

**Central Community Unit School District 301
Board of Education Minutes**

Where: Central CUSD #301 District Office
Date: February 20, 2024

Meeting: Regular
Time: 6:00 p.m.

Board Members Present

Junaid Afeef	Y
Marc Falk	Y
Dornetria Hemphill	Y
Eric Nolan	Y
Morgan Pappas	Y
Fred Vogt	Y
Jeff Gorman	Y

Administrators Present

Esther Mongan	Y
Matthew Haug	Y
Daina Pflug	Y
Christine Barr	N
Shayne Birkmeier	Y
Stephen Buchs	Y
Daniel Carpenter	N
Graydon Engle	Y
Sarah Farrington	N
Jesse Hawley	N
Ted Juske	Y
Kelsey Keith	N
Theresa Kolkebeck	Y
Kim Lewis	Y
Megan Minehart	N
Matt Newquist	N
Sarah Nolan	N
Alex Paszt	N
Edgar Pereda	N
Patrick Podgorski	Y
Dan Polowy	Y
Pam Porto	Y
Mike Potsic	Y
Curtis Price	N
Tamara Proberts	N
Matt Rodewald	N
Melissa Rourke	N
Vicki Shadel	Y
Erica Snyder	Y
Andrew Speiden	N
Laura Taubery	N
Brian Tobin	Y
Jessica VonSchnase	N

Roll Call Roll was called at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Afeef, Falk, Hemphill, Nolan, Pappas, Vogt, Gorman
Absent: None

Approve Agenda Motion by Falk, second by Hemphill, to approve the agenda as presented.

Voting yes: Afeef, Falk, Hemphill, Nolan, Pappas, Vogt, Gorman
Voting no: None
Absent: None

Consent Agenda	<p>Motion by Nolan, second by Pappas, to approve the consent agenda as presented.</p> <p>Voting yes: Afeef, Falk, Hemphill, Nolan, Pappas, Vogt, Gorman Voting no: None Absent: None</p>
Approve Dance Team Overnight Trip	<p>Motion by Falk, second by Afeef, to approve the dance team's overnight trip to the IHSA State competition that occurred January 25 to 27, 2024.</p> <p>Voting yes: Afeef, Falk, Hemphill, Nolan, Pappas, Vogt, Gorman Voting no: None Absent: None</p>
Approve Cheer Team Overnight Trip	<p>Motion by Afeef, second by Hemphill, to approve the cheer team's overnight trip to the IHSA State competition that occurred February 1 to 3, 2024.</p> <p>Voting yes: Afeef, Falk, Hemphill, Nolan, Pappas, Vogt, Gorman Voting no: None Absent: None</p>
Approve Wrestling Team Overnight Trip	<p>Motion by Afeef, second by Nolan, to approve the wrestling team's overnight trip to the IHSA State competition that occurred February 14 to 18, 2024.</p> <p>Voting yes: Afeef, Falk, Hemphill, Nolan, Pappas, Vogt, Gorman Voting no: None Absent: None</p>
Approve Bus Bid	<p>Motion by Falk, second by Nolan, to approve the bus bid including the air conditioning option for the 2024-2025 bus leases.</p> <p>Voting yes: Afeef, Falk, Hemphill, Nolan, Pappas, Vogt, Gorman Voting no: None Absent: None</p>
Approve Plato Road Work Bid	<p>Motion by Falk, second by Hemphill, to approve the bid for the Plato Road work project as presented.</p> <p>Voting yes: Afeef, Falk, Hemphill, Nolan, Pappas, Vogt, Gorman Voting no: None Absent: None</p>
Approve Emergency Systems Electrical Work Bid	<p>Motion by Falk, second by Hemphill, to approve the bid for the emergency generator electrical work bid as presented.</p> <p>Voting yes: Afeef, Falk, Hemphill, Nolan, Pappas, Vogt, Gorman Voting no: None Absent: None</p>

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| Approve the
Rohrsen Road
Property Sale Bid | <p>Motion by Afeef, second by Hemphill, to approve the bid for the sale of real property on Rohrsen Road as presented.</p> <p>Voting yes: Afeef, Falk, Hemphill, Nolan, Pappas, Vogt, Gorman
 Voting no: None
 Absent: None</p> |
| Approve the
Russell Road
Property Sale Bid | <p>Motion by Nolan, second by Pappas, to approve the bid for the sale of real property on Russell Road as presented.</p> <p>Voting yes: Afeef, Falk, Hemphill, Nolan, Pappas, Vogt, Gorman
 Voting no: None
 Absent: None</p> |
| Executive Session | <p>Motion by Falk, second by Hemphill, to adjourn open session and move into executive session at 6:57 p.m.</p> <p>Voting yes: Afeef, Falk, Hemphill, Nolan, Pappas, Vogt, Gorman
 Voting no: None
 Absent: None</p> |
| Open Session | <p>Motion by Afeef, second by Pappas, to adjourn executive session and return to open session at 9:14 p.m.</p> <p>Voting yes: Afeef, Falk, Hemphill, Nolan, Pappas, Vogt, Gorman
 Voting no: None
 Absent: None</p> |
| Approve January
16, 2024 Executive
Session Minutes | <p>Motion by Falk, second by Hemphill, to approve the January 16, 2024 Executive Session Minutes.</p> <p>Voting yes: Afeef, Falk, Hemphill, Nolan, Pappas, Vogt, Gorman
 Voting no: None
 Absent: None</p> |
| Adjourn | <p>Motion by Afeef, second by Nolan, to adjourn at 9:15 p.m.</p> <p>Voting yes: Afeef, Falk, Hemphill, Nolan, Pappas, Vogt, Gorman
 Voting no: None
 Absent: None</p> |
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- BOE Meeting
1. Roll Call
 2. Pledge of Allegiance
 3. Public Open Forum
 - 3.A Recognition of Visitors – President Gorman and Superintendent Mongan welcomed attendees and those watching remotely.
 - 3.B Recognition of CHS Dance Team – Athletics and Activities Director Juske congratulated our CHS dance team for their sixth place finish at State.

- 3.C Recognition of CHS Cheer Team – Athletics and Activities Director Juske introduced and congratulated our CHS cheer team for their second place finish at State. This is the highest finish for the cheer team in school history. Coach Marciniac thanked the Board for their support of the team.
 - 3.D Public Comments – Public comments were shared encouraging the Board not to accept the bid for the sale of the Rohrsen Road property, to consider other options for that property, as well as concerns about young people supporting socialism and the consequences to our country.
4. Action Items
- 4.A Consent Agenda – Business Manager Pflug reviewed the revenues and expenditures. The District received \$94,529.94 for 12 home starts in January, but did not receive any transition fees. The bills payable reports for Central and Northern Kane are typical for February. We received \$245,891.16 in federal FEMA reimbursement for COVID-19 related costs that offsets the \$729,004.12 we spent in previous years.
 - 4.B Approve Dance Team Overnight Trip – Athletics and Activities Director Juske shared that this trip already occurred and the team performed well.
 - 4.C Approve Cheerleading Overnight Trip – Athletics and Activities Director Juske shared that this trip also already occurred and the team took second place.
 - 4.D Approve Wrestling Overnight Trip – Athletics and Activities Director Juske shared that we had one wrestler qualify for State and another attended as an alternate, but was not able to compete.
 - 4.E Approve Bus Bid – Transportation Director Porto explained that we sent bid packets to five companies, received two formal “no bids” and one bid from Midwest Transit with whom we have worked for several years. Director Porto recommended that the Board approve the bid including the air conditioning option on the nine buses for SY25 so we can test the effectiveness of the systems and the resulting fuel efficiency. They will likely use those buses for the longer routes. Having air conditioning on the buses may help us avoid having to close school due to extreme high temperatures as we did this year.
 - 4.F Approve Plato Road Work Bid – Facilities Director Polowy explained that this project is being done in partnership with Kane County, which will contribute approximately \$100,000 towards the project. The road will be widened to allow for a turn lane to help alleviate traffic congestion at the central campus.
 - 4.G Approve Emergency Systems Electrical Work Bid – Facilities Director Polowy explained that this bid is for the electrical work to install generators at Lily Lake with alternate options to install at Prairie View and Howard B. Thomas. A portion of the expense for the Lily Lake installation will be paid with grant dollars and the generator is already here. The others are reportedly in transit. We will also be adding generators at the new Maintenance building and at Central Middle School so each building will have one.
 - 4.H Approve Rohrsen Road Property Sale Bid – Facilities Director Polowy shared that we received one bid for the purchase of the Rohrsen Road property and that it exceeded our minimum bid. The Board discussed that some in the community feel we should not sell the property at a loss. The property is estimated at a value of \$12,200 per acre and the Board established a minimum bid of \$16,400 per acre, which is the amount the District paid for the new property on Route 47. The bid is for \$17,501 per acre. The Board noted the sale of this property helps to offset what we paid for the

property on Route 47. Waiting to sell the property could result in the value going up or down and has unknowns for the future.

- 4.I Approve Russell Road Property Sale Bid – Facilities Director Polowy shared that we received one bid for this property, from Central District Baseball League, Inc. that came in slightly over the minimum bid. CDBL has used this property for many years so the Board expressed that they were pleased that the property will continue to be used by our community's young athletes.
5. Information Items
 - 5.A Presentation of Central District 301 Audit Report – Eccezion Audit Partner Juergensen reviewed the audit for Central 301. She reported that the audit went well with no deficiencies with internal controls, reporting, or compliance. The District's financial profile was rated 3.9 out of 4, which is the highest level we can be.
 - 5.B Presentation of Northern Kane EFE 110 Audit Report – Eccezion Audit Partner Juergensen reviewed the audit for Northern Kane. Like Central's audit, it was a clean audit with no deficiencies and no issues. Business Manager Pflug shared that she continually tries to learn from the auditors to make sure we are doing things the best way possible.
 - 5.C Facilities Update – Facilities Director Polowy shared that the classroom addition at CHS continues to be the biggest project in the District. The cold weather we experienced put us about 21 days behind, but he anticipates we will be able to make those days up and be able to open it for the start of the next school year.
 - 5.D Athletics and Activities Update – Athletics and Activities Director Juske shared that we just learned that our girls wrestling team will be competing at state, and overall it has been a great year for winter athletics. Spring sports are starting soon so he thanks the facilities team for their work to get fields ready for that. Our new full-time athletic trainer, a Central graduate, started earlier this month.
 - 5.E German American Partnership Program 2025 – Athletics and Activities Director Juske explained that our German students have participated in an exchange program with students in Germany for many years, but not since COVID. Ms. Bliss hopes to offer this opportunity to our students in the summer of 2025. Historically we have offered the trip every two years as it takes extensive planning and we don't have the number of students to support it happening each year. Superintendent Mongan would like the Board to consider covering the cost of two staff members' participation as the program is co-curricular, not extracurricular, in nature. The program will come to the Board for approval next month.
 - 5.F Enrollment Report – The enrollment report is in the Board packet and there were no questions.
6. Freedom of Information Act
 - 6.A Central Education Association - We received a request for invoices from the District's attorneys related to the CEA grievance and any other expenses incurred by said grievance. – We were able to comply with the request in part.
 - 6.B Illinois Retired Teachers Association - We received a request for a list of teachers retiring this school year. – This is an annual request and we were able to comply with the request.
 - 6.C Indiana, Illinois, and Iowa Foundation for Fair Contracting - We received a request for copies of bid tabulations for the Plato Road Improvement project. – We were able to comply with the request.

- 7. Executive Session
 - 7.A Adjourn to Closed Session - The Board adjourned to closed session to hear information regarding exceptions 2(c)(1), 2(c)(2), 2(c)(9), 2(c)(10), 2(c)(11) and 2(c)(21).
- 8. Open Session
 - 8.A Adjourn Closed Session to Return to Open Session
 - 8.B Action Items from Closed Session
 - 8.B.1 Approval of January 16, 2024 Executive Session Minutes - The Board approved the Executive Session Minutes from the January 16, 2024 Board meeting.
- 9. Adjourn

Jeff Gorman - Board President

Marc Falk - Board Secretary