

**CELINA CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 20, 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 May 20, 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.

24-50

On a motion by Mr. Huelsman, 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

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. **Special Education – Tracey Dammeyer:** Mrs. Dammeyer reviewed the 2023-24 Special Education Profile report with the board. The profile reveals the district's performance on various indicators established by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).
2. **Recognition of State Athletes:** Mr. Wenning stated this was his 3rd year as Athletic Director and the best part is watching the students compete and play. The following coaches and their teams were recognized for reaching state in their respective sport: Coach Bader and the football team, Coach Andrew and the Boys Cross Country team along with Jenna Lee Dameron from the girls team, Coach Goff and the Girls Bowling team, Coach Miracle and the Wrestling team, Coach Williams and swimmer Jackson Newcomb and Coach Craft and the Cheer team. The board thanked and congratulated all the athletes and their coaches for a job well done.
3. **Cheri Hall/Tressie Sigmond, CEA Co-Presidents:** absent
4. **Joni Minnich – OAPSE President:** absent
5. **Curriculum – Vaughn Ray:** Mr. Ray stated that the district has received the test scores recently so he will be sharing the results in June after having time to review the data. This summer, the staff will be working on Writing Revolution, new courses at the high school as well as the grades 9-12 ELA new series.
6. **Facilities:** Mr. Metz stated that 90% of the Primary and 100% of the Elementary buildings are packed up and moved. Mr. Metz gave a shout out to the maintenance and custodian staff for their assistance. CIS has been turned over to start the renovation of that building. The construction fence will be going up at the Primary building in the very near future. June 3rd the Primary building will be turned over to start the demolition.
7. **Tri Star:** no report

8. **Head Start:** Mrs. Esser was present and had nothing to add.

Treasurer's Report – Mrs. Michelle Mawer

A. Treasurer's Report – Mrs. Michelle Mawer

1. Approve the minutes of the April 15, 2024 Regular Board of Education Meeting.
2. Approve the Cash Summary Report for the month of April 2024 showing revenues of \$6,339,411 and expenditures of \$9,207,846.
3. Approve the Bank Reconciliation Report for April 30, 2024. The balance as of April 30, 2024 is \$88,020,035 of which \$62,390,787 is for the building project.
4. Approve checks written in April 2024 for \$8,926,605.82
5. Approve the FY24 Permanent Appropriations as presented.
6. Accept the following donations:
 - \$10,000 from the Mercer County Civic Foundation for the Washington DC trip.
 - \$10,000 from CCSCO for the K-6 playground equipment.
 - \$1,500 from the Celina Lions Club for the Celina Golf Teams
 - \$1,475 from the Mercer County Civic Foundation for CIS trip to Brukner Nature Center
 - \$850 from the Mercer County Civic Foundation for CIS Glen Helen Trip
 - \$500 from the Mercer Savings Bank for the Celina High School Art Department
 - \$500 from CCSCO for CIS Spring events.
 - \$500 from the Celina Rotary Club to Tri Star Welding, Engineering and Construction programs for their work towards the Rotary Dog Park
 - 3 robots from Weaver Brothers of Versailles for use at Tri Star. Total value is \$225,000.
7. Approve the District's May 2024 submission of the Five-Year Forecast.
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:

Van Wert City Schools Inv# 24-23 for Preschool Excess Costs totaling \$12,036.26

24-51

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

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

9. Approve a Tax Abatement for Boardwalk Village I LLC, as presented by the City of Celina, 100% for 12 years for new construction improvements of approximately \$4,000,000 including 14 new buildings for rent/lease, and a pool house.
10. Approve the tax abatement application for Fairway Place Apartments 24 units, Phase I from Celina Apartment Group, LLC c/o James Edmonds (Owner/Agent) as presented through the Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) program in the City of Celina, established by Ordinance 25-13-O. The application is for 100% abatement for 12 years on the taxes for the improvement with the agreement of a PILOT of \$12,510.58 payment per year. The owner will still pay the original taxes for the existing land value.
11. Approve the tax abatement application for Rush Sports Remodel Phases 1 through 6 from Investacorr Inc. c/o James Edmonds (Owner/Agent) as presented through the Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) program in the City of Celina, established by Ordinance 28-81-0. The application is for 100% abatement for 12 years on the taxes for

the improvement with the agreement of a PILOT of \$2,588.08 payment per year. The owner will still pay the original taxes for the existing land and structure values.

24-52

On a motion by Mrs. Sommer, seconded by Mr. Huelsman to approve the Tax Abatements.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Mrs. Brenda Boeke

Personnel:

Classified Report:

1. Recommend approval of the following substitutes for the 2023-24 school year:
 Kendra Stetler
2. Accept the resignation of:
 - Connie Rose, Treasurer, Adm. Asst., effective July 31, 2024, after 45 years of service.
 - Sue Stachler, Head Start Teacher, due to retirement, effective May 31, 2024, after 32 years of service.
 - Patricia Harrod, Cafeteria Cook, due to retirement, effective May 31, 2024, after 27 years of service.
 - Marcy Wellman, Administrative Assistant, due to retirement, effective May 31, 2024, after 25 years of service.
 - Virginia Dues, Teacher Assistant @ Primary School, due to retirement, effective July 31, 2024, after 16 years of service.
 - Allan Bills, Bus Driver, effective August 31, 2024, after 2.5 years of service.
3. Approve to hire after probation:
 - Michelle Dillion, Cafeteria Worker @ Middle School, Step 0 / 186 days / 3 hours, effective January 22, 2024.
 - Karen Schott, Building Secretary @ Elementary School, Step 4 / 207 days / 8 hrs, following a 30 day probationary period beginning August 13, 2024.
 - Cathy Huber, Building Secretary @ Elementary School, Step 2 / 207 days / 8 hrs, following a 30 day probationary period beginning August 13, 2024.
4. Approve a 60-day probationary contract for:
 - Abigale Opperman, Custodian @ High School – Step 0 / 260 days / 8 hours, effective May 7, 2024.
 - Allison Nichols, Cafeteria Worker @ High School – Step 0 / 186 days / 3 hours, effective August 22, 2024.
5. Approve a change of contract for:
 - Nancy Hemmelgarn, Cafeteria Manager, 192 days / 8 hours to Cafeteria Cook @ Elementary School, Step 23 / 186 days / 7 hours, effective August 22, 2024.
 - Melissa Barnett, Cafeteria Workers, 186 days / 5.75 hours to Cafeteria Cook @ Elementary School, Step 7 / 186 days / 6.75 hours, effective August 22, 2024.-
 - Amber Gehle, Educational Aide @ Primary, requesting 1 day absent without pay for April 30, 2024. All leaves have been exhausted.
 - Michelle Sawmiller, Bus Driver, requesting 4.5 days absent without pay for April 15 (1/2 day), April 16, 17, 18 and 19, 2024.
 - Florinda Bollenbacher, requesting 1 day absent without pay for April 29, 2024. All leaves have been exhausted.
 - Debbie Hurles, requesting 4 days absent without pay for April 23 – 29, 2024. All leaves have been exhausted.
6. Approve a 1 year administrative contract for Romana Kieti as Head Start Human Resources Manager effective August 1, 2024.

7. Approve a stipend payment of \$200.70 / per day up to 13 days to Romana Kieti prior to August 1st start date.
8. Approve the following pay scale for the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP).
 Summer pickup will be on Mondays, June 3, 10, 17 and 24 from 11:00 am – 12:30 pm
 2 cafeteria managers – 6:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. @ \$28.00 per hour
 2 cafeteria workers – 6:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. @ \$25.00 per hour
 2 cafeteria workers – 7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. @ \$25.00 per hour
 This will not be paid with general fund dollars.
9. Approve to hire the following for 2024 summer work, as needed:

Annette Brehm	Cathy Huber
Val Feters	Dawn Gagle
Lois Demeter	Karen Schott
Judy Waterman	Ethan Fenwick-Miller
Connie Grimm	

Certified Report:

1. Accept the resignation of:
 - Don Berry, Vocational Sp. Ed. Coordinator @ Tri Star, due to retirement, effective May 31, 2024, after 31 years of service.
 - Katherine Dirksen, Science Teacher @ High School, effective at the end of the 2023-24 contract year.
 - Danielle Fritz, Intervention Specialist – MD @ Middle School, effective at the end of the 2023-24 contract year.
 - Braelen Bader, Visual Arts Teacher @ Middle School, effective at the end of the 2023-24 contract year.
2. Approve the following one-year teaching contracts for new employees for the 2024-25 school year (pending proper licensure, background checks and verification of experience):
 - Justin Grannan, 7th Grade Science Teacher @ Middle School – BS 0 years exp.
 - Gabriella (Gabby) Sutton, 2nd Grade Teacher @ Elementary School – BS 0 years exp.
 - Lindsay Smith, 9-12 Integrated Science Teacher @ High School – MS+30 0 yrs. exp.
3. Approve the following personnel for the 2024 Summer School positions, as needed:

Rachel Craft	Sadie Devore	Erika Draiss
Wendy Gabes	Ethan Knopp	Heather Lefeld
Andrea Nickell	Chris Sutter	Joel Trisel
Renee Williams	Chris Wood	Janelle Kaiser
Megan Highley	Annie Homan	
4. Approve the following teachers for Extended School Year (ESY) services for our identified students, as needed:

Brooke Hoffman	Taylor Steinke	Joe'l King
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5. Approve a stipend, using Wellness Funds, to pay \$30 per class to Amber Sinclair for teaching staff yoga classes in the summer. Payment will be made after documentation has been submitted.
6. Approve a stipend payment per the Master Agreement to the 2023-24 Celina City Schools LPDC Executive Committee members:
 Betsy Bertke - \$500 Tracey Dammeyer - \$500 Cory Ahrens - \$500
7. Approve a stipend payment (\$200) per the Master Agreement for the following teachers who have completed the requirements of the Resident Educator Committee as Committee Members for the 2023-24 school year (ref. 26.03 in contract):

April Adams	Christie Binkley	Mary Blair
Lisa Bye	Betsy Crites	Erika Draiss
Joan Luttmer	Amanda Moore	Wendy Mitchell-Payne
Lisa Sheppard	Kim Wilges	

8. Recommend approval of a stipend payment per the Master Agreement for the following teachers who have completed the requirements for the Resident Educator Program for the 2023-24 school year.

Resident Educators - \$200.00 for Alternate Mentors

Rachel Craft	Pat Delisio	Michelle Grothause
Kelly Keck	Ethan Knopp	Carol Mertz
Lauren Rindler	Sue Stachler	

\$1000 for Mentors for 1st Year Resident Educators

Joey Braun	Carrie Cubberley	Kate Harner
Amanda Moore	Sue Stachler	Amanda Stucke
Allison Williams		

\$500 for Mentors for 2nd Year Resident Educators

Jason Andrew	Christie Binkley	Aaron Bowsher
Lisa Bye (2 mentees)	Katie Gudorf	Denise Hierholzer
Mark Loughridge	Kelly Newcomb	Tressie Sigmond
Sue Stachler		

\$100 for Mentors for Alternate Mentoring Program – Half Year

Katie Brautigam	Annie Homan	Matt May
Amy Sutter		

Supplementals: (For the 2024-25 School Year)

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

Brennen Bader, Weight Coordinator .33 FTE	CI III	7 yrs. exp.
Bret Baucher, Weight Coordinator .33 FTE	CI III	7 yrs. exp.
8. Approve the following pupil activity program contract for the 2024-2025 school year (pending proper certification)

Jason Lipp, Weight Coordinator .33 FTE	CI III	0 yrs. exp.
Ian Darras, Boys Asst. Varsity Soccer	CI IV	0 yrs. exp.
Andy Darras, Boys JV Soccer	CI IV	6 yrs. exp.
Brooke Robbins, 9 th grade Volleyball	CI IV	0 yrs. exp.
Beth Fortkamp, 8 th grade Volleyball	CI IV	0 yrs. exp.
Jill Ballard, 7 th grade Volleyball	CI IV	4 yrs. exp.

Resolutions:

1. Approve Mercer County ESC Service Agreement for the 2024-2025 school year.
2. Approve the Purchase of Real Estate Agreement between the City of Celina and Celina City Schools located at 308 Portland Street (Parcel No. 27-159400.0000, Parcel No. 27-159500.0000, Parcel No. 27-159700.0000, Parcel No. 27-161600.0000. Parcel No. 27-161700.0000, Parcel No. 27-162000.0000 and Parcel No.27-162200.0000). Cost of property will be \$500,000 which will be paid over 3 years.
3. Approve to purchase lot #103 – 1240 Brittany Drive, Celina from Shinn Brothers for the 2025 Tri Star house project. The cost will be \$42,000.
4. Approve the Assistive Technology Contract with West Central Assistive technology Consortium– 2024-2025
5. Approve the resolution adopting a School Employees Retirement System pickup plan for the Celina City Schools positions of Treasurer and Administrator as presented.
6. Approve the resolution adopting a School Employees Retirement System pickup plan for the Mercer County Head Start position of Administrator as presented.
7. Approve the revised Celina City School District Administrative Compensation Plan as presented.

8. Approve the revised Mercer County Head Start Administrative Compensation Plan as presented.
9. Approve a 2.35% COLA increase for Head Start classified employees retroactive to December 1, 2023
10. Approve an estimate of \$35,000.00 for curriculum professional development stipends for teaching staff to be paid during the 23-24 SY as indicated by timesheets. These stipends will be paid using Title II and Title III Federal Grants and Reaching All Students Through Literacy grant funds.
11. Approve the additions to the Class of 2024 Graduates (providing all requirements have been met).

Linda Lee Dennis

Talen Paul Laffin

24-53

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

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

OTHER BUSINESS BY BOARD/ADMINISTRATION

Facility Information Update: The board discussed with those in attendance their plan to formulate a committee to talk to the community about what our future athletic needs include. The board hopes to hold a meeting sooner than later to get this conversation started after we know where we are at after the 7-12 building design development.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

EXECUTIVE SESSION – O.R.C. §121.22(G)

24-54

On a motion by Mr. Huelsman, seconded by Mrs. Sommer, 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 7:33 p.m., the Board went into executive session.

The President declared the meeting back into regular session at 9:23 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

24-55

With no other business, a motion was made by Mr. Clouse, seconded by Mr. Schleucher, to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 p.m.

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

Board President

Treasurer