; Greenwood, abstain; Howell, yea. Motion carried.

Motion by Miller to approve Jane Henricks as a long-term substitute for JH/HS Physical Education. Runyen seconded the motion. Roll call: Runyen, yea; Callaway, yea; Freese, yea; Greenwood, yea; Howell, yea; Miller, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Motion by Callaway to approve moving Penny Timmerman to full-time teacher aide. Howell seconded the motion. Roll call: Freese, yea; Greenwood, abstain; Howell, yea; Miller, yea; Runyen, yea; Callaway, yea. Motion carried.

Motion by Runyen to accept the resignation of Amy Davis as Special Education teacher effective October 19, 2024. Callaway seconded the motion. Roll call: Freese, yea; Greenwood, yea; Howell, yea; Miller, yea; Runyen, yea; Callaway, 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 September 18, 2024 regular meeting
- Approve financial reports
- Approve payment of October bills for the amount of \$228,215.94

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

Principal Neaveill reported student report cards will be sent out on October 18th; the Leadership Committee will meet October 28th; students will participate in earthquake, fire, and tornado drills on October 17th; staff to complete mandated GCN training by January 3rd; flu vaccine was offered to students and staff on October 2nd and 25 students received the vaccine; Red Ribbon Week is October 23rd-31st; the local fire department came on October 7th and did a fire safety presentation; vision and hearing screenings were conducted on October 9th with re-screenings taking place on October 16th; thanks to Trudy Vest, Sierra Johnson, and PTO volunteers for work on the Scholastic Book Fair September 30th-October 5th (\$6,050 dollars was made and will be used to purchase books for the library and books that students can take home); fall parties will be held in the classrooms on October 25th; PTO will have a Lights Out Party on October 28th.

Principal Willard reported FFA members finished in 3rd place at the yearly horse judging competition; homecoming festivities went well; he attended an LPC Principals meeting where possible conference expansion was discussed; discussed fall sports and team records; met with Tony Kirkman from Piatt County Mental Health Department to discuss services and programs that can be offered to students; the Macon County Rotary Association named Dr. Vicky Gilpin Teacher of the Month for October.

Superintendent Weidner reported the JH addition roof project is nearing completion; meetings are taking place regarding upgrades to outdoor athletic facilities; the annual Health, Life, and Safety Inspection will take place on November 27th; work has begun on the tentative tax levy that will be presented in November with the final tax levy up for approval in December.

Unfinished Business:

ISBE found the district to be compliant on the Methods of Administration Civil Rights Review.

Updates on Strategic Planning will be discussed at the November meeting.

Miller moved to approve attorney fees in the amount of \$34,705.98 to be paid from the Marshall Estate to The Bailey Law Firm. Freese seconded the motion. Roll call: Howell, yea; Miller, yea; Runyen, yea; Callaway, yea; Freese, yea; Greenwood, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

BLDD cost estimates for outdoor athletic facility upgrades were presented as part of consideration for overall long-term facility planning. Outdoor facilities will be considered in conjunction with indoor projects and the upcoming ten-year Health, Life, and Safety Survey. No action taken.

New Business:

Member Callaway volunteered to be the 2024 membership delegate to the IASB Assembly at the joint annual conference.

Truth in Taxation requirements will be posted to district website prior to the November meeting.

No action needed on the FOIA update presented by Superintendent Weidner.

As there was no further action to come before the board, Freese declared the meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Secretary

President