

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 15, 2021, 6:30PM

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 6:31pm. Members Curran, Freese, Hayes, Miller, Piraino, and Runyen answered roll call. Also present were Superintendent Robinson and Principals Neaveill and Rodebaugh. Member Greenwood arrived at 6:33pm.

Public Participation:

Community member, Vicky Mars, expressed concerns regarding the current mask mandate. A thank you note was read from Mike Martin's family expressing their appreciation for the Board's support. Tony Piraino was asked to read a statement on behalf of Bill and Chris Tuttle regarding their proposed "Back the Blue" program in which students would be given a presentation about the value of police officers.

A motion was made by Hayes and seconded by Freese to adjourn to executive session at 6:41pm. Freese, yea; Greenwood, yea; Hayes, yea; Miller, yea; Piraino, yea; Runyen, yea; Curran, yea. All ayes; motion passed.

A motion to return from executive session was made by Freese and seconded by Curran at 7:15pm. Greenwood, yea; Hayes, yea; Miller, yea; Piraino, yea; Runyen, yea; Curran, yea; Freese, yea. All ayes; motion passed.

A motion was made by Runyen to approve the minutes of executive session as having been read in executive session. The motion was seconded by Curran. Voice vote was taken. All ayes; motion passed.

Action on Executive Session Matters:

A motion was made to accept letter of retirement from Lori Urquhart^{effective} at the end of the 2021-2022 school year. A motion was made with regret by Freese. Greenwood seconded the motion. Hayes, yea; Miller, yea; Piraino, yea; Runyen, yea; Curran, yea; Freese, yea; Greenwood, yea. All ayes; motion passed.

A motion was made by Piraino and seconded by Runyen to employ Karen Wildman and Mary Webb as part-time Math RtI teachers. Miller, yea; Piraino, yea; Runyen, yea; Curran, yea; Freese, yea; Greenwood, yea; Hayes, yea. All ayes; motion passed.

A motion was made by Curran to accept the volunteer services for extra-curricular activities of Anna Peter for the volleyball program and Ben Peter for the football program, pending completion of required volunteer background checks. The motion was seconded by Miller. Runyen, yea; Curran, yea; Freese, yea; Greenwood, yea; Hayes, yea; Miller, yea; Piraino, yea. All ayes; motion passed.

Public Hearing on the FY22 school district budget:

Superintendent Robinson presented adjustments made to the budget since the tentative approval of the budget. The budget is balanced. No one from the public body had comments or questions on the budget.

Consent Agenda:

The consent agenda included the approval of minutes from the July 21 (as amended) and August 18 regular meetings as well as the July 26 and August 16 special meetings. Approval of the financial reports (Item B) was tabled. Approval of payment of the September bills in the amount of \$415,441.26. Motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Runyen and seconded by Curran. Curran, yea; Freese, yea; Greenwood, yea; Hayes, yea; Miller, yea; Piraino, yea; Runyen, yea. All ayes; motion passed.

Principal's Reports:

Principal Neaveill reported that the elementary school has had a wonderful start to the 2021-2022 school year. Students and staff are wearing masks, practicing social distancing and washing hands frequently and sanitizing throughout the day. Students in Grades 1-6 tested using the STAR Reading and STAR Math Assessments. Students took the tests on Chromebooks. This is the universal screener as required by the state. Teachers use this information to determine which students need more assistance in the areas of math and reading. The Leading to Reading (LTR) began on Tuesday, September 7th. This program is for grades 1 and 2. This is a daily program that focuses on basic phonics skills. Math RtI Groups and Reading RtI Groups will begin soon. Reading Recovery Lessons are beginning as well. First grade students who qualify for this program receive reading instruction from either Yvette Casner, Sydney McRae, or Amanda Roberts. All three teachers are certified in Reading Recovery. Mid-terms will be sent home on September 17th. Students in grades 3-6 each have their own Chromebook to use at school. Teachers, administration, and support staff will complete mandated state trainings via online training Global Compliance Network by October 1st. School Pictures will be taken at the elementary on October 6th. Dewitt-Piatt Bi-County Health Department will provide dental exams and dental sealants on October 12, 15, and 22. Registration fees are being collected. Parent teacher conferences are set for September 30th and October 7th from 4:00-7:30. The elementary school will have a Scholastic Book Fair during the week of October 4-8. The PK is planning an outside parent night/guest speaker on September 14th. Jenny Taylor is the parent coordinator and plans the events. The Fannie May Fundraiser is set to start on September 13th.

Principal Rodebaugh reported that mid-terms will be mailed home on September 17th. The Leadership Team met on September 9th. The 1st Quarter will end on October 15th. There will be a PERA Committee meeting on September 16th. Principal Rodebaugh attended a Macon County Principals meeting on September 2nd. Other meetings throughout the month of September include LPC, JHOC, and CEO meetings. The Students of the Month are 7th grader, Lucas Walker; 8th grader, Maddie Gant; and Tyson Moore in the High School. All Jr/Sr High School staff members will have completed state mandated training through our GCN program by October 15th. ROE Inspection is scheduled for October 5th. Dewitt-Piatt Bi-County Health

Department will provide dental exams and dental sealants on October 12, 15, and 22. Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on September 30 and October 7. CG Homecoming activities have been scheduled for the week of September 20-25. Illinois School Assistance Coalition will be providing a FAFSA completion night for all senior students and parents on October 7 at 5:30-6:30 pm. Picture day is scheduled for October 6.

Superintendent Report:

Superintendent Robinson participated in several webinars provided by school attorney firms to stay abreast of the details tied to the Governor's Executive Orders among other timely topics. The Elementary playground is now complete with new sod along with the poured rubber surface. The Jr/Sr high brick refacing project is ongoing and looking great as well. The district's PERA Committee consisting of 3 administrators and 3 teachers will convene on September 16. Topics of discussion will include tenured teachers with excellent or proficient ratings being evaluated every 3 years rather than every other year as is current practice. Upcoming meetings include Macon-Piatt ROE #39/MPSED/Heartland Tech Joint Board meeting at Richland Community College, Egyptian Trust Health Insurance Benefits Cooperative Executive Committee, and IASA Superintendents' Conference in Springfield.

Unfinished Business:

The policy committee met on September 14 to review the IASB recommended changes to board policies, Issue 107. A motion to approve the IASB recommended changes was made by Miller and seconded by Hayes. Freese, yea; Greenwood, yea; Hayes, yea; Miller, yea; Piraino, yea; Runyen, yea; Curran, yea. All ayes; motion passed.

A motion was made by Runyen to approve the FY22 school district budget as presented in the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Greenwood. Greenwood, yea; Hayes, yea; Miller, yea; Piraino, yea; Runyen, yea; Curran, yea; Freese, yea. All ayes; motion passed.

New Business:

A motion was made by Freese to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Meridian CUSD #15 to share certain costs related to speech language pathologist services. The motion was seconded by Greenwood. Hayes, yea; Miller, yea; Piraino, yea; Runyen, yea; Curran, yea; Freese, yea; Greenwood, yea. All ayes; motion passed.

Other Business:

As there was no other business to come before the board, a motion to adjourn was made by Freese and seconded by Piraino. A voice vote was called. All ayes; motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.