

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 15, 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 Curran, Freese, Greenwood, Hayes, Miller, Piraino, and Runyen answered roll call. Also present were Superintendent Robinson, Principal Neaveill, Principal Willard, and Emily Weidner.

Public Participation: None

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

Curran moved to adjourn to executive session at 6:32 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 © (14) – Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, whether for purpose of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes. Freese seconded the motion. Roll call: Freese, yea; Greenwood, yea; Hayes, yea; Miller, yea; Piraino, yea; Runyen, yea; Curran, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Freese moved to return from executive session at 7:18 p.m. Hayes seconded the motion that through voice vote carried unanimously.

Runyen moved to approve the minutes of executive session as having been read in executive session. Curran seconded the motion that through voice vote carried unanimously.

Recommendation to accept letters of resignation tabled due to no letters presented to the Board.

Motion by Curran to employ for the 2023-2024 school year: Christine Probst as Guidance Counselor, Christian Wilkey as Music Teacher, Vanessa Gower as Special Education Teacher, Dawnaya Key as Part Time Spanish Teacher, and to increase part time Speech Pathologist Tess Spengler to full time status. Greenwood seconded the motion. Roll call: Greenwood, yea; Hayes, yea; Miller, yea; Piraino, yea; Runyen, yea; Curran, yea; Freese, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Motion by Freese to approve Ethan Spain as volunteer HS Assistant Baseball coach, William McKinney and Serena Throneburg as volunteer HS Assistant Softball coaches. Curran seconded the motion. Roll call: Hayes, yea; Miller, yea; Piraino, yea; Runyen, yea; Curran, yea; Freese, yea; Greenwood, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

Motion was made by Runyen that the prior six months closed meeting minutes remain closed and all verbatim recordings that were eighteen months or older be destroyed. Greenwood seconded the motion. Roll call: Miller, yea; Piraino, yea; Runyen, yea; Curran, yea; Freese, yea; Greenwood, yea; Hayes, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

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

Approve minutes of the January 18, 2023 regular meeting  
Approve financial reports  
Approve payment of February bills for the amount of \$302,550.21

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

Principal Neaveill presented the PK-5 principal report: The Illinois Assessment of Readiness will take place at the end of March/beginning of April (assessments are in ELA and Math for grades 3-5); midterms went home on February 3<sup>rd</sup> and report cards will be sent home on March 17<sup>th</sup>; Piatt County Spelling Bee was held on February 16<sup>th</sup> at Atwood-Hammond, Noah Blomgren and Tristan Garver competed; Pre-Kindergarten screenings will take place on April 17<sup>th</sup> and April 19<sup>th</sup> (no Pre-K classes those days); students, parents, and teachers will need to complete the 5 Essentials Survey as required by the state by March 31<sup>st</sup>; LTR ends on February 16<sup>th</sup> and will resume on April 11<sup>th</sup>; School Improvement Day on February 17<sup>th</sup> will focus on final submission of artifacts for teachers on the evaluation cycle as well as grade level meetings; classes held Valentine parties on February 14<sup>th</sup>; PTO invited the Decatur Arts Council to art night on February 8<sup>th</sup> that nearly 50 students attended; PTO is planning special events for Read Across America Day on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Principal Willard presented the JH/HS principal report: 59% HS students and 54% JH students were on the honor roll that came out at the end of January; Autumn Gant, Miley Dye, and Maddy Willard competed at the Piatt County Spelling Bee on February 16<sup>th</sup>; on February 1<sup>st</sup>, an assembly was held in the auditorium with presenter Sami Steigmann (Holocaust survivor) that was also attended by students from Bement and Deland-Weldon schools; Teacher Appreciation Night was held at the boys basketball game on February 10<sup>th</sup>; Jason Jacobs, Rhonda Lovin, Jared Schonert, and James Vogel organized a fund raiser during Valentine's week and the money will be donated to Judy's Kitchen.

Superintendent Robinson reported on the following: Floyd & Associates were in the district January 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> for the FY22 audit; Clinton radio station WHOW did a live broadcast from the auditorium on February 6<sup>th</sup> with Mr. Robinson and Diann Durbin (Athletic Director) speaking; response rates on the 5 Essentials survey are 96% JH/HS students, 94% JH/HS teachers, 10 % JH/HS parents, 89% ES students, 62% ES teachers, 9% ES parents with survey open until March 31<sup>st</sup>; the district received an incentive check from Ameren for the installation of more energy efficient HS gym lights; discussed possible expansion of JH/HS parking lot.

Motion by Miller to approve the second reading/adoption of IASB recommended board policy changes - Issue 110. Greenwood seconded the motion that through voice vote carried unanimously.

Motion by Hayes to accept donation in memory of Grace Crisup and approve the creation of a new elementary library activity fund account in her name and honor. Freese seconded the motion. Roll call: Runyen, yea; Curran, yea; Freese, yea; Greenwood, yea; Hayes, yea; Miller, yea; Piraino, yea. Motion carried all yeas.

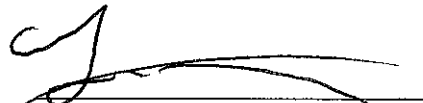
Motion by Piraino to approve an overnight trip to Eureka College football camp July 13-15. Freese seconded the motion that through voice vote carried unanimously.

Board discussed possible utilization of solar energy and requested a representative come to a future meeting for further discussion.

Motion by Curran to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Piraino seconded the motion that through voice vote carried unanimously.



Secretary



President