

**CELINA CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024
HIGH SCHOOL LECTURE HALL
6:00 p.m.**

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education, in public, for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in the agenda.

The Celina City Board of Education met in regular session on April 15, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Lecture Hall. President Carl Huber called the meeting to order and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Clouse, Mr. Huber, Mr. Schleucher and Mrs. Sommer answered the roll call. Mr. Huelsman was absent.

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On a motion by Mrs. Sommer, seconded by Mr. Clouse, the Board set the agenda as presented.

VOTE: Mr. Clouse: Aye, Mr. Huber: Aye, Mr. Schleucher: Aye, Mrs. Sommer: Aye.
Approved

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

In order to fulfill its obligation to complete the planned agenda in an effective and efficient fashion, a maximum of thirty minutes of public participation will be permitted each meeting. Each person addressing the Board will give his/her name and address. If several people wish to speak, each person will be allotted three minutes until the total time of thirty minutes is used. During that period, no person may speak twice until all who desire to speak have had the opportunity to do so. Persons desiring more time should follow the procedure of the Board to be placed on the regular agenda. The public participation may be extended by a vote of the majority of the Board.

REPORTS

1. *Intermediate School – Jenna Hodge, Principal* - Mrs. Hodge, Principal at the Intermediate School gave a presentation about “How Are We Growing, Evolving and Progressing” which is centered around the Intermediate School moving into the new PK-6 building next year, and with that comes some exciting changes. Mrs. Hodge spoke about some of the awesome activities that have taken place in her building, such as the CIS Musical, Enrichment Friday Clubs where the students go to whichever area they need help, DARE graduation for the 5th graders, the Glen Helen trip that was started in the 70s and lastly, the Spring Arts Festival this year had over 700 people attend.
2. *Cheri Hall/Tressie Sigmond, CEA Co-Presidents* – Ms. Hall reported that the staff are looking forward to the PK-6 students being in one building, so more staff can see the CIS Musical and other activities they have not been able to see in the past. The CEA is giving nine \$600 scholarships to graduating seniors. The nine will go to five Celina seniors, three Coldwater seniors and one Sidney senior.
3. *Joni Minnich, OAPSE President* – present; no report
4. *Curriculum – Vaughn Ray* - Mr. Ray stated that the staff is busy working on state testing and excited to see the results. Additionally, professional development is being designed for next year as we are closing out this year.
5. *Facilities* - Mandy Niekamp and Eric Baltzell with Garman Miller attended the meeting and presented an update on the 7-12 building design. Bid documents

6. *Tri Star* - Tri Star was recognized for receiving the prestigious 5-star rating on the state's report card.
7. *Head Start* – Mrs. Esser was present but had no further comments.

1. Recommend approval of the following substitutes for the 2023-24 school year:
Sarah Orick
Ryan Silliman
Bianca Schwartz
2. Accept the resignation of:
 - Karen Knapke, Cafeteria Cook @ Primary School, effective May 31, 2024, after 34 years of service.
 - H. Jane Wendel, Cafeteria Worker @ Middle School, effective July 31, 2024, after 8 years of service.
 - Vaneda Hamberg, Cafeteria Worker @ Elementary School, effective May 9, 2024.
 - Rebecca Blanchard, Cafeteria Worker @ High School, effective April 16, 2024.
3. Approve to hire after probation:
 - Michelle Sawmiller, Bus Driver @ CCS, 187 days / full route, effective 1/4/24.
 - Darlene Cramer, Cafeteria Worker @ High School, Step 0 / 186 days / 2 hours, effective 1/4/24.

4. Approve a 60-day probationary contract for:
 - Shawna McElroy, Custodian @ CAPT building, Step 0 / 260 days / 4 hours, effective April 9, 2024.
 - James Torivio, Custodian @ High School, Step 0 / 260 days / 8 hours, effective April 15, 2024.
5. Approve a change of contract for:
 - Jetta Mutter, Custodian @ Intermediate, requesting 7 days absent without pay for March 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27 and 28, 2024. All leaves have been exhausted.
 - Amber Gehle, Education Aide @ Primary, requesting 1 day absent without pay for April 18, 2024. All leaves have been exhausted.
6. Approve the following personnel for the 2024 Summer Workers for Technology, as needed:

Jason Andrew	Alex Bilen
Aaron Bowsher	Brittany Giere
John Higgins	

Certified Report:

1. Approve the following substitutes for the 2023-24 school year:

Jillian Finn	Sierra Wynn
Emily Taylor	Shelby Giere
2. Accept the resignations of:
 - Laura Hoover, Second Grade Teacher @ Primary School, effective June 1, 2024, after 32 years of service.
 - Justin Gilmore, Intervention Specialist @ High School, effective at the end of the 2023-24 contract year.
 - Erin Weigel, Intervention Specialist @ Elementary School, effective August 15, 2024.
 - Kristin Hopf, Speech and Language Pathologist @ Head Start, effective August 31, 2024.
 - Lauren Rindler, ELA Teacher @ Intermediate, effective at the end of the 2023-24 contract year.
3. Approve a change of contract for:
 - Hannah Schwieterman, Teacher @ Elementary, requesting 6 days without pay for April 17, 18, 19, 22, 23 and 24, 2024.
 - Katie Rodriguez, Intervention Specialist @ Intermediate, requesting 13 days without pay for April 23 – May 9, 2024.
4. Approve the following one-year teaching contracts for new employees (pending proper licensure, background checks and verification of experience):
 - Alex Schiavone, 7th & 8th grade Physical Education @ Middle School, BS 3 years experience.
 - Katie Kittle, Intervention Specialist @ High School, MS 6 years experience.
 - Jaclyn Schwieterman, Intervention Specialist @ High School, MS+30 10 years experience.
 - Abby Kramer, ELA Teacher @ High School, BS 6 years experience.
 - Leah Vantilburg, School Nurse @ Elementary, BS 10 years experience.
 - Rachel Thornsberry, Music Teacher @ Elementary, BS 4 years experience.
 - Riley Nolan, Intervention Specialist @ Elementary, BS 3 years experience.

5. Approve the following one-year teaching contracts for the 2024-2025 school year (pending proper licensure):

Lyndie Adams	Erica Anderson	Steven Axe
Braelen Bader	Alex Bilen	Ashley Bowers
Alex Clune	Pat Delisio	Sadie Devore
Mandy Diller	Natalie Drumm	Mike Eilerman
Wendy Gabes	Ashley Gruss	Danielle Hirschfeld
Brooke Hoffman	Camaryn Hoyng	Madison Kanney
Ben Klipstine	Cassandra McGue	Hannah Schwieterman
Jessica Seger	Samantha Selzer	Madison Sherrick
Madelynn Sudhoff	Christopher Wood	
6. Approve the following three-year teaching contracts for the 2024-2027 school years (pending proper licensure):

Heather Arling	Taylor Crum	Jenna Cupp
Olivia Graber	Jack Hemmelgarn	Brian Hess
Ethan Knopp	Mitch Knous	Andrea Nickell
Katie Rodriguez	Jackie Roessner	Megan Schlater
Aaron Schmitt	Renee Williams	Allison Williams
Erick Woeste		
7. Approve the following continuing contracts for the 2024-25 school year (pending proper licensure)

Emilie Buening	Kelly Riemesch
Taylor Steinke	Karen Sudhoff
8. Approval the following administrative 2-year contracts beginning August 1, 2024 through July 31, 2026:
 - a. Tim Buschur, Tri Star Director
 - b. Tracey Dammeyer, Special Education Director
 - c. Brett Dorsten, School Psychologist
 - d. Renee Kramer, Principal @ High School
 - e. Phil Metz, Facilities Director
 - f. Vaughn Ray, Curriculum Director
 - g. Sandy Stammen @ Head Start Early Childhood Services Director
 - h. Derek Wenning, Athletic Director @ High School
 - i. Kristy Nelson, Asst. Principal @ High School
9. Approval the following administrative 1-year contract beginning August 1, 2024 through July 31, 2025:
 - a. Angie Stephenson, Health & Community Services Manager @ Head Start
10. Approve a stipend payment of \$1000 for the Middle School D.C. Trip Coordinator.
11. Approve a stipend payment of \$250 to the Middle School D.C. Bus Captains.

Supplementals : (For the 2024-25 School Year)

12. Approve the following supplemental contracts for the 2024-2025 school year (pending proper certification)

Rachel Craft, Varsity Cheer Coach	CI IV	5 yrs. exp.
Carrie Cubberley, Asst. Cheer	CI VI	1 yrs. exp.
Brennen Bader, Head Varsity Football	CI I	13 yrs. exp.
Jack Hemmelgarn, Asst. Football	CI III	4 yrs. exp.
Braelen Bader, 8 th Gr. Head Football	CI IV	6 yrs. exp.
Jason Andrew, Head Cross Country	CI III	4 yrs. exp.

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| Ryan Jenkins, Boys Head Soccer | CI II | 16 yrs. exp. |
| Steven Axe, Girls Golf | CI IV | 0 yrs. exp. |
13. Approve the following pupil activity program contract for the 2024-2025 school year (pending proper certification)
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| Cory Howell, Asst. Football | CI III | 7 yrs. exp. |
| Travis Chilcoat, Asst. Football | CI III | 2 yrs. exp. |
| Roy Pifer, Asst. Football .50 FTE | CI III | 10 yrs. exp. |
| Aaron Shreffler Asst. Football | CI III | 1 yrs. exp. |
| Jason Lipp, Asst. Football .50 FTE | CI III | 2 yrs. exp. |
| Craig Carey, Head 9 th Gr. Football | CI IV | 5 yrs. exp. |
| Adam Neal, Asst. 9 th Gr. Football .50 FTE | CI V | 5 yrs. exp. |
| Brian Schwieterman, Asst. 9 th Gr. Football .50 FTE | CI V | 0 yrs. exp. |
| Gaven Nash, Asst. 8 th Gr. Football .50 FTE | CI V | 1 yrs. exp. |
| Curt Cramer, Asst. 8 th Gr. Football .50 FTE | CI V | 1 yrs. exp. |
| Kyle Lehman, Head 7 th Gr. Football | CI IV | 0 yrs. exp. |
| Jeff Kunk, Asst. 7 th Gr. Football | CI V | 0 yrs. exp. |
| Kari Dameron, MS Cross Country | CI IV | 4 yrs. exp. |
| Dylan Luth, Asst. Girls Soccer .75 FTE | CI IV | 3 yrs. exp. |
| Chad Highley, Asst. Girls Soccer .25 FTE | CI IV | 1 yrs. exp. |
| Lilly Ankerman, JV Girls Soccer | CI IV | 0 yrs. exp. |
| Jim Brazen, Head Boys Golf | CI IV | 4 yrs. exp. |
| Jan Morrison, Girls Tennis | CI III | 26 yrs. exp. |
| Kinzie Henkle, Asst. Girls Tennis | CI IV | 1 yrs. exp. |
| Phil Bange, Asst. Varsity Volleyball | CI IV | 9 yrs. exp. |
| Ellie Bruce, MS Cheer .50 FTE | CI VI | 1 yrs. exp. |
| Lauren Higgins, MS Cheer .50 FTE | CI VI | 0 yrs. exp. |
| Amanda Cook, JV Volleyball | CI IV | 4 yrs. exp. |
14. Approve the following volunteers for the 2024-25 school year (pending certification)
- Jimmy Luebke – boys golf
 - Bret Baucher – girls golf
 - Alexis Hammons – girls soccer

Resolutions:

1. Approve the Class of 2024 Graduates (providing all requirements are met).
2. Resolution to approve participation and authorization for the SWOEPD to advertise and receive bids on the Board's behalf for the cooperative purchase of a school bus for fiscal 2025.
3. Approve the 36-month Master Service Agreement with Wabash Mutual Telephone Company for maintenance of existing lines and new building connectivity.
4. Approve the Category1 Self Provisional Fiber Maintenance Allowance with Wabash Mutual Telephone Company for up to \$84,533.12 for maintenance of existing lines with any costs to be reimbursed 70% by E-Rate, the Universal Service Program for Schools and Libraries.
5. Approve the Category 1 WAN Digital Transmission Service Agreement with Wabash Mutual Telephone Company for \$27,760 to provide connectivity to all buildings with the school being reimbursed 70% by E-Rate, the Universal Service Program for Schools and Libraries.
6. Approve the attached list of physicians to do bus driver and van driver physicals for the 2024-25 school year at a cost of \$50 each

24-44

On a motion by Mrs. Sommer, seconded by Mr. Clouse to approve the Superintendent's Personnel Report.

VOTE: Mr. Clouse: Aye, Mr. Huber: Aye, Mr. Schleucher: Aye, Mrs. Sommer: Aye.
Approved

SECOND READING: Board Policy

Program

2623 Student Assessment and Academic Intervention Services
2623.02 Third Grade Reading Guarantee

Professional Staff

3120.04 Employment of Substitutes
3140 Termination and Resignation

Classified Staff

4140 Termination or Resignation

Students

5113.01 Intra-District Open Enrollment – Delete Policy
5310 Health Services

Operations

8600 Transportation
8600.04 Bus Driver Certification
8640 Transportation for Field and Other District-Sponsored Trips
8650 Transportation by Vehicles Other Than School Buses
8660 Incidental Transportation of Students by Private Vehicle

24-45

On a motion by Mr. Schleucher, seconded by Mr. Clouse to approve the Policy Changes.

VOTE: Mr. Clouse: Aye, Mr. Huber: Aye, Mr. Schleucher: Aye, Mrs. Sommer: Aye.
Approved

OTHER BUSINESS BY BOARD/ADMINISTRATION

24-46

A motion was made by Mrs. Sommer, seconded by Mr. Schleucher, to approve the following contract.

1. Approve the following one-year teaching contract for a new employee (pending proper licensure, background checks and verification of experience):
 - Renee Backs, Math Teacher @ High School, BS 2 years experience.

VOTE: Mr. Clouse: Abstain, Mr. Huber: Aye, Mr. Schleucher: Aye, Mrs. Sommer: Aye. Approved

24-47

A motion was made by Mr. Clouse, seconded by Mrs. Sommer, to approve the following.

2. Approve a 3-year administrative contract for Brooke Gessler as Superintendent of Celina Schools, effective 8-1-2024.
3. Approve a stipend payment to Brooke Gessler of \$450 per day for up to 25 days for days prior to her August 1, 2024 start date.

VOTE: Mr. Clouse: Aye, Mr. Huber: Aye, Mr. Schleucher: Aye, Mrs. Sommer: Aye.
Approved

EXECUTIVE SESSION – O.R.C. §121.22(G)

24-48

On a motion by Mrs. Sommer, seconded by Mr. Clouse, that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, as a public board of education may hold an executive session only after a majority of the quorum of this board determines by a roll call vote to hold such a session and only at a regular or special meeting for the sole purpose of the consideration of any of the following matters:

(G)(1) To consider one or more, as applicable, of the **check marked** items with respect to a public employee or official:

1. ☐ Appointment.
2. ☒ Employment.
3. ☐ Dismissal.
4. ☐ Discipline.
5. ☐ Promotion.
6. ☐ Demotion.
7. ☐ Compensation.
8. ☐ Investigation of charges/complaints (unless public hearing requested).

(G)(2) To consider the purchase of property for the public purposes or for the sale of property at competitive bidding.

(G)(3) Conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action.

(G)(4) Preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment.

(G)(5) Matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or rules or state statutes.

(G)(6) Specialized details of security arrangements where disclosure of the matters discussed might reveal information that could be used for the purpose of committing or avoid prosecution for a violation of the law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Celina City School District Board of Education, by a majority of the quorum present at this meeting, does hereby declare its intention to hold an executive session on item(s) listed above.

And the roll being called on its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

VOTE: Mr. Clouse: Aye, Mr. Huber: Aye, Mr. Schleucher: Aye, Mrs. Sommer: Aye
Approved

Thereupon, the President declared the resolution adopted.

At 6:49 p.m., the Board went into executive session.

The President declared the meeting back into regular session at 7:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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With no other business, a motion was made by Mrs. Sommer, seconded by Mr. Clouse, to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

VOTE: Mr. Clouse: Aye, Mr. Huber: Aye, Mr. Schleucher: Aye, Mrs. Sommer: Aye.
Approved

Board President

Treasurer