

Coal City Community Unit School District #1
Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 6, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

President Miller called the regular meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. with the board members answering roll call present: Dan Engelhardt, Mary Gill, Shawn Hamilton, Quint Harmon, Cindy Klein, Steve Rogers, and Ken Miller. Also in attendance were Superintendent Christopher Spencer, CSBO Jason Smith, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Jennifer Kenney, Director of Special Populations Luke Krippel, Board Secretary LaWanda Gagliardo, and Community Relations Specialist Ann Gill.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Miller led the Board and others present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Introduction/acknowledgement of guests.

Theatre Director, Jack Micetich was in attendance and acknowledged the cast of Alice By Heart for being chosen to perform at the Illinois Theatre Festival. Mr. Micetich provided the Board with a summary of the student’s experiences. Mr. Micetich thanked the Board of Education and Superintendent for their support.

Belinda Egan was in attendance and was recognized for achieving her National Board Certification. This is a challenging, but very rewarding, professional development experience for educators. The Board of Education and Superintendent Christopher Spencer thanked Pam Vigna for her leadership and guidance as the facilitator for the school district’s National Board Certification experience.

2. Speech Coach, Dave Sinkular was in attendance and acknowledged the following High School State Speech Qualifiers:

Kevin McDonnell	Adeline Dowling	Grey Vanke
Madison Wilson	Corinna Barkley	Adriana Veintemilla
Bradley Burla	Caroline Childers	Jada Moore
Karlie Pierson	Mackenzie Brown	Vince Mugnolo
Grace Heatherwick	Anthony Roster	Juliet Covington

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

1. In regard to agenda items – none.
2. In general (Limited to 5 minutes per person.) - none.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

President Miller asked if there were any items that the Board would like to remove from the consent agenda. Hearing none, President Miller asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda, and the following building requests:

Mr. Harmon moved and Mr. Engelhardt seconded to approve the consent agenda including:

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<u>Group</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Date</u>
Major School of Dance	PAC	06/10/24 – 06/16/24
Diamond Dance Co.	PAC	06/26/24
Coal City Miners	HS	04/12 & 13/24

MINUTES

February 7, 2024 - Regular Meeting
February 28, 2024 - Board Study Session

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

February 7, 2024 - Regular Meeting
February 28, 2024 - Board Study Session

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Activity Fund Reports – January 2024
Treasurer’s Report – January 2024
Monthly Manual Check Report – February 2024
Payroll Report – February 2024
Accounts Payable Report – March 2024

PERSONNEL

Resignations

- Kiana Anderson – 1:1 Special Ed Aide at the Early Childhood Center. Ms. Anderson’s last day was March 1, 2024.
- Joe Colavecchi – full-time Custodian at the Early Childhood Center. Mr. Colavecchi’s last day will be March 15, 2024
- Hope Connelly – Band Teacher at the High School and Intermediate School. Ms. Connelly’s last day will be June 30, 2024, which is the conclusion of the 23-24 school year.
- Abigail Eberhard – Permanent Sub/Health Secretary at the Intermediate School. Ms. Eberhard’s last day will be March 8, 2024.
- Griffin Gletty – 8th Grade ELA Teacher at the Middle School. Mr. Gletty’s last day will be July 31, 2024, which is the last contractual day for the 23 – 24 school year for teachers.
- Adam Macholz – Industrial Arts Teacher at the High School. Mr. Macholz’ last day will be July 31, 2024, which is the last contractual day for the 23 – 24 school year for teachers.
- Matthew Perry – Math Teacher at the Middle School. Mr. Perry’s last day will be July 31, 2024, which is the last contractual day for the 23 – 24 school year for teachers.

Employments - *pending satisfactory completion of all state requirements*

- Megan Blanton – 1:1 Special Ed Aide at the Early Childhood Center. Ms. Blanton is replacing Ms. Anderson. Alexandra Burba – full-time Custodian at the Early Childhood Center. Ms. Burba’s anticipated start is March 5, 2024. Lisa Johnson - Permanent Sub/Health Secretary at the Intermediate School. Ms. Johnson is replacing Ms. Eberhard. Ms. Johnson’s anticipated start date will be March 7, 2024.
- Sloane Montana – full-time Custodian within the district

Extra-Curricular Resignations

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- Brad Boresi – Sophomore Girls Basketball Coach
- Emily Halliday – Freshman Girls Basketball Coach
- Rachel Novak – Freshman Volleyball Coach
- Mackenzie Smolik – Basketball/Competition Cheerleading Coach

Extra-Curricular Assignments

Assistant Athletic Director Brad Boresi is recommending the following as Volunteer Coach(es)

Jack Dibble – Volunteer Assistant Football Coach
Lonnie Henline – Volunteer Varsity Softball Coach

Honorable Dismissals

Tarra Draino – Permanent Sub
Kathryn Drey – Substitute Teacher
Peggy Feeney – Permanent Sub
Lisa Johnson – Permanent Sub/Health Secretary
Michael Scott – Permanent Sub

2023 – 2024 Support Staff Reduction in Force

Rebecca Acred	Full-time 1:1 SPED Aide
Felicia Bohac	Full-time 1:1 SPED Aide
Lauren Pratl	Full-time 1:1 SPED Aide
Shauna Stanford	Full-time 1:1 SPED Aide
Kathryn Long	Full-time 1:1 SPED Aide
Gina Hiles	Full-time 1:1 SPED Aide
Ashley Reszel	Full-time 1:1 SPED Aide
Caitlyn Cary	Full-time 1:1 SPED Aide
Jessica Giordano	Full-time 1:1 SPED Aide
Tricia Smith	Full-time 1:1 SPED Aide
Lori Johnson	Full-time 1:1 SPED Aide
Stacey Roach	Full-time 1:1 SPED Aide
Rachel Fearday	Full-time 1:1 SPED Aide
Michelle Powers	Full-time 1:1 SPED Aide
Julie Jackman	Full-time 1:1 SPED Aide
Raquel Drinkwine	Full-time 1:1 SPED Aide
Megan Luttrell	Full-time 1:1 SPED Aide
Jody Jackson	Full-time 1:1 SPED Aide
Gina Pens	Full-time 1:1 SPED Aide
Keegan Clampitt	Half-time 1:1 SPED Aide
Sara Helland	Full-time 1:1 SPED Aide

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Aislinn Jones	Full-time 1:1 SPED Aide
Sarah Rowader	Full-time 1:1 SPED Aide
Angelica Acosta	Full-time 1:1 SPED Aide

Roll Call.

Ayes: Quint Harmon, Dan Engelhardt, Mary Gill, Shawn Hamilton, Cindy Klein, Steve Rogers, Ken Miller

Nays:

Motion: Carried.

ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS

A. EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER REPORT

Principal Davidson Reported:

Calendar of Events:

March 4th - NO SCHOOL

March 5th - March 8th - Read Across America Week

March 5th - Kindergarten Team Meeting @ 11:15 a.m.

March 5th - 1st Grade Team Meeting @ 12:15 p.m.

March 5th - A Team Meeting @ 2:55 p.m.

March 6th - Staff Meeting @ 2:55 p.m.

March 13th - Early Dismissal

March 14th - ECC Spring Picture Day

March 14th - POTENTIAL date for Mary Poppins school shows

March 14th - Youth Art Night @ CC Public Library 6:00 p.m.

March 18th - ALL Committee Meetings - 2:45 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

March 19th - BLT

March 19th - Kindergarten Team Meeting @ 11:15 a.m.

March 19th - 1st Grade Team Meeting @ 12:15 p.m.

March 20th - Family Reading Night @ 6:00 p.m.

March 21st - Kindergarten Music Concert @ 6:30 p.m.

Current Enrollment:

PreK: 187

Kindergarten: 148

1st Grade: 135

Total: 470 (in PowerSchool as of February 27th, 2024)

Completed Required Safety Drills for 2023-2024:

- August 29th - Fire Drill (with Fire Department present)
- September 5th - Shelter-in-Place Drill
- September 6th - Bus Evacuation Drill
- September 18th - Armed Intruder Drill (with Coal City Police Department present)

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- September 28th - Fire Drill

Month-in-Review:

- Parent/Teacher conferences took place on Thursday, February 8th. The ECC had 122 scheduled conferences and 114 of the 122 were attended. The Scholastic Book Fair was open during the evening and many families took advantage of the opportunity to shop on this night.
- Staff and Students joined together on February 14th to wear jeans and a hat for a donation to the Kramer family. Staff could wear jeans for a \$5 donation and students could wear a hat for a \$2 donation. The ECC proudly donated \$400 to Myla's family. The ECC joined the district on Monday, February 26th in wearing RED or Myla's shirt to show support.
- Valentine's Day celebrations took place on Wednesday, February 14th at the ECC as part of Kindness Week. The ECC, ES and IS celebrated a week of fun themed days and random acts of kindness.
- The ECC will join the ES and IS to celebrate Read Across America Week the week of March 4th - 8th.
- The ECC will host Family Reading Night on Wednesday, March 20th. The camping theme will set the stage for an exciting night of celebrating literacy!
- The kindergarten music concert will be on Thursday, March 21st. The kindergarten concert is always an exciting time as it will be the first time the entire class will take the stage as one and perform for family and friends!

Recognition:

- Congratulations to Nikki Planeta on a very successful book fair! The Scholastic Book Fair has been virtual since COVID, so having an in-person fair was a large undertaking. Thank you to Nikki for all the hard work put into making this happen!
- McKenna Patten has joined the staff as a paraprofessional on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Her patience and passion for working with the students of the ECC, ES and IS are unmatched. She is currently working on becoming a teacher and will be moving on to Illinois State University in the fall to complete her degree. Keep up the great work, McKenna! You are going to do great things!
- A continued thank you to the staff of the ECC for a forever willingness to jump in and help whenever and wherever needed. We are truly a team and the day-to-day operation of the ECC would not be possible without this mentality.

B. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Trotter reported:

Calendar of Events:

- March 4th: No School
- March 4th-8th: Read Across America Week
- March 13th: 11:45 Dismissal
- March 18th-21st: IAR Testing (3rd Grade)

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- March 20th: Family Reading Night
- March 23rd-April 1st: Spring Break
- April 2nd: Students Return

ES Enrollment:

1st Grade (SpEd)	3 students
2nd Grade:	147 students
3rd Grade:	152 students
4th Grade (SpEd)	4 students
Total:	306 (enrolled as of 2/29/2024)

CCES Happenings and Recognitions:

- We began February with our Scholastic Book Fair. This year's fair was a huge success. The company told our Librarian, Kristen Erhard, that it was the best one ever for Coal City Elementary School
- The teachers welcomed families into the building on February 8th for Parent/Teacher Conferences. We had a great turn out. It's always nice to speak with the families.
- The week of February 12th we celebrated Kindness Week. We celebrated with dress up days such as Team Day and Pajama Day. The students were also given a challenge each day to complete an act of kindness - give someone a compliment, ask a new friend to play at recess, help with chores at home and hold the door for someone.
- Our last classroom party of the year was on Wednesday, February 14th for Valentine's Day. There were a lot of cards, candy, and games that day.
- Family Wellness Night was a big success on Wednesday, February 21st.

C. INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Carlson reported:

Calendar of Events:

3/4 No School - Pulaski Day

3/5-3/8 Read Across America Week

Tuesday - Pajama Day for Dr. Seuss' *Sleep Book*

Wednesday - Dress Wacky or Dress Like a Teacher for Dr. Seuss' *Wacky Wednesday*

Thursday - Dr. Seuss Shirt and/or Hat Day for Dr. Seuss' *The Cat in the Hat*

Friday - Crazy/Silly Socks Day for Dr. Seuss' *Fox in Socks*

3/5 PBS Meeting 3:00 p.m.

3/6 A Team Meeting 3:00 p.m.

3/7 Evacuation Drill 2:35 p.m.

3/7 CPI Meeting 3:00 p.m.

3/9 Polar Plunge for Special Olympics Illinois

3/11-3/15 Let's Make a Difference Week for Help for Hope

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Munchie Monday - Snacks and nonperishable food items
Toiletry Tuesday - Toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, tissue
Washup Wednesday - Soap, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, loofahs
It's Thursday, Baby - Diapers, wipes, formula, pacifiers
Floss Friday - Toothpaste, toothbrush, floss, mouthwash

3/11 SAP Meeting 3:00 p.m.
3/12 TALC Meeting 3:00 p.m.
3/13 11:35 Dismissal; PD 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
3/14 Pi Day Contest
3/14 LLT at Methodist Church 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
3/14 Walk to CCHS for a preview of *Mary Poppins* 12:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.
3/14 Support Staff Meeting 3:00 p.m.
3/18-3/20 IAR (Illinois Assessment of Readiness) State Testing
3/18 SpEd Team Meeting 3:00 p.m.
3/19 PBS Meeting 3:00 p.m.
3/20 Team Meetings 3:00 p.m.
3/21 Custodian Meeting 3:00 p.m.
3/22 PBS Family Feud Assemblies – 5th at 11:30 a.m.; 4th at 1:15 p.m.
3/23-4/1 Spring Break

Current Enrollment:

4th Grade 131

5th Grade 136

Total: 267 This includes five 4th grade students and one 5th grade student who are enrolled in other special education programs outside of CCIS.

Emergency/Crisis Drills Completed:

Evacuation/Fire	8/23/23; 10/27/23
Shelter-in-Place/Storm	8/24/23; 11/15/23; 1/19/24; 2/16/24
Lockdown	8/25/23; 12/19/23
Bus Evacuation	8/30/23
Armed Intruder	9/18/23

Previous Month in Review:

- The Fine Arts Festival was held at CCHS on February 4th. All CCIS students had artwork on display, and the CCIS Beginning Band performed. The artwork ribbon winners are listed below in the Student Recognition section.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences were held on February 8th from 4:00-8:00. We had 89 (34%) parents attend.
- CCIS held a “Penny War” 2/12-2/16 to raise money for the Polar Coalers Plunge Team to benefit Special Olympics Illinois. Students and Staff donated their change into containers labeled with staff members (Housman, Luttrell, Harney, Jacobs, Miller, Thelo, Carlson, Minnick). **We raised \$228.04!** Since Miss Minnick had the most money in her container, she will be “pied” in the face at our assembly on 3/22.
- We celebrated Kindness Week from 2/12-2/16. Our theme was *Love Yourself and Others*.

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2/12 – Comfy for a Cause Day ~ *Wear PJs if you donate money to the Polar Coalers Plunge Team to benefit Special Olympics Illinois. **We raised \$288!***

2/13 – Compliments and Crush Day

2/14 – Red Day *and wear a hat if you donate \$2 for Myla Kramer - Mending Myla's Heart*
We raised \$390.20 for Myla!

2/15 – Heroes and High-Fives Day

2/16 – Random Acts of Kindness Day

- We hosted CCIS Family Bingo on Sunday, 2/11 from 1:00-4:00. Over 150 attended!
- We practiced another Sheltering/Storm Drill on 2/16 during Lunch/Recess.
- We celebrated Rare Disease Day on February 29th. Rare Disease Day is an observance held on the last day of February to raise awareness for rare diseases and improve access to treatment and medical representation for individuals with rare diseases and their families. Students and staff were encouraged to wear Zebra Stripes and/or a combination of Blue, Green, Pink, Purple to bring awareness to rare diseases.
- February was Kindness Month at CCIS, and we wanted to recognize students who go above and beyond displaying kindness. Our teachers nominated 1 student each week throughout the month. Nominated students were recognized and given a piece of candy. Their names were also entered into a raffle for a chance to win 1 of 4 grand prizes.
- We currently have 26 students in ASAP (After School Assistance Program); 10 in 4th grade and 16 in 5th grade. Recommended students receive homework help from 3:00-4:00 three days a week from Mrs. Cowherd, Mrs. Rink or Mrs. Drinkwine.
- We held the following “Theme Thursday” spirit days this past month: Red Day and NFL/Football Day.
- Every Friday was Coalers Spirit Day at CCIS!

Student Recognition:

- Congratulations to following Students of the Week:
Week of 2/5: Dylan Rich, Izzy Muhlenbruch, Rosaria Mugnolo, Gabe Watters Lopez
Week of 2/12: Elliott Erhard, Chloe Ragland, Reese Watson, Collin Ness, Jack Connor
Week of 2/20: Caius Taylor, Luceyah Briano, Ainsley Viano, Charles Eden
Week of 2/26: Ryne Smith, Hailey Fisher, Conner Lynn, Paisley Edmonds
- Congratulations to our three 5th grade Coalers Wrestlers, who advanced to the IESA sectional tournament: Kamden Gabehart, Grady Jensen and Bainen Durkee.
- I want to recognize the following students who volunteered at CCIS Family Bingo: Kylee Looper, Nolan Cardenas, Jillian Erhard, Lily Connor-Mikos, Aubree Dearth and Noah Moser.
- Congratulations to our February Kindness nominees: Talon Zytniowski, Addi McCann, Lily Connor-Mikos, Cody Olson, Brynn Manering, Amelia Hicks, Sienna Ruffatto, Aaron Damien, Arieana Tarman, Dante Sanchez, Kennedy Suggs, Jackie Robles-Serna and Ethan Lambert. Liam Barrus, Mackenna Cuddy, Ella Cvitanovich, Grace Reyelts, Kahlan Cooley, Camryn Farrell, Reagan Stygar, Hannah Sinkular, Ava Vining, Ryan Housman, Jillian Erhard, Addi McCann, Sadie Connelly, Addy Hines, and Corey Childress. Eli Wix, Brynn Manering, Izzy Muhlenbruch, Lilly Harney, Christina Hall, Cole Acred, Grace Medina Flores, Elle Gordon, Reese Brown, Grayson Bailey, Corey Childress, Nico Arteaga and Blaise Doerfler.

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- Congratulations to the artwork ribbon winners from the Fine Arts Festival.

Fine Arts Festival Ribbon Winners			
4th Grade			
Rothko Emotional Color	Weaving Baskets	Amate Folk Art	Koi Fish Watercolor
Best of Show – Emmalee Bye	Best of Show: Ayden Magana	Best of Show: Sam Wysocki	Best of Show: Ari Eaton
1 st Sylvia Leman	1 st Addi McCann & Addy Foss	1 st Camryn Farrell	1 st Payton Robertson
2 nd Mason Wren	2 nd Ella Frashier & Jackie Reszel	2 nd TJ Wagner	2 nd Danny Matsko & Grace Medina-Flores
3 rd Blake Bolyn	3 rd Chloe Ragland & Jordy Hossack	3 rd Gray Wetenkamp & Kenley Dearth	3 rd Reid McKinney & Gia Bianchetta
4 th Malakai Rios & Ary Senisais	4 th Dylan Perino	4 th Vivian Hannon & Drake Figge	4 th Evie Lardi & Leo Christensen
5th Grade			
Navajo Rugs	Architectural Block Watercolor	Paper Collage Animals	Groovy Mushrooms
Best of Show: Lilly Harney	Best of Show Lily Conor-Mikos	Best of Show Zoiey Jones	Best of Show Olivia Beach
1 st Kennedy Murphey	1 st Ruby Padovano	1 st Logan Seranella	1 st Hailey Fisher & Jillian Erhard
2 nd Blake Bradley & Aubree Dearth	2 nd Lexi Henderson & Callie Lehnus	2 nd Abi Donnelly	2 nd Mitchell Bordewyk & Sienna Ruffatto
3 rd Reagan Jeschke & Mason Hurley	3 rd Kylee Looper, Era Bakii & Ryleigh Kargle	3 rd Christian Rodriquez & Rosey Matthews	3 rd Izzy Muhlenbruch, Lucey Briano, & Adelia Gonzalez
4 th Grayson Bailey & Cody Olson	4 th Bainen Durkee & Hunter Phillips	4 th Jackson Pruim & Collin Ness	4 th Jett Johnson, Ryan Housman, & Kahlan Cooley
Principal's Award			
	Paper Collage Animals 4 th Grade: Allyson Lemmons	Groovy Mushrooms 5 th Grade: Elle Gordon	

Staff Recognition:

- I want to thank Mr. Brimm and Mrs. Bajt for their additional work preparing for the Fine Arts Festival.
- I want to thank Miss Minnick for organizing the Penny War to benefit the CCIS Polar Coalers Plunge Team. All money donated will go to Special Olympics Illinois.
- I want to thank Mrs. Ness and our Student Council for selling Candygrams and Crush soda during Love Yourself and Others Week.

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- I want to recognize the following staff members who received the weekly CCIS Kudos:
 - Miss Minnick for her dedication to creating and completing the sensory room
 - Mrs. Chernesky for always going above and beyond to help students AND teachers
 - Mrs. Harney for covering classes when we didn't have subs.

D. MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Johnson reported:

Calendar of Events:

March 4	NO SCHOOL – Pulaski Birthday
March 6	8 th Grade Gown Measurement Day Board of Education Meeting –6:00pm – Unit Office
March 11	IVC Conference Spelling Bee – Morris Grade School
March 13	12:00pm EARLY DISMISSAL Staff Development Day 8 th Grade Parent Night – 6:00m – CCHS
March 15	End of 3 rd Quarter
March 20	Coal City Schools Family Reading Night
March 21	ISA Testing @ CCMS
March 23-April 1	NO SCHOOL – Spring Break

CCMS Attendance:

6 th Grade	164
7 th Grade	159
8 th Grade	166
Total:	489

Month in Review:

One of our 6th grade students will be undergoing a heart transplant in the near future. Myla Kramer has battled several heart issues since birth and has undergone numerous surgeries. It is now time for her to receive a new heart. CCMS and other schools in the district have helped to raise money to support the family. Students were able to participate in a Hat Day on February 14 and staff members were allowed to wear jeans with a \$5 donation to the family. There was also a T-Shirt Fundraiser that helped raise money. In total, the district was able to raise \$5,200 to donate the family. Special thanks go to Angela Roudis and Rodney Monbrum for their help in organizing these different fundraising activities for the Kramer family.

Congratulation to our CCMS Spelling Bee Champions. The winners will advance to the IVC Conference Spelling Bee. All sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students who are interested will compete on Monday, March 11 at Morris Grade School. Good luck to winners as they move onto the IVC Conference Spelling Bee.

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CCMS Spelling Bee Winners

6th Grade - Landyn Pierard

Alternate - Cody Allen

7th Grade - Max Christensen

Alternate - Gavin Roudis

8th Grade – Xavier Baer

Alternate – Ryland Clements

Special thanks to Spelling Bee sponsors – Jen Munsterman and Tara Sweeney

CCMS students and staff members observed Presidents Day on February 19.

CC Unit District #1 hosted Family Wellness Night on February 21 at Coal City High School. Event attendance was around 700. Thanks to the Wellness Committee for their work in planning the event for the families of Coal City.

The CCMS Coaler Character Trait for the month focused on leadership. A good leader, school officials say, is goal oriented, honest, hard-working, willing to serve others, a good listener, a good communicator, a good decision-maker, encouraging, positive, and responsible. A good student leader can recognize that everyone has strengths and weaknesses, and they affirm and utilize the strengths in the group, while also assisting in the areas of weakness.

Students recognized for being leaders in their classes were:

Sixth grade—Charly Gray and John Viano

Seventh grade—Cora Bill and Cameron Haas

Eighth grade—Kayla Kowalski and Danny Fite

Encore Honorees—Ashlyn Siron and Jaxon Duke

Each of the students received a certificate and gift card. Students were recognized at the February PBS Assembly on February 14.

The Coal City VFW was also in attendance on the February 14 and presented the school with wooden signs for each of the branches of military. This will be a nice addition to our south hallway above the regional and sectional plaques outside of the competition gym. Special thanks to Bill Bomba for his work in organizing this for CCMS.

CCMS 8th graders are beginning preparation for their transition to CCHS. Mrs. Dransfeldt and Mr. Kiper from CCHS met with 8th graders on February 23 and will be coming to CCMS the following week to go over class selection for their freshmen year of high school. CCHS will also be hosting 8th Grade Parent Night on March 13.

The Exhibit Fine Arts Center & Gallery in Morris hosted a Middle School Art Show, and the exhibit featured the work of 18 Coal City Middle School students. Alyson Shelton was the overall winner of the show and Kennedy Larson earned second place in the show. Kennedy Larson also received first place among eighth grade artists, Caroline Grunwald was the third-place ribbon winner in sixth grade and her classmate Lila Molloy earned honorable mention. The theme of the show was Happiness.

Coal City School District hosted their annual Fine Arts Festival on February 4 at CCHS. It was

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another great show with various pieces of CCMS student artwork and our MS Concert and Jazz Bands and 7th and 8th grade choruses performing at the event. Thanks to Amy Siefken, Michael Kren, and Andrew Brimm for their work on the event.

Fine Arts Festival 2024 - CCMS Ribbon Winners
Principal's Award: Aneiah Salcido - Sketchbook

8th Grade - Best of Show: Jolene Jones - Feed Me!		
Portfolio:	All About Me Gallery:	Thiebaud Clay Cupcake:
1 Logan Polarek Drag Car	1 Kennedy Larson Dancing Through Memories	1 Grace Sitar Susie Q
2 Aiciry Rodriguez Artist at Work	2 Jolene Jones Gallery of Gore	2 Zoe Druse Snoop Frog (Big Papa Croaker)
3 Kennedy Larson Kennedy's Portfolio	3 Lexi Dearth Preppy Valley	3 Brady Noffsinger Mr. Cupcake
4 Aneiah Salcido Magical Animals	4 Grace Sitar Grace's Farm Favorites	4 Aneiah Salcido The Cherry Cupcake
Beyond the Border:	Artistic Writing:	
1 Decklan Castle Defend Your Home	Sawyer Bennet My Favorites Gallery	
2 James Little Public Lake in Late Summer	Kennedy Larson Dancing Through Memories	
3 Riley Kuder What's Under the Sea		
4 Gracie Rodriguez Beyond the Border		
7th Grade - Best of Show: Hallie Horrie - Deep in the Woods		
Portfolio:	Name Logo:	Carle Clay Tile:
1 Marina Figge Portfolio	1 Ryder Meyer My Name Poster	1 Tess Jeschke Tommy the Horse
2 Dylan Gregory Dylan's Crown	2 Michael Pershey Chocolate	2 Shelby Bianchetta George the Caterpillar
3 Sophia Oswald Crazy Girl	3 Kaden Brown My World	3 Liv Ferrari Busy Ocean Day
4 Trent Kingman Mr. Jim	4 Norah Minuth The Name	4 Luca Chellino The Snow Run
NY Skyline:	Artistic Writing:	
1 Ryder Meyer Mid-Day Life	Penny D'Arcy Ferocious Flyer	
2 Layla Marsh Fall Sunrise	Luca Chellino Name Lodge	
3 Jonah Micetich Warm Night		
4 Autumn Garza City at Night		
6th Grade - Best of Show: Carson Picchi - Alien Monsters Invading		
Portfolio:	Name Alien:	Whimsical Coil Pot:
1 Fiona Lindley Keep it Outside	1 Aubrie Kavanaugh Pink Space Alien	1 Rylie Peters The Fish Cove
2 Gus Cimino Gus's Portfolio	2 Ben Mannering Henry 8.13	2 Caylee Lynn Braided Ocean
3 Zoey Weber Captain Carrot	3 Micah Blades Bob	3 Xavier Banks Greenland
4 Brooklyn Freis The Cherrys	4 Teigan Trofimchuck Bethany	4 Caroline Grunwald Orange
Rousseau Landscape:	Fantasy Creature:	Artistic Writing:
1 Alena Dodge An Interesting Day at Jurassic Park	1 Teigan Trofimchuck Arnie the Donut	Emerlyn Kaluzny The Candy Forest
2 Patrick Doerfler Jimmy Buffet's Perfect Paradise	2 Caroline Grunwald Jellyo's on the Timmy Falon Show	Kaylie Mauer A Day in Wonderland
3 Cody Allen Out West	3 Alena Dodge Chick-Fillet	Rylie Peters Rosie the Alien
4 Brantley Brooks Spiderverse	4 Addison Skaggs Grape	
Congratulations to the Fine Arts Festival Winners!!!		

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E. HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Stafford reported:

Calendar of Events:

- March 4 - NO SCHOOL
- March 6 - ICE Conference Wrestling Banquet @ CCHS
- March 6 - Science Night @ CCHS
- March 13 - Eighth Grade Parent Night - 6:00-8:00
- March 20 - Fire Drill
- March 25 - Spring Break

Month in Review:

- February PBS Assembly - CCHS welcomed former MLB player Scott Spezio for its February assembly. Mr. Spezio shared his story and talked to students about some of his lessons learned and how he overcame adversity.
- Course selection was completed for all returning students for the 2024-25 school year. Counselors met with each student individually to select class and to ensure appropriate placement in accordance to the advanced placement act.

Recognition:

- The varsity wrestling team sent the following 11 wrestlers to state: Owen Petersen, Cooper Morris, Brody Widlowski, Noah Houston, Buddy Widlowski, Landin Benson Cade Poyner, Jamie Keigher, Mason Garner, Brock Finch and Culan Lindemuth Congratulations to Landin Benson for his state championship! Brody Widlowski placed second, Buddy Widlowski finished fourth and Cooper Morris and Owen Petersen finished 5th.
- Coaler wrestling competed at the IHSA dual team state competition last weekend. The Coaler placed second in state, falling in a close championship match to Marian Central Catholic.
- The speech team competed at the state competition in Peoria on February 16th. Students advancing include Corinna Barkley, Madison Wilson, Grey Vanek, Kevin McConnell and Adaline Dowling. Overall, the Coaler speech team placed 12 out of 14 categories into the sectional finals! A new school record.

Current Enrollment:

Freshman: 164
Sophomore: 182
Junior: 143
Senior: 136

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Total t: 625

Discipline Report:

Inappropriate Behavior/Comments - 2

Technology Violation - 11

Vaping - 4

Threat to Staff Member - 1

F. SPECIAL POPULATIONS REPORT

Director Krippel reported:

Special Populations Data

<i>Coal City Schools IEP Data</i>					
<i>ECC</i>	<i>ES</i>	<i>IS</i>	<i>MS</i>	<i>HS</i>	<i>District</i>
160	53	40	52	71	376
+5	+1	+1	-1		+6

<i>Coal City Schools 504 Data</i>					
<i>ECC</i>	<i>ES</i>	<i>IS</i>	<i>MS</i>	<i>HS</i>	<i>Total</i>
6	7	18	37	62	130
+2		+1	+4	-1	+6

<i>Coaler Academy Data</i>					
<i>Full Time</i>	<i>Hybrid</i>	<i>Hybrid/ELL</i>	<i>Intervention</i>	<i>Total Students</i>	<i>Pending Referrals</i>
7	5	2	1	15	0

<i>Out of District Placements</i>					
<i>Elim</i>	<i>Morris HS (ELL)</i>	<i>Oswego SD308</i>	<i>High Road</i>	<i>Thompson Instructional</i>	<i>Total Students</i>
1	1	1	7	1	11

<i>Miscellaneous Student Data</i>	
<i>ELL</i>	<i>Homeless</i>

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25	14
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Preschool for All Grant (PFA)	
Current Students	Open Spots
58	2

Overall Preschool Numbers			
Current Students	IEP Openings	At-Risk Openings	Waitlist
190/210	9	11	9

G. CURRICULUM REPORT

Director Kenney reported:

Professional Development:

Professional learning strands for the spring semester have begun. Teachers and administrators started the first strands on February 14th and will continue throughout the semester. Several outside presenters were invited this semester. They are focusing on math problem solving, math IAR prep, instructional strategies that work, physical education, and behavior management. The early dismissal in May will be dedicated to department/grade-level work.

During this time, I worked with department leaders to discuss the current data analysis process. We analyzed some basic data and will continue to look at various reports that can be analyzed to increase student achievement.

Mentoring/New Staff:

I met with the new staff members on February 21st. New teachers expressed their thoughts on the evaluation and student growth process. I have also been visiting the classrooms of some of our new staff members to offer encouragement and support. These visitations will continue throughout the remainder of the school year.

Department News:

The social studies department continues to review materials for all grade levels. They will be purchasing new materials for FY25.

Assessments:

IAR (Illinois Assessment of Readiness) and ISA (Illinois Science Assessment) testing will begin in the next couple of weeks. The schedule for testing will be:

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High School-

ISA - week of March 11

Middle School-

IAR - April 9, 11, 12

ISA - March 21

Intermediate School-

IAR - March 18- March 20

ISA - April 23 - April 25

Elementary School-

IAR - March 18 - March 22

H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Spencer reported:

1. Student Teacher(s):

Samantha Treameer, a student at Aurora University, will be completing her social work practicum during the spring semester under Cealy DePersia, Social Worker at the middle school. Once completed, Mrs. Treameer will complete her social work internship throughout the 2024 – 2025 school year within the district.

2. Monthly student enrollment figures were available for review.

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 4 – Casimir Pulaski Day/No School

March 6 – 8th Grade Gown Measurement

March 8 – 10 HS Musical

March 12 – HS Spring Sport Pictures

March 13 – Early Dismissal/End of 3rd Quarter for MS/HS

March 14 – ECC Spring Pictures

March 15 – 17 – HS Musical

March 19 – National Honor Society Induction at 7:00 p.m. @ CCHS

March 21 – Kindergarten Concert @ 6:30 p.m. @ CCHS

March 25 – April 1 Spring Break

March 27 – Board Study Session of the Whole Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.

April 2 – Classes Resume

April 3 – Board Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.

I. GRUNDY AREA VOCATIONAL CENTER REPORT

Mr. Engelhardt reported:

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1. Assistant Director Gierke thanked the counselors of the schools for providing initial enrollment projections.
2. Assistant Director Gierke informed the Board of Control that there are currently thirteen GAVC Scholarships that are live right now.
3. Assistant Director Gierke informed the Board of Control that the Building and Trades Instructors have been working with local businesses for sponsorships to offset the cost of tool bundles.
4. Assistant Director Gierke informed the Board of Control that Health Occ 1 CNA students would be starting clinicals at Morris Hospital for the first time.
5. Assistant Director Gierke informed the Board of Control that Health Occ 2 students are preparing for the Rhythm of Our Youth clinics.
6. Assistant Director Gierke informed the Board of Control that the ICATE Conference was held on February 15th and 16th.
7. Assistant Director Gierke informed the Board of Control that the CNAS Conference will be in Springfield on April 26, 2024.
8. Director Copes updated the Board of Control on the March calendar.
9. Director Copes and Mrs. Gierke discussed projection numbers for the Vocational Center. (895)
10. Director Copes discussed the current state of classroom availability in regard to the projected student enrollment.
11. Director Copes provided the Board of Control an update on the Summer Internship program.
12. Director Copes discussed the instructional schedule for the Fire Science Program.
13. The Board of Control approved the FY25 School Calendar.

J. ATHLETIC DIRECTOR REPORT

Athletic Director Hutchings reported:

Calendar of Events:

High School

Girls Basketball Season ended in the Regional Finals against Manteno
Overall record (23-4)
Illinois Central 8 Record (13-1) Co-Champs
1st Place Comet Classic

Fresh/Soph Girls Basketball
Final Record: 15-6
ICE Record: 11-3

Fresh Girls- 2-4

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Wrestling- Class 1A State Placers and Qualifiers

Fr.	Owen Petersen	106lb 6th place
Fr.	Cooper Morris	113lb 5th place
Jr.	Culan Lindemuth	120lb
So.	Brody Widlowski	126lb 2nd place
So.	Noah Houston	132lb
So.	Mason Garner	138lb
So.	Brock Finch	144lb
Sr.	Brant Widlowski	150lb 5th place
Jr.	Landin Benson	165lb 1st place
Sr.	James Keigher	175lb
So.	Cade Poyner	190lb

Tournament Placement:

38-6, 7-0 Dual Team Champs
ICE Tournament Champ,
3rd Downers Grove South Dual Team Tournament
2nd at Abes
1st at Princeton
1st at Regionals

Qualified for dual Team State in Bloomington on Feb. 23rd and 24th

Boys Basketball ended losing to Wilmington in the semifinals of the Regional
Overall record 14-18
ICE record 6-8

Sophomore Boys: 16-13 overall
8-6 in ICE Conference

Freshmen Boys: 18-2 Overall

February 26 - Spring Sports begin at the High School
(Girls Soccer, Track & Field, Boys Tennis, Softball, Baseball)

Middle School

Coach: Mrs. Painter
6th Grade Volleyball - 18 - 10 overall
4th Place at Saratoga (3-2 record)

7th Grade Volleyball - 18-3 record
Coach: Ms. Horrie
IVC Champions

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Bolingbrook Bulldog Tournament Champions
Regional Champions
Sectional at Mahomet on Monday 3-4

8th Grade Volleyball
Coach: Mrs. McMurtrey
Record: 10-8-2
IVC: 2nd
Brooks Bulldog Tournament: 3r

Wrestling: First year coach Joey Rivera
Dual Team Record 20-5
Homer Tournament 6th Place
Coaler Invitational 3rd Place
Reed-Custer Panther Invite Champions
Eureka Mid-State Duals 2 - 3 finished in the top 8
Eureka Tournament 5-0
IESA Regional Champs
Qualified 22 wrestlers for the IESA Sectional

Track had 170 students signed-up
Practice starts March 11th
Coaches this year: Mikula, Larson, VanDuyne, Fatigante, Matsko

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COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

1. In regard to agenda items – none.
2. In general (Limited to 5 minutes per person.) – none.

OLD BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION ON FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Superintendent Christopher Spencer updated the Board on the status of the Facilities Improvement Plan. The timing of the turf project has been pushed back due to allowing a few track meets to take place at the high school.

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON NEW PARAPROFESSIONAL EVALUATION TOOL

At the February 28 Board Study Session Meeting, Director of Special Populations, Luke Krippel presented the Board with a draft of the new paraprofessional evaluation tool. This new evaluation tool will go into effect this school year.

Mr. Engelhardt moved and Mr. Hamilton seconded to approve the new paraprofessional evaluation tool, as presented.

Roll Call.

Ayes: Dan Engelhardt, Shawn Hamilton, Mary Gill, Quint Harmon, Cindy Klein, Steve Rogers, Ken Miller

Nays:

Motion: Carried.

C. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPEAL TO THE ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD

The school district filed a tax assessment complaint with the Grundy County Board of Review regarding the assessment of the GE-Hitachi spent nuclear fuel storage facility. The result of that appeal kept the equalized assessed value of the plant at \$6,131,868. The evidence provided by the district's legal counsel warrants a much higher assessed value, which will be pursued at the Illinois PTAB. This is the district's third filing with PTAB.

Mrs. Gill moved and Mr. Harmon seconded to approve the Resolution Authorizing Appeal to the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board as presented, and to waive the reading of the Resolution.

Roll Call.

Ayes: Mary Gill, Quint Harmon, Dan Engelhardt, Shawn Hamilton, Cindy Klein, Steve Rogers, Ken Miller

Nays:

Motion: Carried.

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D. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON NEW TEACHER BASE SALARY

At the February 28 Board Study Session Meeting, Superintendent Christopher Spencer discussed the based salary for new certified staff. The final number is \$47,500, which is a 1.5% increase.

Mrs. Klein move and Mr. Engelhardt seconded to approve the new teacher base salary, as presented.

Roll Call.

Ayes: Cindy Klein, Dan Engelhardt, Mary Gill, Shawn Hamilton, Quint Harmon, Steve Rogers, Ken Miller

Nays:

Motion: Carried.

E. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON ACCEPTING THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BID FOR HIGH SCHOOL BLEACHERS REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Bids for the high school bleacher replacement project were reviewed via online conference call on Monday, February 26, 2024. CSBO Jason Smith updated the Board with the results of the high school bleacher replacement project bid opening.

Mrs. Gill moved and Mr. Hamilton seconded to approve the total base bid from Larson Equipment & Furniture Co., which includes a \$6,000 contingency allowance is \$181,300.

Roll Call.

Ayes: Dan Engelhardt, Mary Gill, Shawn Hamilton, Quint Harmon, Cindy Klein, Steve Rogers, Ken Miller

Nays:

Motion: Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON THE DONATION FROM THE ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

A donation in the amount of \$1,000.00 was received the Athletic Boosters for branding at the middle school. The Board thanked the Athletic Boosters and are appreciative of the donation.

Mr. Engelhardt moved and Mrs. Klein seconded to approve the donation from the Athletic Boosters, as presented.

Roll Call.

Ayes: Dan Engelhardt, Cindy Klein, Mary Gill, Shawn Hamilton, Quint Harmon, Steve Rogers, Ken Miller

Nays:

Motion: Carried.

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B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON THE DONATION FROM THE LIL COALERS WRESTLING PROGRAM

A donation in amount of \$9,412.80 was received for the Lil Coalers Wrestling Program. This donation will go towards the purchase of wrestling singlets, warm-up jackets and shorts for the high school wrestling program. The Board thanked the Lil Coalers for their donation and are happy to see the groups working together for the betterment of the athletic program and the school district.

Mr. Hamilton moved and Mr. Rogers seconded to approve the donation from the Lil Coalers Wrestling Program, as presented.

Roll Call.

Ayes: Shawn Hamilton, Steve Rogers, Dan Engelhardt, Mary Gill, Quint Harmon, Cindy Klein, Ken Miller

Nays:

Motion: Carried.

OPEN FOR ITEMS NOT KNOWN AT AGENDA PREPARATION TIME

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

1. In regard to agenda items – none.
2. In general (Limited to 5 minutes per person.) – none.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Harmon moved and Mr. Engelhardt seconded to go to closed session at 6:47 p.m. for the purpose of considering information regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, and collective bargaining matters.

Roll Call.

Ayes: Quint Harmon, Dan Engelhardt, Mary Gill, Shawn Hamilton, Cindy Klein, Steve Rogers, Ken Miller

Nays:

Motion: Carried.

Mr. Engelhardt moved and Mrs. Klein seconded to return to open session at 6:55 p.m.

Roll Call.

Ayes: Dan Engelhardt, Cindy Klein, Mary Gill, Shawn Hamilton, Quint Harmon, Steve Rogers, Ken Miller

Nays:

Motion: Carried.

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ACTION AS A RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Engelhardt moved and Mr. Rogers seconded to approve the agreement between the Board of Education and SEIU 73.

Roll Call.

Ayes: Dan Engelhardt, Steve Rogers, Mary Gill, Shawn Hamilton, Quint Harmon, Cindy Klein, Ken Miller

Nays:

Motion: Carried.

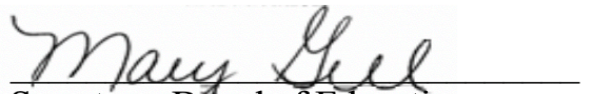
**BOARD STUDY SESSION OF THE WHOLE DATE: MARCH 27, 2024 @ 6:00 P.M.
In Coal City CUSD #1 Administrative Center Boardroom**

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE: APRIL 3, 2024 @ 6:00 P.M.
In Coal City CUSD #1 Administrative Center Boardroom**

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Harmon moved and Mr. Engelhardt seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m. President Miller asked if there was any opposition to the motion, hearing none considers the motion approved.


President, Board of Education


Secretary, Board of Education