

**Coal City Community Unit School District #1
Board Study Session of the Whole Minutes
Wednesday, January 31, 2024**

Roll Call.

President Miller called the Study Session meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Coal City Community Unit School District #1 Boardroom. In attendance were Board members Dan Engelhardt, Mary Gill, Shawn Hamilton, Steve Rogers, and Ken Miller. Also, in attendance were Superintendent Christopher Spencer, CSBO Jason Smith, Director of Special Populations Luke Krippel, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Jennifer Kenney, Board Secretary LaWanda Gagliardo, and Community Relations Specialist Ann Gill. Board Member Quint Harmon arrived at 6:02, and Board Member Cindy Klein was absent. President Miller led the Board and others present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Discussion on Demolition of Former Unit Office Building

CSBO Jason Smith discussed the possible demolition of the building at 100 S. Baima. As part of the Health and Life Safety Inspection and Fire Inspection, the district will have to determine the benefit, and cost analysis of maintaining, demolishing, or removing the structure of the former District Office. Whatever decision the Board makes, the current tenants will be given a ninety (90) day notice. Mr. Spencer will arrange a meeting Help for Hope and inform them of the Board's decision when that's determined. The district has assisted Help for Hope with its fundraising efforts, and this assistance will continue.

It was also discussed that the State has grants for historical properties based on the age of the building, and possibly a historical tax credit. This grant could possibly pay for renovations. This is something Mr. Spencer said he would look further into.

Discussion on 2023 Facilities Improvement Plan Update

Superintendent Christopher provided the Board with an update on the 2023 Facilities Improvement Plan. Bids for the football field, softball field, track field, tennis court and baseball field have gone out. Board discussed the bidders and what was recommended as the best material for what the Board would like to accomplish. The Board discussed the various materials, thermos properties, how they splash, how well the products the drains, and what happens when students would slide. The Board would like to see the price differential between the products, the process and cost of maintenance, and the warranty details. The Board would also like, if possible, to see a mockup of the various products and other schools that already have the new fields installed. The Board discussed the timeframe the work would need to take place, and if/when outside organizations would utilize the fields. The quoted cost was brought up and it was mentioned that the competitive bidding process is what could've driven the price down.

Bids for the middle school concession stand and restrooms will go out soon. Mr. Smith will meet with furniture vendors and hope to get a group of teachers together to discuss what is needed/wanted and hope to have mock classrooms put together by spring and things will move forward from there.

Discussion on Health Life Safety Update

CSBO Jason Smith provided the Board with an update on the Health Life Safety Survey. The decennial study identified several projects per building. The priority projects identified will need to

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be completed within the first year, and remaining projects will need to be completed in five years. All projected costs are based on current prices and not what it could/would be in the future.

Discussion on K-12 Fees

Superintendent Christopher Spencer discussed the K-12 school, and athletic entrance fees. Mr. Spencer discussed possible district fee increases for FY25, FY26, and to hold the fees for FY27. The rate increase will be presented at the February Board meeting for consideration.

Discussion on Preschool

Director of Special Populations, Luke Krippel discussed preschool at the Early Childhood Center. Mr. Krippel discussed the possible closure of a local preschool program and what that could possibly look like for the district moving forward. Several years ago, the Board considered tuition-based preschool. The Board asked Mr. Krippel to investigate what this change to the community could have on the district and present the data at a future Board meeting.

Discussion on Revised District Policies

The following District Policies have been revised and submitted for review. The first reading took place at the December 6 Board meeting, and the second reading on the January 3 Board meeting. This is the third and reading. The Board will not be adopting policy 7:60. Board President Miller thanked the Board Policy for taking the time to thoroughly discuss the revised policies. The Board will approve the revised policies at the February 7, Board meeting.

2:20	Powers and Duties of the School Board; Indemnification
2:10	Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board Officers
2:120	Board Member Development
2:150-AP	Superintendent Committees
2:200	Types of School Board Meetings
2:220	School Board Meeting Procedure
2:20-E2	Motion to Adjourn of Closed Meeting
2:220-E6	Log of Closed Meeting Minutes
3:50	Administrative Personnel Other than the Superintendent
4:10	Fiscal and Business Management
4:30	Revenue and Investments
4:60	Purchases and Contracts
4:60-AP1	Purchases
4:80-AP2	Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Awareness Program
4:90	Student Activity and Fiduciary Funds
4:130	Free and Reduced-Price Food Services
4:130-E	Free and Reduced-Price Food Services; Meal Charge Notifications
4:160	Environmental Quality of Buildings and Grounds
4:160-AP	Environmental Quality of Buildings and Grounds
4:170	Safety
4:170-AP1	Comprehensive Safety and Security Plan
5:30	Hiring Process and Criteria

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5:50	Drug- and Alcohol-Free Workplace; E-Cigarette, Tobacco, and Cannabis Prohibition
5:90	Abused and Neglected Child Reporting
5:90-AP1	Coordination with Children's Advocacy Center
5:120	Employee Ethics; Code of Professional Conduct, and Conflict of Interest
5:120-AP2	Employee Conduct Standards
5:150	Personnel Records
5:150-AP	Personnel Records
5:190	Teacher Qualifications
5:200	Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal
5:210	Resignations
5:220	Substitute Teachers
5:220-AP	Substitute Teachers
5:250	Leaves of Absence
5:285-AP	Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus and Commercial Vehicle Drivers
5:330	Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays and Leaves
6:15	School Accountability
6:20	School Year Calendar and Day
6:30	Organization of Instruction
6:50	School Wellness
6:60	Curriculum Content
6:60-AP1	Comprehensive Health Education Program
6:65	Student Social and Emotional Development
6:230	Library Media Program
6:230-AP	Responding to Complaints About Library Media Resources
6:270	Guidance and Counseling Program
6:280	Grading and Promotion
7:50	School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools
7:60	Residence
7:70	Attendance and Truancy
7:160	Student Appearance
7:165	School Uniforms
7:190	Student Behavior
7:190-AP9	Administrative Transfer to Regional Safe School Program
7:250	Student Support Services
7:270	Administering Medicines to Students
7:270-AP2	Checklist for District Supply of Undesignated Asthma Medication(s), Epinephrine Injectors, Opioid Antagonists, and/or Glucagon
7:285	Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response, and Management Program
7:285-AP	Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response, and Management Program

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7:290	Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention
7:290-AP	Resource Guide for Implementation of Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention Program
7:345	Use of Educational Technologies: Student Data and Privacy and Security
7:345-AP	Use of Educational Technologies: Student Data and Privacy and Security
8:30	Visitors to and Conduct on School Property

Discussion on FY25 School Calendar

Superintendent Christopher Spencer provided the Board with an update on the FY25 School Calendar. When considering the calendar Mr. Spencer tries to align with the vocational center and surrounding districts given shared programs. A final version of the calendar will be presented for consideration at the February 7, Board meeting.

Discussion on Board of Review Hearings

Superintendent Christopher Spencer updated the Board on the status of the following property tax objections being heard by the Grundy County Board of Review:

- General Electric-Hitachi
- Parcel #06-21-276-003

Superintendent Christopher Spencer informed the Board that the Board of Review hearing on GE Hitachi will be Thursday, February 1. The district's legal team has all five contracts for regarding GE Hitachi and the spent nuclear storage at that facility, and believe the property is being under assessed. Mr. Spencer and Board President Miller plan on attending the meeting and will provide an update at the next Board meeting.

Discussion on Middle School Clean-up

Superintendent Christopher Spencer provided the Board with an update on the clean-up at the middle school due to a crack in the sprinkler system. A sprinkler unit in the principal's office cracked and caused a considerable amount of water damage. New office furniture had to be ordered, new drywall has been installed, and painting will take place later in the week. The front office staff had to set up in the commons area, and they all have done a fantastic job at adjusting to the temporary setup. Mr. Spencer thanked Mr. Smith for being one of the first people on the scene and jumping in and cleaning up the water. Mr. Smith also contacted ServPro to come in and take care of the bulk of the cleaning etc... Mr. Spencer also thanked Mr. Wickiser and the district custodians who came in and worked on their days off, that assistance was appreciated.

Finance Reports

The bank statements, monthly revenue, expenditure summary reports, check reconciliation report, cash report, and cleared check report for December were enclosed for review. Detailed reports were available in the Business Office for review prior to the meeting. The Treasurer's report, investment report, and lunch report for December were also enclosed for review.

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- a) Items not known at agenda preparation time – none.
- b) Sharing Ideas / Information – none.

Closed Session

At 7:39 p.m. a motion made by Mr. Rogers and seconded by Mr. Engelhardt to go into closed session for the purpose of considering information regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, student discipline, performance, dismissal of specific employees, and administrative contracts.

Roll Call.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cindy Klein

Motion: Carried.

Mr. Engelhardt moved, and Mr. Hamilton seconded to return to open session at 7:57 p.m.

Roll Call.

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

Nays:

Absent: Cindy Klein

Motion: Carried.

Adjournment

Mr. Harmon moved, and Mr. Engelhardt seconded to adjourn at 7:57 p.m. the Board Study Session of the Whole meeting.

Kenneth P. Miller, President

Mary Gill, Secretary