

**CELINA CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 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 October 21, 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. Huelsman, Mr. Schleucher and Mrs. Sommer answered the roll call.

24-85 On a motion by Mr. Schleucher, seconded by Mr. Clouse, the Board set the agenda as presented.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Garmann Miller shared a presentation updating the group on the building project including timelines and decisions needed to be made in the very near future. The following individuals shared their opinions, thoughts and ideas regarding the PK-6 and 7-12 building project as well as future athletic wants and needs: Theresa Howick, Chris Cron, R J Euckert, Bill Sell, Frank Snyder, and Kevin Draiss. Some of the items commented on included: 3-way vs 4-way light at Fountain St, should the fieldhouse stay, condition of athletic fields (track, soccer and football), how to repurpose Tri-Star building and lastly, the concern if the project does not stick with the results of community survey completed in 2018.

REPORTS

1. Cheri Hall/Tressie Sigmond -- CEA Co-Presidents – no report
2. Joni Minnich – OAPSE President – no report
3. Head Start – Amy Esser – nothing in addition to her report
4. Curriculum – Vaughn Ray shared a presentation about the 2023-2024 report card. The report card contains six ratings. Mr. Ray stated that Celina is improving each year, and we are getting better at what we are already doing. Celina grew in four categories: achievement, gap closing, graduation and early literacy. Mr. Ray explained the different categories and what each involves.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Mrs. Michelle Mawer

- A. Treasurer's Report – Mrs. Michelle Mawer
 1. Approve the minutes of the September 16, 2024 regular meeting and the October 4, 2024 special meeting.
 2. Approve the September 2024 Cash Summary Report showing revenues of \$2,978,516.48 and expenditures of \$6,541,850.79.
 3. Approve the Bank Reconciliation Report for September 2024. The balance as of September 30, 2024, is \$86,393,874.60 of which \$58,519,639.58 is for the building project.
 4. Approve the checks written for September 2024 of \$6,367,832.39.
 5. Approve the FY25 Permanent Appropriations as presented.

6. Approve the FY25 Certificate of Estimated Resources as presented.
7. Accept the following donations:
 - \$500 from Mercer County Civic Foundation to Celina Spirit Squad
 - \$500 from Affolder Equipment Sales to Tri Star FFA for the purchase of jackets
 - \$500 from Jeffrey Schwartz to Tri Star FFA for the purchase of jackets
 - \$522.46 from Grand Lake Photo Club for the CHS Art Department trips
 - \$500 from Norris Milk Hauling to Celina FFA
 - \$500 from Houts Partnership to Celina FFA
 - \$1,000 from Mercer County Civic Foundation – Moose to Celina FFA

Resolution

1. Approve the creation of the FTC Robotics Club Student Activity in the Middle School as well as the activity's attached FY25 budget.
2. Approve the purchase of a used 2015 JLG Lift (Referral #137) for Tri Star to be used in the Construction and Ag Mechanics programs. The total cost is \$51,000 which will be split between the Reserve Capital fund and their FY25 operating budget. The purchase has been previously approved by Tri Star's Advisory Council. Please see the attachments for further details.
3. Approve an agreement with NRG Business Marketing LLC for Natural Gas.
4. Approve the 1st Amendment to the Project Agreement fully executed as of March 31, 2022. The budget amendment totals \$15,111,084 which includes state and local shares as well as interest applied per the attached.

24-86 On a motion by Mr. Huelsman, seconded by Mr. Clouse to approve the Treasurer's Report.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Mrs. Brooke Gessler

Personnel:

Classified Report:

1. Approve a 60-day probationary contract (pending employment requirements) for:
 - Helen (Susie) Deardoff, Cafeteria Worker @ High School, Step 0 / 186 days / 3 hrs, effective October 7, 2024.
 - Kimberly (Kim) Folkerth, Custodian @ High School, Step 10 / 260 days / 8 hrs, effective October 10, 2024.
 - Crystal Wellman, Bus Aide @ CCS Bus Garage, Step 2 / 187 days / 5 hours, effective October 15, 2024.
 - Jammylee Hawkins, Head Cook @ Head Start, 184 days / 8 hours / \$16.66, effective October 30, 2024.
2. Approve the resignation of:
 - Matt Overman, Bus Driver – Bus #15, 187 days / full route, effective September 27, 2024.
 - Michelle Dillion, Cafeteria Worker @ Middle School, 186 days / 3 hours, effective October 29, 2024.
 - Ingrid Smith, Bus Aide @ CCS Bus Garage (2nd job), 187 days / 2.5 hours, effective October 18, 2024.
3. Approve a change of contract for:
 - Janice Puthoff, Cafeteria Worker @ Elementary School, 186 days / 3 hours to 186 days / 4 hours, effective August 26, 2024.

- Karen Schott, Educational Aide @ Elementary School to Building Secretary @ Elementary School, 207 days / 8 hours, effective August 13, 2024. Probationary period completed.
 - Cathy Huber, Educational Aide @ Elementary School to Building Secretary @ Elementary School, 207 days / 8 hours, effective August 13, 2024. Probationary period completed.
 - Teresa Randolph, Teacher Asst @ Elementary School – 187 days / 6.75 hours to Cafeteria Worker @ Elementary School – Step 4 / 186 days / 5 hours, effective October 1, 2024, completed probation.
 - Kim Waterman, Custodian @ Elementary, requesting 5 ¾ days absent without pay for September 27 (3/4 day), 30 and October 1, 2, 3, 4, 2024. All leaves have been exhausted.
4. Recommend approval of the following substitutes for the 2024-25 school year:

Carol Amweg	Joe Bey	Norma Carolus
Connie Grimm	Tristen Helman	Darrin Porter
Tim Schoen	Arielle Slusser	
 5. Approve to move Sarah Ruth from the Executive Secretary Schedule salary schedule to the Tech Support Specialist salary schedule, Step 9, and begin paying her this step on the new schedule effective November 1, 2024.

Certified Report:

1. Approve pay at \$30 per hour for Amber Sinclair, Andrea Nickell, Renee Williams and Sarah Young as instructors for classes offered by the Wellness Committee to Celina School staff employees.
2. Approve Mike Eilerman, Tri Star teacher, for a 3-year contract effective 2024-27.
3. Recommend approval of the following substitute teachers for the 2024-25 school year:

Ashley Bailey	Kameryn Cline	Alexandra Crow
Elizabeth Day	Molly Dues	McKenzie Green
Sarah Hess	Troy Homan	Olivia Rider
Alyssa Schmitmeyer	Debra Schwartz	Tony Schwendeman
Jennifer Stammen		
4. Accept the resignation of:
 - Deb Schroyer, Food Service Director, due to retirement, effective December 31, 2024, after 28 years of service.
5. Approve to hire Michelle Dillion as a sub 1:1 nurse at the tutor rate.

Supplementals:

1. Approve the change of contract for:
 - Jack Cisco, Freshman Boys Basketball CI IV 0 yrs. exp. to 3 yrs. exp.
 - Dylan Luth, Asst. Girls Soccer from .75 FTE to .50 FTE.
 - Chad Highley, Asst. Girls Soccer from .25 FTE to .50 FTE.
2. Approve the resignation of:

Keith Gudorf, HS Musical Set Design	CI VI	0 yrs. exp.
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3. Approve the following Pupil Activity contracts for the 2024-25 school year: (pending proper certification)

Toby Hertenstein, Asst. Swim (dive coach) .25 FTE	CI IV	3 yrs. exp.
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4. Approve the following Supplemental contracts for the 2024-25 school year: (pending proper certification)

Allison Williams, MS Yearbook Advisor .50 FTE	CI VI	2 yrs. exp.
Lisa Brunswick, Asst. Swim (dive coach) .75 FTE	CI IV	0 yrs. exp.

5. Approval of the following volunteers for the 2024-25 school year: (pending proper certification)
Keith Gudorf – HS Musical Set Design
6. Recommend approval of the following 2024-25 Athletic Workers, as needed:
Chris Sutter Beth Fortkamp

Head Start

1. Director is asking for an approval of a 6% retention incentive payment to all Head Start employees in accordance to the Retention Incentive Policy (included in Head Start report). Distribution date of payment is 11/25/24.
2. Director is asking to move \$10,000 in unexpended funds from the fringe budget line to the TTA / Training budget line.

Resolutions

1. Approve the Revision of the highlighted gifted services portion of the *Celina City School District Gifted Education Identification Policy and Service Plan*.
2. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Celina Education Association for College Credit Plus compensation for the 2024-2025 school year.
3. Approve 2024-25 calendar revision to move the workdays for CES 4th - 6th grade teachers from January 21 – 24 to January 6 – 9. CES 4th - 6th grade students would start Friday, January 10th.

24-87

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

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

OTHER BUSINESS BY BOARD/ADMINISTRATION

1. Facility Information Update -- Mr. Metz gave a short update regarding the building project. As far as the 7-12 building is concerned, basically a lot of stone is being laid which you probably have noticed. We will have occupancy of the area where grades 4-6 will be moving into the new elementary building before Christmas break which will allow us to get started moving in. Demo of West will start as soon as grades 4-6 are moved into the new building.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – O.R.C. §121.22(G)

24-88

On a motion by Mr. Huelsman, seconded by Mr. Schleucher, 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. Huelsman: Aye, Mr. Schleucher: Aye, Mrs. Sommer: Aye Approved

Thereupon, the President declared the resolution adopted.

At 7:29 p.m., the Board went into executive session.

The President declared the meeting back into regular session at 8:33 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

24-89

With no other business, a motion was made by Mr. Huelsman, seconded by Mr. Schleucher, to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

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

Board President

Treasurer

**CELINA CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2024
HIGH SCHOOL LECTURE HALL
6:00 p.m.**

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The Celina City Board of Education met in special session on November 4, 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. Huelsman, Mr. Schleucher and Mrs. Sommer answered the roll call.

24-90 On a motion by Mr. Schleucher, seconded by Mr. Huelsman, the Board set the agenda as presented.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were 4 community members (Tim Homan, Kevin Draiss, Scott Miller and RJ Euckert) that spoke. Mr. Homan stated he is in favor of keeping the fieldhouse and stadium right where they are. Mr. Draiss asked what are the next steps in this process? Mr. Miller said he has lived in Celina for 9 years and feels the district cannot wait 10-15 years for athletic facilities due to hyperinflation since 2018. He realizes the price tag for new is more and you may have kickback from the community, but it is the way to go. Mr. Euckert commended the board for what they have done. During his career, he has been involved with 3 building projects. He also reminded the group there have been staffing changes during this project including 3 new board members and Mrs. Gessler is the 3rd Superintendent. Lastly, Mr. Euckert told the group it is time to take down the fieldhouse. After a project is done, everyone loves the "new"!

REPORTS

1. Master Plan Presentation -- Mark Huelsman presented to the group a presentation which included detailed costs as well as building and facility illustrations and layouts. The PK-6 and 7-12 building project is an OFCC partnership meaning the co-funded part of the project costs are split with the state paying 49% and the district paying 51%. The original co-funded budget was \$106.6 million but has increased due to a host of factors, mainly inflation, to \$121.7 million. Therefore, the board had two choices: take the board's portion of the increase from the LFI (locally funded initiatives) or go back to the taxpayers via an additional levy. The current and past board members have elected to use the LFI funds. So, some of the items planned to be paid for with LFI funds, such as future athletic facilities outside of the OFCC building project will have to happen in multiple phases over several years due to funding constraints. The CAPT, middle school and Tri Star buildings will remain and be repurposed. There are still some time sensitive and costly decisions that need to be made by next spring. One is whether to keep the fieldhouse. OFCC will co-fund the abatement and demolition of the Ed Complex and fieldhouse, and they recommend doing so due to the condition of the building, but it is the

district's decision. It would cost approximately \$975,000 to \$1.2 million just to button up the fieldhouse, and that does not include any renovations or enhancements to it. The board is planning to release a survey soon for the public to complete to gather feedback.

ADJOURNMENT

24-91

With no other business, a motion was made by Mrs. Sommer, seconded by Mr. Clouse, to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

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

Board President

Treasurer