

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
October 17, 2024, 7:00 p.m.
Cambridge Elementary Classroom #19
312 South West Street
Cambridge, Illinois 61238

The Cambridge Community Unit School District #227 Board of Education met for the regularly scheduled meeting on October 17, 2024.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

Mr. Humphrey called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with a roll call attendance. Members present were Chad Humphrey, Lance Edmund, Dianne Jeffries, Carrie Boelens, and Culley Medley. Also present were Jenna Bibb, Superintendent; Heather Pine, Elementary Principal; Bob Reagan, Jr./Sr. High School Principal; Susan Sullivan, Unit Office Secretary/Bookkeeper; and players, coaches, and family members of the 2024 Varsity Ridgewood Softball team.

Motion was made by Mr. Medley, seconded by Mr. Edmund, to approve the consent agenda. Items approved under the consent agenda were:

1. Minutes of the September 19, 2024 meeting,
2. The bills through October 17, 2024,
3. Revolving Fund through September 2024,
4. Treasurer's Report for September 2024,
5. Grade School Activity Report and the Junior/Senior High School Activity Report for September 2024.

A roll call vote was held. Aye: Edmund, Jeffries, Boelens, Medley, Humphrey. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Report from Board of Education on Meetings Attended

There were no reports from members of the Board of Education on meetings attended.

Student Recognition

The Board of Education recognized the Ridgewood Spartans Varsity Softball Team. The 2023-2024 Ridgewood varsity softball team earned Alwood and Cambridge schools first team state championship in both schools' histories. They finished their season with a record of 31 wins five losses and one tie. They stayed mentally tough and represented both schools on the highest stage thus leaving their legacy at Ridgewood. Thank you for truly representing who the Spartans are on and off the field.

Administrative Reports:

Mrs. Pine, Elementary Principal, shared this year's School Improvement Goals and the CES School Improvement Plan:

1. Create a District-wide branding initiative to recognize, acknowledge, and extend the greatness of our staff and students by making practice public throughout the community and on social media.
2. By the end of the 2024-2025 school year the percentage of students who are performing at the 75% percentile or above in ELA will increase by 4% as measured by the Aimsweb benchmark assessment.
3. By the end of the 2024-2025 school year the percentage of students who are performing at the 75% percentile or above in math will increase by 4% as measured by the Aimsweb benchmark assessment.

She also shared information about the recent Krenari Community Sorting Ceremony on September 20th. It was an amazing afternoon filled with excitement and are excited to kick off another year with some great House days! She gave a shout out to Nurse Candy after having had almost 80 students in the district receive free dental cleaning through our Miles with Smiles event. Mrs. Pine also shared information about the Mental Health Alliance partnership. Thank you to Stacey Carey for working to continue to bring social emotional awareness to our students. Stacey helped spearhead a virtual

assembly with Brooks Gibbs for students in 1st-8th grade. Through the Mental Health Alliance partnership, our district has received a free one year membership for the Feeling Strong Learning Library.

Mr. Reagan, Jr. High/High School Principal, shared this year's School Improvement Goals and the Jr/Sr High School Improvement Plan:

1. By the end of the 2024-2025 school year, students' proficiency in ELA will increase by 4% as measured by the STAR Assessment.
2. By the end of the 2024-2025 school year, students' proficiency in math will increase by 4% as measured by the STAR Assessment.

He also shared about several recent events at CHS including: a musician visit from Ireland, the Mental Health Alliance performance of "Pete the Parrot," the upcoming NHS Blood Drive, students of the quarter, National Application Month, staff spirit activities, Mrs. Miller's recent state workshop, Gray Matters activities, Serve 180, Book Fair, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the marching band program, upcoming Fall Play, FFA recently being named the Top Ten in the Nation, many recent FFA awards, and a recent donation for the Ag Complex from Bank Orion. He also shared recognition to the Junior High Softball team winning state, Mrs. Leander being recognized as IHSA and IESA Coach of the Year, and the Ridgewood Spartan Cross Country Team finishing 2nd at the LTC Meet.

Mrs. Bibb, Superintendent, reported on recent meetings and trainings that she attended. She shared the District Improvement Plan draft created by the District Leadership Team, an update on the audit, and information about a recent FOIA request. She shared research she completed about the donation of Ten Commandment displays by a member of the public. She also shared information about a new Cardiac Care Plan mandate and the Cambridge Crisis Management Team's work to update plans. Lastly, she shared an expenditure update by funds now that we are 25% through the fiscal year.

Correspondence:

The Board received a letter of resignation from Leanne Walsh as Unit Secretary/Bookkeeper. Mrs. Jeffries made a motion to accept her resignation. Mrs. Boelens seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Participation:

There was no public participation.

Old Business:

Mrs. Bibb shared the contract proposal from Gold Star FS to purchase gasoline and diesel fuel. The contract will go from October 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025. Mrs. Jeffries made a motion to approve the contract as presented. Mr. Edmund seconded the motion and the motion passed with a roll call vote. Aye: Jeffries, Boelens, Medley, Humphrey, Edmund Nay: None.

New Business:

Mrs. Boelens made a motion to approve the School and District Improvement Plans as presented during administrative reports. Mrs. Jeffries seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Mrs. Bibb gave an overview of updated requirements for holding a Truth in Taxation hearing. The Board shared their preference to hold a Truth in Taxation hearing regardless of whether or not the tax levy exceeds 5% from the prior year. No action was taken.

Mrs. Bibb shared information about a concerned citizen sharing information about the consumption of alcohol and tobacco at home football games as well as other concerning behavior that violates Board Policy 8:30. The Board discussed possible actions to address the behavior including making public announcements during the game, printing reminders of the policy on rosters, making social media announcements reminding the public of the policies, and the consideration of adding the presence of law enforcement at games. Administration will begin work on the first three actions immediately with consideration of law enforcement as necessary next steps. No action was taken.

Mr. Edmund made a motion to approve Haily Mulvaney as JH Cheer Coach and Tom Moriarity as JH Football Coach. Mr. Medley seconded the motion and the motion passed with a roll call vote. Aye: Boelens, Medley, Humphrey, Edmund, Jeffries Nay: None.

Mrs. Boelens made a motion to move to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or student discipline. Mrs. Jeffries seconded the motion. Aye: Medley, Humphrey, Edmund, Jeffries, Boelens Nay: None. Roll call vote carried. The Board of Education moved to Executive Session at 7:50 pm.

At 8:40 pm, Mrs. Boelens made a motion to leave Executive Session. Mr. Edmund seconded the motion. Aye: Humphrey, Edmund, Jeffries, Boelens, Medley, Nay: None. Roll call vote carried.

Mrs. Boelens made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm. Mr. Medley seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

President

Secretary