

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

Where: Central CUSD #301 District Office  
Date: November 20, 2023

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

**Board Members Present**

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

**Administrators Present**

Esther Mongan	Y
Matthew Haug	Y
Daina Pflug	Y
Christine Barr	Y
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	Y
Sarah Nolan	Y
Alex Paszt	Y
Edgar Pereda	N
Patrick Podgorski	Y
Dan Polowy	Y
Pam Porto	N
Mike Potsic	Y
Curtis Price	N
Tamara Proberts	N
Matt Rodewald	N
Melissa Rourke	N
Vicki Shadel	Y
Erica Snyder	Y
Andrew Speiden	Y
Laura Taubery	N
Brian Tobin	Y
Jessica VonSchnase	N

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

Present:            Afeef, Falk, Hemphill, Nolan, Vogt, Gorman  
Absent:            Pappas

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

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

- Consent Agenda Motion by Nolan, second by Afeef, to approve the consent agenda as presented.
- Voting yes: Afeef, Falk, Hemphill, Nolan, Vogt, Gorman  
Voting no: None  
Absent: Pappas
- Approve Tentative Tax Levy Motion by Nolan, second by Hemphill, to approve the tentative tax levy as presented.
- Voting yes: Afeef, Falk, Hemphill, Nolan, Vogt, Gorman  
Voting no: None  
Absent: Pappas
- Approve Cross Country Overnight Trip Motion by Falk, second by Afeef, to approve the overnight trip for Cross Country students to Peoria for the state competition that occurred November 3-4, 2023.
- Voting yes: Afeef, Falk, Hemphill, Nolan, Vogt, Gorman  
Voting no: None  
Absent: Pappas
- Approve Illinois High School Theatre Festival Overnight Trip Motion by Afeef, second by Falk, to approve the overnight trip to the Illinois High School Theatre Festival All State Production of *She Kills Monsters* at Illinois State University January 8-13, 2024.
- Voting yes: Afeef, Falk, Hemphill, Nolan, Vogt, Gorman  
Voting no: None  
Absent: Pappas
- Approve Resolution For Election Referendum Motion by Afeef, second by Nolan, to approve the resolution providing for and requiring the submission of the proposition of issuing \$195,000,000 School Building Bonds to the voters of the District at the general primary election to be held on the 19th day of March, 2024.
- Voting yes: Afeef, Falk, Hemphill, Nolan, Gorman  
Voting no: Vogt  
Absent: Pappas
- Approve Resolution For Reimbursement of Capital Expenditures Motion by Nolan, second by Hemphill, to approve the resolution expressing official intent regarding certain capital expenditures to be reimbursed from proceeds of an obligation to be issued by the District.
- Voting yes: Afeef, Falk, Hemphill, Nolan, Gorman  
Voting no: Vogt  
Absent: Pappas
- Approval of Real Estate Purchase Agreement Motion by Nolan, second by Afeef, to approve the real estate purchase agreement for purchase of real property located at 09N636 Illinois Route 47 as presented.
- Voting yes: Afeef, Falk, Hemphill, Nolan, Vogt, Gorman  
Voting no: None  
Absent: Pappas

Executive Session      Motion by Nolan, second by Afeef, to adjourn open session and move into executive session at 7:26 p.m.

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

Open Session      Motion by Afeef, second by Nolan, to adjourn executive session and return to open session at 8:26 p.m.

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

Approve October 16, 2023 Executive Session Minutes      Motion by Falk, second by Afeef, to approve the October 16, 2023 Executive Session Minutes.

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

Adjourn      Motion by Nolan, second by Falk, to adjourn at 8:27 p.m.

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

#### 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. Dr. Mongan recognized the Board for School Board Members Day, which was November 15th, and thanked them for their service to the District.

3.B      Recognition of 2023 Illinois State Scholars – Principal Podgorski recognized the 42 students who were named Illinois State Scholars this year based on exemplary SAT performance, high school achievement, and school size.

3.C      Public Comments – Public comments were shared regarding concerns about a potential tax increase, district spending, and spending per student not correlating with student achievement.

4.      Action Items

4.A      Consent Agenda– Business Manager Pflug reviewed the revenues and expenditures. The District received \$123,632.15 for 13 home starts in October, but did not receive any transition fees. The bills payable reports for Central and Northern Kane are typical and include a bond payment of \$6,805,000. The 2024 School Maintenance Project Grant will be submitted and used to purchase and install an emergency backup generator for Prairie View Grade School.

- 4.B Approve Tentative Tax Levy – Business Manager Pflug presented information about the tentative tax levy. A Truth in Taxation Hearing will be held before the regular meeting on December 18, 2023. We anticipate a decrease in our tax rate of approximately 26 cents from last year.
- 4.C Approve Cross Country State Competition Overnight Trip – Athletics and Activities Director Juske shared that two students, Abby Burke and Ryan Kries, qualified for and competed at the state competition November 3rd and 4th.
- 4.D Approve Illinois High School Theatre Festival Overnight Trip – Athletics and Activities Director Juske shared that two students, Nicole Sanborn and Anna Bella Perez, qualified to participate in the tech crew for the Illinois High School Theatre Festival production of *She Kills Monsters* to be performed January 8-13, 2024 at Illinois State University.
- 4.E Resolution providing for and requiring the submission of the proposition of issuing \$195,000,000 School Building Bonds to the voters of the District at the general primary election to be held on the 19th day of March, 2024. - Secretary Falk read the resolution aloud prior to the roll call vote.
- 4.F Resolution expressing official intent regarding certain capital expenditures to be reimbursed from proceeds of an obligation to be issued by the District. Secretary Falk read the resolution aloud. Dr. Mongan explained this resolution allows us to capture some capital expenses spent within the last 60 days of approving the referendum with referendum dollars.
- 4.G Approval of real estate purchase agreement - Superintendent Mongan explained that the District was presented with the opportunity to purchase real estate along Route 47 and adjacent to our Central campus. Due to the challenges with the Rohrsen Road property and the inability to swap land on that site with the forest preserve, this is a good location for a potential new high school building. We hope to shed some of the land for commercial development as well as additional property owned but not currently in use by the District.
5. Information Items
- 5.A Enrollment Report - Superintendent Mongan shared that the enrollment report is in the packet. The Board wants to continue to see the enrollment reports but does not feel it needs to be discussed each month.
- 5.B New High School Design Build Update - Superintendent Mongan shared that she, along with the architect, has been working with each department at CHS to talk through their needs to ensure they are including the appropriate elements in the design. We anticipate a 3D model will be available in December or January.
- 5.C. EO Sullivan Consulting Contract - Superintendent Mongan shared she did sign the contract with EO Sullivan following approval received at the October Board meeting. She was able to get a clause allowing either party to get out of the contract as requested.
- 5.D Draft Calendars for 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 - Superintendent Mongan shared that we surveyed both families and staff to get input prior to developing the draft calendars. Their feedback is reflected in the drafts, including starting students on a Wednesday, having the full week of Thanksgiving off, and adding in half day SIP days. Dr. Mongan's recommendation is to approve Version 2 with a later start date. We are considering moving elementary to a trimester system. Dr. Nolan suggested considering an additional day off in the spring and Afeef expressed concern about the end of semester 1 being in January having an impact on students hoping to get early action college acceptance. The Board will vote on the calendars in December.

- 5.E Accelerated Placement Act - Curriculum Director Buchs explained that this new law requires us to automatically move students up a level in their coursework if they earned a Meets or Exceeds on their last state assessment. We have made the appropriate changes for next school year. Families have a right to make a change to their students' courses and we are collecting those requests through a Google form.
- 5.F Athletics and Activities Update - Athletics and Activities Director Juske shared that FFA concluded in October and we had a national winner for veterinary science and took 13th place overall. Winter sports have begun and we are seeing an increase in students participating in athletics and activities.
- 5.G Facilities Update - Facilities Director Polowy shared that we have made some progress with the District Office remodel, but we are looking at a possible modification to the entryway. The addition at the high school is going well and we had a positive meeting with Kane County on the Plato Road project. The department is working on plans for capital projects and items brought to them from the listening tour.
6. Freedom of Information Act
- 6.A Allium Data - We received a request for information regarding our most recent renewal summaries for property and casualty insurance and employee insurance. - 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)(5), 2(c)(6), 2(c)(10), 2(c)(16), and 2(c)(21).
8. Open Session
- 7.A Adjourn Closed Session to Return to Open Session
- 7.B Action Items from Closed Session
- 7.B.1 Approval of October 16, 2023 Executive Session Minutes - The Board approved the Executive Session Minutes from October 16, 2023.
9. Adjourn

**Next Meeting – December 18, 2023**



Jeff Gorman - Board President



Marc Falk - Board Secretary