

**CELINA CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2025
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 March 17, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Lecture Hall. President Adam Schleucher 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.

25-29 On a motion by Mr. Huber, 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

REPORTS

1. **CMS – Andy Mikesell and Pete Lisi:** Mr. Mikesell stated enrollment this year is running what it usually does. It usually averages 175 per grade, and the building currently has 348 students. The cumulative GPA per grade level is: 3.35 for 7th grade and 3.27 for the 8th grade. Mr. Mikesell said he is proud of how the students are doing this year. Mr. Lisi shared with the board about a new program that was implemented in the middle school this year. The staff completed a book study on a book titled, Power of ICU which got their attention. Additionally, the administration and staff were concerned about students not completing homework assignments. There were about 15-20 staff who met throughout last summer to learn more about the ICU program and decided they were going to implement it for this current year. The core values of the program are ICU is NOT a punishment, but it is about holding students accountable for completing their homework assignments. The program so far seems to be working. Last year, the current 8 th grade class had 618 red slips at this time, but this year, they only received 464. The staff have also surveyed the parents which seem pleased with the program. In summary, the program overall has improved the completion rate of homework assignments, so the plan is to continue the program.
2. **Cheri Hall/Tressie Sigmond** – CEA Co-Presidents – not present
3. **Joni Minnich** – OAPSE President – not present
4. **Facilities:** Mr. Metz stated the West building is gone and the dirt is being moved and leveled out. The basketball hoops are getting ready to be reinstalled. Come Fall, the playground will be complete. At the High School site, firewalls are going in. The competition gym is being built. Hopefully next week the second floor will be going in. The crew is pushing to be working inside when next winter hits.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Theresa Howick: Mrs. Howick stated WCSM news article said the decision regarding what venue, fieldhouse or new gym, would be a decision of the Athletic Director and Superintendent. Is that true? Mrs. Howick also asked if there was a decision yet regarding the fieldhouse.

Scott Miller: Mr. Miller stated Mr. Homan and he sat down to discuss how they can assist in raising funds for the reno of Tri Star building, stadium, and fieldhouse and either reno or new soccer field if the board is willing to use LFI funds for the track.

Tim Homan: Mr. Homan stated that Cheryl Ryan with OSBA said the survey was a great survey. Mr. Homan did not necessarily feel the same. He conveyed his good luck wishes to the board in making their decision as to whether or not to keep the fieldhouse.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Mrs. Michelle Mawer

A. Treasurer’s Report – Mrs. Michelle Mawer

1. Approve the minutes of the February 10, 2025 regular meeting.
2. Approve the February 2025 Cash Summary Report showing revenues of \$11,519,660.02 and expenditures of \$6,223,935.97.
3. Approve the Bank Reconciliation Report for February 2025. The balance as of February 28, 2025, is \$82,870,563.86 of which \$54,664,194.64 is for the building project.
4. Approve the checks written for February 2025 of \$5,932,162.74.
5. Approve the Amended FY25 Permanent Appropriations as presented.
6. Establish Thursday, June 5, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m. for the annual Tri Star house auction at 1240 Brittany Drive, Celina and allow advertising for the auction.
7. Accept the following donations:
 - \$1,000 from John Schmenk for outstanding student lunch balances
 - \$4,500 from Mercer County Civic Foundation – Celina VFW Post 5713 for outstanding student lunch balances
 - \$5,000 from Mercer County Civic Foundation – Celina Eagles for outstanding lunch balances
 - \$2,644.21 from GoFundMe for outstanding student lunch balances at Celina Schools
 - \$750 from Midwest Electric to Celina Elementary School for speech therapy supplies and toys/activities to aid in social emotional development of children
 - \$1,500 from Mercer County Civic Foundation – Ethan & Laura James Fund for the Glen Helen Field Trip
 - \$638 from Mercer County Civic Foundation – Ethan & Laura James Fund for the Bruckner Field Trip
 - \$10,000 from Mercer County Civic Foundation – Ethan & Laura James Fund for the DC Field Trip
 - \$4,000 from an Anonymous Donor for the DC Field Trip
 - Donation of 2011 Honda Accord valued at \$7,000 from Kristine Schwieterman to the Tri Star Automotive Class
8. Approve the following “then and now certificate.” It is hereby certified that both at the time of the making of this order and at the date of the execution of this certificate the amount required to pay this order has been appropriated for the purpose of the order and is in the treasury or in the process of collection to the credit of the fund, free from any previous encumbrance. I recommend that the following invoice \$3,000 and over be authorized for payment by the Celina City Board of Education:

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| River Valley Local School District | Inv# Refah-2024 | \$11,913.72 |
| Learning Ally | Inv# 101075 | \$5107.20 |
| Celina Municipal Utilities | | |
| Ref: Relocate feeds for CMS and CAPT Bldg | | \$30,749.24 |

25-30 On a motion by Mr. Huelsman, seconded by Mr. Huber 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

A. Personnel

25-31 On a motion by Mr. Clouse, seconded by Mrs. Sommer to approve the presented personnel items, pending proper certification and paperwork.

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

B. Administrative Salary Schedule

25-32 On a motion by Mrs. Sommer, seconded by Mr. Huber to adopt salary schedule and benefits package for the following administrative position:

Assistant Treasurer, 260 Day Contract, Salary Range \$70,000-\$95,000

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

C. Head Start Report

25-33 On a motion by Mrs. Sommer, seconded by Mr. Huelsman to approve Head Start report, per attached.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Timeline & Financials for future Athletic Complex.

ADJOURNMENT

25-34 With no other business, a motion was made by Mr. Huelsman, seconded by Mr. Clouse, to adjourn with all members responding with "aye". Meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Board President

Treasurer