

BUDGET HEARING
September 19, 2024, 6:45 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 a Budget Hearing on September 19, 2024.

Mr. Edmund called the meeting to order at 6:56 with a roll call vote. Members present were Lance Edmund, Carrie Boelens, Culley Medley, and Kim Moriarity. Also present were Jenna Bibb, Superintendent; Heather Pine, Elementary Principal; Bob Reagan, Jr./Sr. High School Principal; Susan Sullivan, Unit Office Secretary/Bookkeeper, and Haley Gruber, Teacher.

A Public Hearing for the Presentation of Fiscal Year 2025 Cambridge CUSD #227 Budget was held. Seeing no questions or comments from the board or the public, Mr. Edmund closed the public hearing.

Motion was made by Mrs. Boelens, second by Mr. Medley to adjourn the Budget Hearing at 6:57 pm. Motion carried 4-0.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
September 19, 2024, 7:00 p.m.
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The Cambridge Community Unit School District #227 Board of Education met for the regularly scheduled meeting on September 19, 2024.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

Mr. Edmund called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm with a roll call attendance. Members present were Lance Edmund, Carrie Boelens, Culley Medley, and Kim Moriarity. Also present were Jenna Bibb, Superintendent; Heather Pine, Elementary Principal; Bob Reagan, Jr./Sr. High School Principal; Susan Sullivan, Unit Office Secretary/Bookkeeper; Haley Gruber, Teacher; and members of the public.

Motion was made by Mrs. Boelens, seconded by Mrs. Moriarity, to approve the consent agenda. Items approved under the consent agenda were:

- Minutes of the August 15, 2024 meeting, both open and closed,
- The bills through September 19, 2024,
- Revolving Fund through August 2024,
- Treasurer's Report for August 2024,
- Grade School Activity Report and the Junior/Senior High School Activity Report for August 2024.

A roll call vote was held. Aye: Edmund, Boelens, Medley, Moriarity. 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.

Administrative Reports:

Mrs. Pine, Elementary Principal, reported on the recent Gold Circle of Quality rating by the Cambridge Preschool for All program. This is an amazing accomplishment by preschool staff and is an improvement from the last monitoring visit. Cambridge Elementary School was the chosen school for a book drive at BAM (Books A Million in Davenport). CES recently received over \$6,000 worth of books that were

purchased by customers of BAM. These books will be added to school and classroom libraries. CES has recently completed an SEL (Social-Emotional Learning) screener for all students in grades K-5. This screener assesses both internal and external behaviors that students may display. Based on the results, students will be placed into small groups, allowing us to address specific behaviors more effectively and provide targeted support. Mrs. Pine also reported that CES is thrilled to announce that 10 of 5th-grade students have joined the band this year! Students attend small group lessons during PE class, and the full band comes together for practice twice a week. They're already making great progress!

Mr. Reagan, Jr. High/High School Principal, reported on several recent events at CHS. There has been quite a bit of action at the Ag Complex. The foundation is laid and building materials are expected to arrive on October 31st. Freshmen in health class are learning CPR with a goal to certify all Freshmen. Congratulations again to Livvy Edmund for her winning artwork submitted to the GB Packers. The art department hopes to purchase a new kiln. The HS PE classes participated in the 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb to pay tribute to the FDNY by climbing steps representing the 110 stories of the World Trade Center. Freshmen attended the Farm Bureau Sharing the Road Program at the fairgrounds. The HS government class attended the naturalization ceremony at Augustana College. Our students led the Pledge of Allegiance and were seated on the stage. Eighth Graders attended a field trip to the John Deere Davenport Works. He shared about the FFA Ice Cream Social, the marching band's participation in local parades, the concert by Shane Hennessy of Ireland, and a congratulations to the junior high girls softball team winning the 1A Regional Championship. He gave an overview of upcoming games and homecoming events. As a part of Mr. Reagan's report, Mrs. Gruber gave an overview of Ag Biology, and her participation as one of 12 schools piloting the curriculum.

Jarret Schmoll arrived at 7:04 pm.

Mrs. Bibb, Superintendent, reported on recent meetings and trainings that she attended, including one about upcoming Title IX legislative changes. Mrs. Bibb asked if the Policy committee would like to meet to review policy changes in October. Mrs. Boelens responded favorably to meeting. She shared that a representative from Engie will come to the November board meeting to share an overview of their facility upgrade process. The District Leadership Team has met to work on the three district goals and will have an action plan to share at the October meeting. She gave a reminder about the upcoming Board election. She shared 6th day enrollment trends, with a current 6 day enrollment of 221 at CES, 251 at CHS, and 472 total enrollment. Mrs. Bibb also provided a handout with a report on the three year average expenditures for the three operating funds and a comparison to the cash reserves as of July 2024. She shared that we need to amend the voting directions for the resolution for an at-large election to align with the Henry County ballot instructions.

Correspondence:

The Board considered a request to change the time of the 2025 graduation. Board members shared pros and cons to the change and discussed past precedents. The Board decided to maintain the original graduation schedule.

Public Participation:

Mr. Vincent, community member, presented the Board of Education and administration with a framed copy of the 10 Commandments. He plans to have sponsored prints available to hand in each classroom. Board members shared that they would discuss the offer of the donation.

Old Business:

Mrs. Bibb presented the Fiscal Year 2025 Cambridge CUSD #227 Budget. She gave an overview that included information that the budget is balanced, with a deficit projected in the Capital Projects fund due to spending down funds for the Ag building project. Mrs. Moriarity made a motion to accept the budget as presented. Mr. Medley seconded and the motion passed with a roll call vote. Aye: Edmund, Boelens, Medley, Moriarity, Schmoll. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Mrs. Bibb shared that we only received one fuel bid. The Board compared the fuel bid with the historic pricing provided by the current provider. After much discussion, Mrs. Boelens made a motion to reject the

fuel bid by River Valley and continue purchasing fuel with Gold Star FS. Mr. Edmund seconded the motion and the motion passed with a roll call vote. Aye: Edmund, Boelens, Moriarity, Schmoll. Nay: None. Present: Medley. Motion carried.

New Business:

Mrs. Bibb shared that the November Board meeting needs to be moved due to the Board's attendance at the Joint Annual Conference. Mrs. Boelens made a motion to approve Tuesday, November 19, 2024 as the November School Board meeting. Mr. Medley seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Mrs. Bibb presented the FY2024 Teacher and Administrator Salary Report. This report must be presented to the Board of Education at a regularly scheduled school board meeting, sent to the Regional Office of Education, and posted on the school district website by October 1st. This is an annual presentation. No action taken.

Mrs. Wexell, high school secretary, requested the following changes to activity accounts: Addition of Junior High Cross Country and Closure of the Industrial Arts account, which has a current balance of zero. Mrs. Boelens made a motion to approve adding a Junior High Cross Country account and closing the Industrial Arts account. Mr. Edmund seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Mrs. Boelens made a motion to approve Nicole Panos as Junior High Girls' Basketball coach. Mr. Medley seconded the motion and the motion passed with a roll call vote. Aye: Edmund, Boelens, Medley, Moriarity, Schmoll. Nay: None. Motion carried.

Mrs. Boelens made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 pm. Mr. Medley seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

President

Secretary