

**Central Community Unit School District 301
Board of Education Minutes**

Where: Central High School Library Meeting: Regular
Date: November 14, 2016 Time: 6:02 p.m.

Board Members Present

Gorman, Jeff Y
Marlovits, Jan Y
Penar, Mitch Y
Perry, Maggie Y
Rabe Laura Y
Schmitt, Duane Y
Kellenberger, Jeff Y

Administrators Present

Stirn, Todd Y
Mongan, Esther Y
Ahlstedt, Carrie Y
Bushman, Kristine N
Diversey, Steven N
Duffield, Tracie Y
Haug, Matthew Y
Jurs, Rebecca N
King, Jeff N
Lewis, Kim N
McCastland, Kerrie N
Mirenda, Pamela N
Paszt, Alex Y
Polowy, Dan Y
Potsic, Mike Y
Salamone, Julie Y
Schreiber, Jill N
Schuth, Daniel N
Testone, Chris Y
Tobin, Brian Y
Vaughn, Michelle N
Walter, Carie N

Roll Call Roll call was taken at 6:02 p.m.

Present: Gorman, Marlovits, Penar, Perry, Rabe, Schmitt, Kellenberger
Absent: None

Agenda Motion by Penar second by Gorman to approve the agenda as presented.

Voting yes: Gorman, Marlovits, Penar, Perry, Rabe, Schmitt, Kellenberger
Voting no: None
Absent: None

Consent Agenda Motion by Marlovits second by Perry to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Voting yes: Gorman, Marlovits, Penar, Perry, Rabe, Schmitt, Kellenberger
Voting no: None
Absent: None

- Tax Levy Motion by Schmitt second by Marlovits to approve the resolution regarding estimated amounts necessary to be levied for the year 2016 as presented.
- Voting yes: Gorman, Marlovits, Penar, Perry, Rabe, Schmitt, Kellenberger
Voting no: None
Absent: None
- Overnight Trip Motion by Schmitt second by Marlovits to approve girls cross country State qualifier to attend the overnight trip as presented.
- Voting yes: Gorman, Marlovits, Penar, Perry, Rabe, Schmitt, Kellenberger
Voting no: None
Absent: None
- Executive Session Motion by Schmitt second by Perry to adjourn open session at 8:04 p.m.
- Voting yes: Gorman, Marlovits, Penar, Perry, Rabe, Schmitt, Kellenberger
Voting no: None
Absent: None
- Open Session Motion by Schmitt second by Perry to adjourn executive session at 10:20 p.m.
- Voting yes: Gorman, Marlovits, Penar, Perry, Rabe, Schmitt, Kellenberger
Voting no: None
Absent: None
- Personnel Report Motion by Perry second by Penar to approve the personnel report for November as presented.
- Voting yes: Gorman, Marlovits, Penar, Perry, Rabe, Schmitt, Kellenberger
Voting no: None
Absent: None
- Resignation Agreement Motion by Schmitt second by Penar to approve the resignation agreement for Frank Chappetto as presented.
- Voting yes: Gorman, Marlovits, Penar, Perry, Rabe, Schmitt, Kellenberger
Voting no: None
Absent: None
- MOU Best Motion by Gorman second by Perry to approve the side memorandum of understanding for the cooks.
- Voting yes: Gorman, Marlovits, Penar, Perry, Rabe, Schmitt, Kellenberger
Voting no: None
Absent: None

Adjourn Motion by Schmitt second by Gorman to Adjourn at 10:33 p.m.

Voting yes: Gorman, Marlovits, Penar, Perry, Rabe, Schmitt, Kellenberger

Voting no: None

Absent: None

BOE Meeting

1. Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Open Forum
 - 3.1 Recognition of Visitors –President Kellenberger and Dr. Stirn welcomed guests. Dr. Stirn thanked teachers, staff, and board members for their support of public education, during American Education Week.
 - 3.2 Public Comment – No public comment was received.
 - 3.4 Correspondence and Recognition – A card was received from the CEA thanking the board and administration for the hard work on the referendum.
- 4.0 Action Items
 - 4.1 Consent Agenda – Due to the board meeting taking place a week early in November the district has not received the impact/transition for October. Revenues for the month are tracking at 43.2% and expenditures at 25.42% as expected. The bond payment of \$8.3 million is included in the bills payable report, and next year the bond payment will be \$9 million after which the payment will drop to \$5 million. Dr. Stirn also reviewed the tax levy, and the total tax rate is expected to drop \$0.22 due to new construction and an increase in EAV. The projected tax rate is \$7.44 compared to the current rate of \$7.66.
 - 4.2 Approve Resolution Regarding Estimated Amounts Necessary to be levied for the Year 2016 - Treasurer Diana Pflug reviewed the last five years of tax levies, the projected EAV analysis, variables, and projected vs. actual figures. The recommendation is to levy \$39,675.00 (4.7% increase).
 - 4.3 Approve Girls Cross Country State Meet Overnight Trip - Megan Safranski competed in the State meet in Peoria. Megan placed 8th in the State and set a new school and personal record.
- 5.0 Information Reports
 - 5.1 Committee Reports – Foundation – Laura Rabe thanked everyone for their support of the Trivia Event. The event was sold out and raised \$24,000.00. Trivia has a new presenting sponsor and Laura thanked all the contributors of the event. The next event is February 7th, Pizza Wars, at Prairie Knolls Middle School. During the event the Foundation will also host a local vendor fair. Member Perry suggested inviting child care services to the vendor fair. The Foundation assisted the referendum committee with time and financial needs.

- 5.2 Technology Infrastructure Report - Director Tobin reported that the district is still working on obtaining 61 right of ways, 17 owners have signed off, three parcels are part of the county and eight property owners have refused which will cause some re-routing of the fiber. We have been trying to obtain contact information for the remaining property owners. The district received the IDOT information for Route 47/Plato Rd. roundabout and it was shared with Rocky Mountain Communications for fiber route planning.
- 5.3 2017-2018 School Year Calendar – Dr. Stirn reviewed the draft calendar, it is aligned with the Fox Valley Career Center and Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative guidelines. A few changes have been made, winter break will begin December 25 and go through January 5th. The next change is the SIP day on January 19th that was moved to February 16th. Member Gorman asked what a SIP day is. SIP days are banked hours that occur when the school day is longer than the mandated day. The extra hours are saved and used for half days. The teachers work on common assessment these days. After the common assessment is written, it is given to the students and then validated. Member Rabe asked if conferences occur too late in both the fall and the spring. The old model of evening conferences and a half morning conference cannot accommodate all the necessary conferences. The fall time allows for teachers to begin to see the students' progress, the spring occurs within the last six weeks of school would the week prior to spring break be a better time. The pros and cons of moving conferences will be discussed at the next calendar committee meeting.
- 5.4 Triple I Conference – Members have received their packets for the conference November 18 – 20th. Member Perry announced that this will be her last conference as she has decided not to run for re-election in the spring.
- 5.5 Illinois State Report Card – Assistant Superintendent Mongan reviewed student achievement and the definition of the scores. Scoring in levels four and five are where we want the students to be in achievement. Level three students are on the edge of meeting the expected progress and levels one and two are students needing intervention. Score trends were reviewed for schools grouped together and individually. Most schools are at the 40% level (in level four). The district score trend is higher than last year. This is the second year for taking PARCC however, this is the first year the State is using PARCC scores to measure progress. Dr. Mongan also reviewed scores for ELA and math both as a group and individually. Overall, a nice learning progression is occurring at the elementary level. Middle school level scores are seeing gains in levels four and five. Eighth grade math has made some great gains. Previously students on the accelerated path were either not successful or not taking higher level math courses by 10th grade. The accelerated strand was re-set and students going from fifth grade to sixth who were strong in math would take all of sixth grade math and half of seventh grade math. In seventh grade the students would take the remaining seventh grade math and all of the eighth grade math and then in eighth grade the students would take algebra I. The district has seen gains in the student's math score trend. The PARCC scores for the high school were shared. The PARCC test is no longer given at the high school level but scores from last year were shared. There is a nice progression in ELA, now that the district has tweaked the curriculum and moved to English III rather than allowing students to choose their English in the junior year. We see a similar situation in math. With the changes in the accelerated track we hope is to see scores continue to rise. Dr. Mongan also reviewed the differences in racial background, ELL, socio-economic and IEP students. District 301 is

fairing well compared to other area school districts. Last year Central was fourth in the County, this year Central is number one in the county. Central is the most diverse school district in the county and we see higher scores than other county schools while maintaining the lowest cost per student. When Central is compared to other schools by student group we are still ahead of the other districts. One area we need to focus on is our IEP students, Central is third in the county. Director Potsic is looking at that and will be looking for ways to improve scores. The last item shared was the ACT scores there was a 10% drop in English, reading, math and science. Principal Testone will examine this and will report back. As far as college readiness in all four areas Central has 39% of the students fall in to that area.

- 5.6 Busing Costs for Students within 1.5 miles – Director Duffield presented estimated costs to run buses for students in the Country Trails and Prairie Knolls areas within the 1.5 mile walking distance from school. The total number of students for both schools that walk is 435 students. The total cost to bus all of these students would be \$513.46 per student, per year if all families chose bussing. Not all students will pay to ride, but if 50% of the families chose bussing the cost would be \$1026.92 per year. Most of the buses that run in those areas are close to capacity and more buses would need to be leased. Commitments from parents would be needed in advance to lease the buses. The cost to transport students would vary depending on the amount of students choosing to pay for transportation. Capacity is also an issue with a growing district. The Board would need to decide on this by December. The board was polled to see if this is what they want administration to continue to gather information. A majority of the Board members were opposed to continuing research on this topic. State Transportation Categorical payments are not being paid at this time and we are not expecting payments other than GSA this year. President Kellenberger mentioned that this request for information was a Board directive not brought to the Board from parents. Based on information we have right now we don't have a real number of students who would ride and that creates many variables.
- 5.7 Referendum Update – The referendum passed with 5,490 yes 3,969 no votes. The bond issuance will occur after January 1, 2017 with phase I completion for the 2017-2018 school year and phase II completion at the beginning of the 2018 school year. Director Polowy reported that phase I digging began today. Phase II planning meetings will occur to integrate the two phases. The phase I finished bid will be opened Thursday and that will give us a good idea of budget projections. Phase II will begin the bidding process in January. The parking lot project will be wrapped into phase I, and with the weather being so mild, the plan is to get a head start on the parking lot. The Plato Center demolition is approximately two weeks away from completion.
- 5.8 Enrollment Update – The district is up 19 students from the October meeting. Howard B Thomas has increased eight students, with four in the early childhood program. Prairie View gained six students, Prairie Knolls has increased two and Central High School is up three students. Student growth is exceeding our projections. Currently the district is at a 5% growth rate. It is unknown if the growth will slow down or increase. The district is not able to sustain this rapid growth over a long period of time. The district is up 28 students from the sixth day of school.

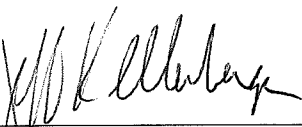
Note: Member Perry noted that she had the pleasure of attending two Veterans Day Assemblies Friday. The Veterans were honored and she was impressed with how

smoothly, efficiently and graciously the high school program went. This was the first time they ran this assembly at the High School and it was very touching. At HBT they also honored the veterans and she was delighted to see how the students met the Veterans and heard their stories. She thanked the people behind this great event.

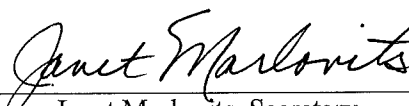
7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 7.1 Adjourn to Closed Session to hear information regarding:
"The appointment, employment, resignation, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against the legal counsel for the District to determine its validity [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)]."
- 7.2 Open Session
- 7.3 Action Items from Closed Session
- A. Personnel Report
 - B. Frank Chappetto Resignation
 - C. Memorandum of Understanding – BEST Cooks Hours

8. ADJOURN



Jeff Kellenberger, President



Janet Marlovits, Secretary

Next Meeting: December 19, 2016