

The Budget Hearing for the Board of Education of Illini Central School District #189 was called to order at the Mason City Public Library at 7:00 p.m. on September 19, 2024.

President Hughes called the hearing to order with the following answering present on roll call:

- Mr. Brian Hughes, President
- Ms. Angela McGinnis, Secretary
- Mr. Brock Boyd
- Ms. May Brooks
- Mr. Scott Entwistle
- Mr. Kent Renken

Board members absent:

- Ms. Laura Karker, Vice President

Administrators present were:

- Dr. Jennifer Durbin, Superintendent
- Ms. Cassy Carey, GS Principal
- Ms. Kyra Fancher, MS Principal
- Ms. Annie Baugher, HS Principal

Visitors:

Dr. Durbin presented the FY25 Budget.

Public Comment: None

A motion was made by Renken, seconded by Entwistle to adjourn the hearing.

The motion was put to a voice vote and the motion carried 6-0.

President Hughes adjourned the hearing at 7:15 p.m.

The Regular Meeting for the Board of Education of Illini Central School District #189 was called to order at the Mason City Public Library at 7:15 p.m. on September 19, 2024.

President Hughes called the meeting to order with the following answering present on roll call:

- Mr. Brian Hughes, President
- Ms. Angela McGinnis, Secretary
- Mr. Brock Boyd
- Ms. May Brooks
- Mr. Scott Entwistle
- Mr. Kent Renken

Board members absent:

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Ms. Cassy Carey, GS Principal
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Visitors:

A motion was made by Renken, seconded by Entwistle to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held on August 15, 2024.

The motion was put to a voice vote and the motion carried 6-0.

Financial Report

Dr. Durbin reviewed the Treasurer's Report and Investment Report with the Board.

A motion was made by Entwistle, seconded by Renken to approve the bills from September 2024.

The motion was put to a roll call vote as follows: Hughes – aye, McGinnis – aye, Boyd – aye, Brooks – aye, Entwistle – aye, Renken – aye Motion carried 6-0

In correspondence, Dr. Durbin shared that the district has received several FOIA requests, presumably by an AI bot. Requests of general information will be granted, but sensitive information will not be shared.

There was no public comment.

Superintendent Report

Dr. Durbin reported that Jennifer Harrison applied for and was awarded a grant to purchase a new oven. Tonya Harris also applied for and received a grant for a new water fountain. She also shared that she is working to update and streamline the CrisisGo app for staff in case of an emergency.

High School Principal Report

Ms. Baugher reported a smooth start to the school year. The high school held the annual club sign up day and conducted a data day before implementing a new intervention system. After school tutoring is up and going. There are several college visits planned and CPAC has started meeting with sophomores. She was happy to report 91% parent involvement in freshman orientation.

Middle School Principal Report

Ms. Fancher shared that 70% of middle school families attended open house. Student council students have volunteered to return grade school library books for grade school classes and teachers. She shared that the middle school will be hosting a parent night next week, which is part of the strategic plan. It will be similar to an open house and will have a resource fair.

Grade School Principal Report

Ms. Carey shared grade school enrollment numbers. She also highlighted the new math curriculum. The teachers and instructional coaches have put in a lot of time and effort to implement the new curriculum and make it successful for our students.

Athletic Director Report

Dr. Durbin shared Mr. Burks's report with the board. He reported fall participation and compared it to last year's fall participation. He thanked The Class for finding ways to highlight sports and activities. He also shared that the new uniforms are very much appreciated.

A motion was made by Entwistle, seconded by Renken to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

- 7.1 Action to approve the first reading of policy updates as recommended by IASB
 - a. 4:120 Food Services
 - b. 1:30 School District Philosophy
 - c. 2:220-E1 Board Treatment of Closed Meeting Verbatim Recordings and Minutes
 - d. 2:220-E2 Motion to Adjourn to Closed Meeting
 - e. 2:220-E5 Semi-Annual Review of Closed Meeting Minutes
 - f. 2:220-E6 Log of Closed Meeting Minutes
 - g. 2:260 Uniform Grievance Procedure
 - h. 4:130-E Free and Reduced-Price Food Services; Meal Charge Notifications
 - i. 5:100 Staff Development Program
 - j. 7:20 Harassment of Students Prohibited
 - k. 7:185 Teen Dating Violence Prohibited
 - l. 2:160-E Checklist for Selecting a Board Attorney
 - m. 2:220-E3 Closed Meeting Minutes
 - n. 2:220-E8 School Board Records Maintenance Requirements and FAQs
 - o. 2:265 Title IX Grievance Procedure
 - p. 2:70 Vacancies on the School Board-Filling Vacancies
 - q. 2:125 Board Member Compensation; Expenses
 - r. 1:125 E1 Board Member Expense Reimbursement Form
 - s. 2:125 E2 Board Member Estimated Expense Approval Form
 - t. 2:160 Board Attorney
 - u. 4:15 Identity Protection
 - v. 4:80 Accounting and Audits
 - w. 5:180 Temporary Illness or Temporary Incapacity
 - x. 5:290 Employment Termination and Suspensions
 - y. 5:310 Compensatory Time-Off
 - z. 5:110 Programs for Students at Risk of Academic Failure and/or Dropping Out of School and Graduation Incentives Program
 - aa. 6:150 Home and Hospital Instruction
 - bb. 7:170 Vandalism
- 7.2 Action to approve morning walker agreement
- 7.3 Action to approve early graduation student list
- 7.4 Action to approve increase of officials' rate for middle school boys and girls basketball to \$110

The motion was put to a roll call vote as follows: McGinnis – aye, Boyd – aye, Brooks – aye, Entwistle – aye, Renken – aye, Hughes – aye Motion carried 6-0

Dr. Durbin shared an update on the construction project. The installation of the air handler unit has been pushed back to October 2, which is when the heating elements will be delivered. They will need two weeks for installation so this will push the floor and bleacher installation further back and give us a December completion date.

A motion was made by Entwistle, seconded by Renken to approve FY25 Budget.

The motion was put to a roll call vote as follows: Boyd – aye, Brooks – aye, Entwistle – aye, Renken – aye, Hughes – aye, McGinnis – aye Motion carried 6-0

A motion was made by Renken, seconded by Entwistle to approve Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Funds from Capital Projects Fund to Debt Services Fund.

The motion was put to a roll call vote as follows: Brooks – aye, Entwistle – aye, Renken – aye, Hughes – aye, McGinnis – aye, Boyd – aye Motion carried 6-0

A motion was made by Entwistle, seconded by Renken to approve Family and Consumer Science Course Additions to the Course Description Guide for Spring 2025.

The motion was put to a voice vote and the motion carried 6-0.

The principals shared a fall academic assessment update with the Board. They provided data from ELA and math fall benchmarks, the Illinois Science Assessment, IAR, PSAT and SAT scores.

The Building and Grounds committee discussed their August meeting. They put together a staff survey to see how to move forward and not lose momentum in advancing the building improvements. Dr. Durbin shared the results of the survey.

The Board did not enter into Closed Session.

A motion was made by Entwistle, seconded by Renken to accept the resignations of activities staff Deidre Bitner, middle school yearbook advisor; and Evan Ewins, high school assistant track coach.

The motion was put to a voice vote and the motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Renken, seconded by Entwistle to approve the leave of absence of non-certified staff Samantha Lasecke, paraprofessional, from approximately October 1, 2024-January 5, 2025.

The motion was put to a voice vote and the motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Renken, seconded by Entwistle to approve the employment of non-certified staff Elijah Ripper, part-time maintenance; Rosemarie Delgadillo, paraprofessional; Sarah Pernicka; paraprofessional; and Michelle Hellman, bus monitor.

The motion was put to a roll call vote as follows: Renken – aye, Hughes – aye, McGinnis – aye, Boyd – aye, Brooks – aye, Entwistle – aye Motion carried 6-0

A motion was made by Entwistle, seconded by Renken to approve the employment of activities staff Jeri Van Tine, middle school yearbook advisor; Vickie Bradshaw, middle school girls basketball volunteer coach; Evan Ewins, high school track coach; Andrew Crause, high school track coach; and Andrew Crause, high school scholastic bowl coach.

The motion was put to a roll call vote as follows: Hughes – aye, McGinnis – aye, Boyd – aye, Brooks – aye, Entwistle – aye, Renken – aye Motion carried 6-0

A motion was made by Renken, seconded by Entwistle to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

The motion was put to a voice vote and the motion carried 6-0.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 17, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Mason City Public Library.

Brian Hughes, President
Illini Central CUSD 189
Board of Education

Angela McGinnis, Secretary
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