

**CELINA CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BOARD MINUTES  
MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2025  
HIGH SCHOOL LECTURE HALL  
Immediately Following the Organizational Meeting**

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 January 13, 2025 at 6:12 p.m. in the High School Lecture Hall. Mr. Clouse, Mr. Huber, Mr. Huelsman, Mr. Schleucher and Mrs. Sommer answered the roll call.

**25-04**

On a motion by Mr. Clouse, seconded by Mr. Huber, the Board added the motions in Resolution #3 and Tri Star #1 in the Superintendent's Report section and set the remainder of the agenda as presented.

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

**REPORTS**

1. Tri Star – Tim Buschur and Paula VanTilburg shared the following with the board:  
This year we welcomed the following new staff members, Brian Gilliland, Manufacturing Machining Instructor; Judy Fortener, Career Pathways Job Coach and Paula VanTilburg, Assistant Director. We have approx. 450 juniors and seniors on Tri Star's campus and 155 students at off-campus programs including at St. Marys. We completed our annual food drive with Mr. Buschur setting the goal at 30,000 items, and the goal was exceeded with the collection of 31,000 items which were donated to area food pantries. The Compact had 600 sophomores come visit and tour Tri Star's facilities and has received 260 applications from those students. Mr. Ken Platfoot is obtaining Kubota certification to be utilized in his Ag Mechanics program. The Adult Ed job fair was held with over 50 companies participating. Adult Ed is offering 30-hour Welding and Robotics courses, which is something employers are appreciative of. Tri Star received 5 stars out of 5 stars on the state report card and met 9 out of 9 federal indicators. Lastly, two Celina senior students who attend Tri Star talked about why they chose to attend Tri Star and how they felt it would help them with their future.
2. Facilities -- Phil Metz gave a big shout out to the staff for helping to make the move back into CIS, so now, all PK-6 staff and students are in one building. Abatement of the old CES building was to begin today. Demo of the old CES building will begin by the end of the month. As far as the 7-12 building, the project is moving right along. Steel is being moved in, and plumbing is being installed.  
Garmann Miller – Fieldhouse Update -- Matt Hibner with Garmann Miller presented the preliminary project cost budget if the decision is made to keep the field house after demolishing the Ed Complex. Mr. Hibner went through such costs as buttoning up the fieldhouse, re-connecting domestic cold water line, installing new gas-fired water heaters and feed to them and a HVAC system which is currently served from demolished portion, completing electrical renovations that are needed, such as installing new panelboards, providing new technology network and re-connecting existing technology, adding a 60 sf family restroom that would ADA compliant and 10% of the total budget is allocated for soft costs, such as site survey, state fees, testing and balancing the HVAC. Lastly, there are no

allowances for loose furnishings and equipment included in this project but could be added if needed.

Brooke Gessler – Survey Update -- Mrs. Gessler talked about the status of the survey that will be going out to the community soon. She reviewed the planned deadlines regarding the survey. The survey is currently scheduled to go out to the public on Feb 10, 2025.

3. Cheri Hall/Tressie Sigmond – CEA Co-Presidents – not present
4. Joni Minnich – OAPSE President – no report but present
5. School Board Recognition Month – January 2025 -- Mrs. Gessler took a moment to recognize and thank the board members for their countless hours spent doing the important work they do for the students and families of Celina City Schools.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

### **TREASURER’S REPORT – Mrs. Michelle Mawer**

#### **A. Treasurer’s Report – Mrs. Michelle Mawer**

1. Approve the minutes of the December 16, 2024 regular meeting.
2. Approve the December 2024 Cash Summary Report showing revenues of \$7,700,705.96 and expenditures of \$11,574,379.89.
3. Approve the Bank Reconciliation Report for December 2024. The balance as of December 31, 2024, is \$74,926,274.83 of which \$54,276,727.54 is for the building project.
4. Approve the checks written for December 2024 of \$5,761,269.90.
5. Approve the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor for Celina City Schools.
6. Approve the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor for Tri Star Career Center.
7. Accept the following donations:
  - \$500 from Cotterman & Company to Tri Star Construction for the purchase of jackets
  - \$800 from Andrew Giesige for outstanding student lunch balances
  - \$500 from Mercer Landmark to Tri Star Food Drive
  - \$675 from Mercer County Civic Foundation to Celina High School Spirit Squad’s Toy Drive
  - Donation of painting the platform for the new lift at Tri Star from J & M Manufacturing valued at \$1,000
  - Donation of steel from CAPT of Celina for the Tri Star Welding and Manufacturing & Machining Classes valued at \$5,400

**25-05** On a motion by Mr. Huber, seconded by Mrs. Sommer 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 the resignation of:
  - Briana Thomas, Teacher @ Head Start, 188 days / 8 hours, effective December 31, 2024.
  - Cherish Hartings, Teacher Assistant @ High School, 187 days / 6.75 hours, effective January 7, 2025.

- Certified Report:**

- Resolution:**

- Head Start:**

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

**Tri Star:**

1. Approve to hire Tom Sommer at \$50 per hour to assist Tri Star Career Compact in becoming a Cooperative Compact.

**25-09**

On a motion by Mr. Clouse, seconded by Mr. Huelsman to approve above Tri Star #1.

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

2. Approve to hire Nate Huber as a Tri Star Adult Instructor for Robotics.
3. Approve the purchase of Lot #107 in the Wheatland Subdivision for \$41,000 for the 2025-26 Tri Star house.

**25-10**

On a motion by Mrs. Sommer, seconded by Mr. Clouse to approve above Tri Star #2 and #3.

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

**OTHER BUSINESS BY BOARD/ADMINISTRATION**

**25-11**

1. On a motion by Mrs. Sommer, seconded by Mr. Clouse to approve the proposed 2025-26 School Calendar.

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

**2. SECOND READING: Board Policy**

**Bylaws**

0100	Definitions
0142.1	Oath
0151	Organizational Meeting
0152	Officers
0155	Committees
0163	Presiding Officer
0164	Notice of Meetings
0165	Board Meetings
0165.1	Regular Meetings
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0167.2	Executive Session
0167.7	Use of Personal Communication Devices
0173	Board Officers

**Administration**

1130	Conflict of Interest
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**Professional Staff**

3113	Conflict of Interest
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**Classified Staff**

4113	Conflict of Interest
4120.08	Employment of Personnel for Co-Curricular/Extra-Curricular Activities
4121	Criminal History Record Check

**Students**

5131	Student Transfers
5136	Personal Communication Devices
5136.01	Electronic Equipment
5200	Attendance
5500	Student Conduct
5780	Student/Parent Rights
<b>Finances</b>	
6110	Grant Funds
6111	Internal Controls
6112	Cash Management of Grants
6114	Cost Principles – Spending Federal Funds
6320	Purchasing and Bidding
6325	Procurement – Federal Grants/Funds
6460	Vendor Relations
6550	Travel Payment & Reimbursement
<b>Property</b>	
7310	Disposition of Surplus Property
7450	Property Inventory
7530.01	Cellular Telephone Allowance
7530.02	Staff Use of Personal Communication Devices
7540.03	Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety
7540.04	Staff Technology Acceptable Use and Safety
7540.09	Artificial Intelligence (“AI”)
<b>Operations</b>	
8310	Public Records
<b>Relations</b>	
9160	Public Attendance at School Events

**25-12** On a motion by Mr. Clouse, seconded by Mr. Huber to approve the above Second Reading of Board Policies.

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

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**25-13** With no other business, a motion was made by Mr. Huber, seconded by Mrs. Sommer, to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

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

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Board President

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Treasurer