

**Coal City Community Unit School District #1
Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 6, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

President Miller called the public hearing on the proposed property tax increase for Coal City Community Unit School District #1 to order at 6:00 p.m. with the board members answering roll call present: Dan Engelhardt, Mary Gill, 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. Board Member Shawn Hamilton was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE FOR COAL CITY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #1

President Miller stated that the Board of Education approved a tentative 2023 property tax levy on Wednesday, November 1, 2023. A notice was published in the Coal City Courant newspaper on Wednesday, November 22, 2023. CSBO Jason Smith provided the Board and present guest, with a brief summary of how the Levy dollar amount was determined. President Miller asked if any guests wanted to make a comment on the proposed property tax increase. President Miller asked again if there were any further questions or comments, and hearing none, considered the public hearing on the proposed property tax increase closed.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

1. In regard to agenda items – Board President Miller asked if anyone in attendance wanted to make any comments, and if so, each guest would be allotted five (5) minutes. Matt Melvin, a Coal City resident was in attendance and read a brief statement to the Board regarding the tax levy.

CALL TO ORDER

After the public hearing, President Miller called the regular meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. with the board members answering roll call present: Dan Engelhardt, Mary Gill, 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. Board Member Shawn Hamilton was absent.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Introduction/acknowledgement of guests.

It was determined that Theatre Director Jack Micetich, and High School Band Director, Hope Connelly did not need to be in attendance.

Coal City Madrigals were in attendance and performed a small portion of their show. The

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Madrigals are under the direction of Shannon D'Agostino and Ann Gill. The Board and Superintendent Spencer thanked the students for their performance. Mr. Spencer informed the Board of the dates for the Madrigals upcoming performances.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

1. In regard to agenda items – none.
2. In general (Limited to 5 minutes per person.) - Julia Knittel, a Coal City resident, was in attendance to address the Board regarding the foreign exchange student her family is hosting graduation status. The Board thanked her for her time, as well as Mr. Spencer. Mr. Spencer will follow up with Mrs. Knittel at a later date.

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:

<u>Group</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Date</u>
CC Soccer Club	IS	11/29/23-12/21/23
YMCA	ES	03/25/24-04/01/24
Cub Scouts	ECC	11/15/23
Step By Step	PAC	12/13/23

Roll Call.

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

Nays:

Absent: Shawn Hamilton

Motion: Carried.

MINUTES

November 1, 2023 - Regular Meeting
November 30, 2023 Special Board Meeting

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

None.
None.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Activity Fund Reports – October 2023
Treasurer's Report – October 2023
Monthly Manual Check Report – November 2023
Payroll Report – November 2023
Accounts Payable Report – December 2023

PERSONNEL

Resignations

- Angelina Acosta – 1:1 Special Ed Aide at the Early Childhood Center. Ms. Acosta's last day was November 10, 2023.

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- Sue Hiles – 3hr Food Server at the Middle School. Ms. Hiles’ last day was November 13, 2022.
- Anne Sieben – 1:1 Special Ed Aide at the High School. Ms. Sieben’s last day will be December 8, 2023.

Employments - *pending satisfactory completion of all state requirements*

- Angelina Acosta – 1:1 Special Ed Aide at the High School.
- Kiana Anderson – 1:1 Special Ed Aide at the Early Childhood Center. Ms. Anderson is replacing Angelica Acosta.
- Amy Bova – full-time Classroom Aide at the Middle School. Ms. Bova is covering Gina Pens leave.
- Derek Cockream – Maintenance Worker for the District. Mr. Cockream is replacing Jason McGoldrick.
- Raquel Drinkwine – 5th Grade ASAP Sponsor at the Intermediate School.
- Alyssa Pavey – full-time Classroom Aide at the Elementary School. Ms. Pavey will start December 6, 2023.
- Cassandra Wilkins – 3-hr Food Server at the High School.
- Abigail Eberhard - Permanent Sub for Clerical/Paraprofessional for the District.

Leave Request

- Leah Hajdu – Accounts Payable Clerk at the Unit Office – Ms. Hajdu is requesting a thirty (30) day paid medical leave from approximately Wednesday, December 6, 2023 through Friday, January 19, 2024. Ms. Hajdu will utilize five (5) vacation days from approximately Monday, January 22, 2024 through Friday, January 26, 2024. Ms. Hajdu is also requesting a twenty-five (25) day unpaid FMLA from approximately Monday, January 29, 2024 through Wednesday, March 6, 2024. Ms. Hajdu plans to return back to work Thursday, March 7, 2024.

Extra-Curricular Assignments

- Meagan Van Duyne – Middle School Speech Coach

Job Descriptions

High School Athletic/Activities Director

ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS

A. EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER REPORT

Principal Davidson Reported:

Calendar of Events:

December 1st - Madrigal Performance @ 1:10 p.m.

December 4th - SPED Team Meeting @ 2:55 p.m.

December 5th - A Team Meeting @ 2:55pm

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

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December 7th - Staff Culture Committee Meeting @ 2:55 p.m.
December 8th - PreK “in-house” Field Trip (musical performance)
December 11th - Beans-and-Bites @ 7:30 a.m.
December 11th - Specials Team Meeting @ 2:55 p.m.
December 12th - Kindergarten Team Meeting @ 11:15 a.m.
December 12th - 1st Grade Team Meeting @ 12:15 p.m.
December 12th - Behavior Committee Meeting @ 2:55 p.m.
December 13th - Early Dismissal
December 14th - Student Culture Committee Meeting @ 2:55 p.m.
December 15th - Santa’s Workshop
December 15th - GCN Deadline
December 18th - Custodian Meeting @ 2:55 p.m.
December 18th - PreK Family Engagement Night @ CCHS Performing Arts Center
December 19th - PreK Team Meeting @ 10:45 a.m.
December 19th - A Team Meeting @ 2:55 p.m.
December 20th - Academic Committee Meeting @ 2:55 p.m.
December 21st - Holiday Dance Party
December 21st - School Improvement Committee Meeting @ 2:55 p.m.
December 22nd - Early Dismissal
December 23rd - January 8th - Winter Break
January 9th - School Resumes

Current Enrollment:

PreK:	176
Kindergarten:	149
1st Grade:	129
Total:	454

Completed Safety Drills:

- 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)
- September 28th - Fire Drill

Month-in-Review:

- Students have been working on “Gobbling Up Good Behavior” for the month of November. Students were able to use their special turkey coupons in the school super store this month and place the turkey tickets in a bucket for a special prize. On Thursday, November 30th, students started the day in the gym with announcements and the pledge of allegiance. After announcements, 10 names were drawn from the turkey tickets for a \$5 gift card to McDonald’s! Students were excited to cheer on their classmates.
- Wednesday, November 8th, 10 students were treated to a movie and popcorn in the office for having Super Hallway Behavior the month of October.

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- On Friday, November 10th, all ECC students took a trip over to CCHS to view the middle school musical - High School Musical, Jr. The preschool students were so excited to ride the “big” bus and watch the “big” kids perform. Kudos to CCMS for an amazing show!
- The ECC is a very special place to be during the holiday season, so we are gearing up for the most magical month of the year - December!

Recognition:

- Congratulations to Gina Hiles! She got married on Friday, November 17th. Gina is an aide in our cross-categorical special education classroom.
- Beans-and-Bites comes to the ECC once a month to provide coffee and pastries. It is so special to see former students and a great way to start a Monday morning!

B. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Trotter reported:

Calendar of Events:

December 4th: ES Yearbook Pics
December 6th: Learning With Ludes
December 13th: Early Dismissal (11:45)
December 14th: Santa's Workshop
December 22nd: Early Dismissal (11:45)
December 25th-January 5th: Winter Break
January 8th: Teacher Institute

ES Enrollment:

2nd Grade: 145 students
3rd Grade: 153 students
Total: 298 (enrolled as of 11/29/2023)

Personnel:

- No personnel changes at this time. We are still looking for a classroom aide for Mrs. Watson's 3rd grade class.

CCES Happenings and Recognitions:

- Even though it was very cold (and snowing), our students did a great job of showing off for the families during our Halloween parade on October 31st.
- Before Thanksgiving Break, we welcomed parents into the building for a Reader's Theater performance of *Thanksgiving at the Tappletons* and *Turk and Runt*. The students did a terrific job learning their lines and acting for the families.
- I want to recognize our very own second grade teacher, Liz Friddle. Liz was nominated and won the Smart-Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award through the VFW Post 5422. She was presented with this annual award on November 13th. From

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here she is entered into the VFW State Award and if she wins there, Liz will move on to the National Award. Mrs. Friddle does an amazing job with our students and we are all so proud of her.

- I would like to thank Denny Wickiser for getting the outside lights on our building working. Many times, when I come to work in the morning it is still dark and the lights brighten the sidewalks nicely. Thanks Denny!

C. INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Carlson reported:

Calendar of Events:

12/1 CCHS Madrigals Performance at CCIS 2:10-2:40
12/4 - 12/8 Toy Drive Week 2
12/4 SAP 3:00 p.m.
12/5 PBS 3:00 p.m.
12/6 School Store 7:40 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.
12/6 A Team 3:00 p.m.
12/7 Stuffed Animal Day
12/8 Coalers Spirit Day
12/7 CPI 3:00 p.m.
12/11 SpEd Team 3:00 p.m.
12/12 TALC 3:00 p.m.
12/13 Student Council Meeting 7:30 a.m.
12/13 Erin's Law Presentations 9:15 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
12/13 11:35 a.m. Dismissal
12/14 Hawaiian Holiday Day
12/14 LLT at CCFD 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
12/14 Support Staff Meeting 3:00 p.m.
12/15 Coalers Spirit and Holiday Hat Day
12/18 SpEd Team 3:00 p.m.
12/19 Lockdown Drill 10:30 a.m.
12/19 PBS 3:00 p.m.
12/20 Santa's Workshop during PE
12/20 4th, 5th, Specials Team Meetings 3:00 a.m.
12/21 Holiday Pajama Day
12/21 Custodians Meeting 3:00 a.m.
12/22 Holiday Attire Day
12/22 PBS Event *Dashing Through the Halls* 9:30 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.
12/23-1/7 Winter Break

Current Enrollment:

4th Grade 131

5th Grade 137

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Total: 268 This includes four 4th grade students 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
Lockdown	8/25/23
Bus Evacuation	8/30/23
Armed Intruder	9/18/23

Previous Month in Review:

- During the week of November 6th, we hosted our annual Grandparents Week. Over the course of 5 days, we had **395** grandparents at CCIS! Our special guests were able to spend an hour with their student in PE class and Library time. We had more positive remarks this year than ever before! Everyone really enjoyed playing or watching the low-impact 4-square volleyball game (using a large beach ball), two picture stations, cookies, BINGO, and time spent visiting with each other. We chose this particular week so we could talk about and encourage the grandparents to attend Family Reading Night at the public library (on Thursday, November 16th), which takes place annually on the third Thursday in November. Family Reading Night is sponsored by the Illinois Secretary of State, the State Librarian, and the Illinois State Library's *Illinois Center for the Book* in order to encourage families to spend quality time reading together.
- On November 10th, we walked to CCHS to see part of *High School Musical, Jr.*, the CCMS musical.
- CCIS celebrated World Kindness Day on Monday, November 13th by wearing blue shirts and collecting laundry soap donations for Help for Hope.
- Members of our local VFW St. Juvin Post 1336 came to CCIS on November 14th for an assembly on how to officially fold the American flag. The students enjoyed the presentation, as well as, asking the Veterans questions. They really liked the flag pins and flag stars the Vets gave them. We also went outside to the Veterans Monument to look for last names the students might recognize and to see the new plaque markers at the base of the 6 flags of the armed forces, which were added by Ethan Bach. Ethan is a Senior at CCHS, who is a Life Scout with Troop 466 in Coal City. In order to earn his Eagle rank, he needed to complete a project that benefited the community and showed leadership in the process of completing it. Ethan did a fantastic job with the plaques.
- We practiced Sheltering-in-Place on 11/15. This was our second Storm Drill of the school year, and the students did very well.
- Mrs. Vignocchi organized and offered a Scholastic Book Fair during the week of November 27th. Students were happy to purchase books and posters. Betsy Stahler and Colette Kirby volunteered at the Book Fair.
- We have 20 fifth grade students who are a part of the CCMS wrestling team. Their season began on 11/27. Fourth grader teacher, Joey Rivera, is the new head coach this year.
- We currently have 25 students in ASAP (After School Assistance Program); 10 in 4th grade and 15 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.

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- We held the following “Theme Thursday” spirit days this past month: Flannel Day, Anything BUT a Backpack Day, Tech Day, Fall Colors Day, Thanksgiving Shirt Day, Fort Day Read-a-thon.
- Every Friday was Coalers Spirit Day at CCIS!

Student Recognition:

- Congratulations to following Students of the Week:
Week of 10/30: Max Marketti, Daniel Matsko, Sienna Ruffato, Hazel D'Arcy
Week of 11/6: Cody Olson, Savanah Dick, Hunter Sharwarko, Kenley Dearth
Week of 11/13: Addy Tinsley, Bainen Durkee, Vivian Hannon, Malakai Rios
Week of 11/27: Arianna Hernandez, Bryce O'brien, Vesper Yarshen, Jacob Medina-Flores
- Congratulations to this year's CCIS t-shirt Design Contest winner, Vesper Yarshen!

Staff Recognition:

- I want to recognize the following staff members who received the weekly CCIS Kudos:
 - Mrs. Cowherd for all her help with CCIS Pizza Night
 - Mrs. Sieger for making the Halloween office door decoration AND for volunteering on Halloween morning
 - Mrs. Vignocchi for hosting 12 rounds of Grandparents during our Grandparents Week
 - Mrs. Scrogam for running the office and health aide duties while Mrs. Budde is out

D. MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Johnson reported:

Calendar of Events:

November 30	5 th /6 th Grade Band Concert – 7:00 p.m. – CCHS
December 6	Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – Unit Office
December 12	CCMS Cadet and Jazz Band Concert – 7:00 p.m. – CCHS
December 13	12:00 p.m. EARLY DISMISSAL Staff Development Day
December 19	CCMS Grade Chorus Concert – 7:30 p.m. – CCHS
December 22	End of 2 nd Quarter 12:00 p.m. EARLY DISMISSAL
Dec. 23 - Jan. 7	NO SCHOOL – Winter Break
January 4	Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – Unit Office
January 6	CCMS Coaler Wrestling Invite - CCHS
January 8	Teacher Institute Day
January 9	Classes Resume

Personnel Report:

I would like to thank Rick Druse for serving as Gina Horrie's sub as she was out on medical

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leave. Gina returned to work on November 27 from her medical leave.

CCMS Attendance:

6th Grade 164

7th Grade 162

8th Grade 166

Total: 492

Month in Review:

- CCMS held a BLT Meeting on November 1 to discuss Fall Aimsweb scores and the start of the school year. The BLT Team also reevaluated students in intervention and made changes to offer academic support to students who are struggling. BLT members are Sarah Veronda, Michelle Painter, Tommy Fatigante, Robin Fincher, Michelle Sobieck and Sharon Swink.
- On November 2, Cealy DePersia, CCMS Social Worker, and Craig Warner, CCHS Social Worker, took a group of middle school and high school students to participate in POPS (Peers Offering Positive Solutions). This is a leadership conference with other local schools including Morris, Wilmington and Reed Custer. Mrs. DePersia had approximately 40 middle school students participate in the leadership training.
- The CCMS Speech team competed in the IESA Speech Contest on Saturday, November 4 at Morris Saratoga Grade School. CCMS Students competed in a variety of events during the contest. Coal City Middle School ended the day with fourteen first-place finishes, four second- place finishes. Please congratulate the following students on their performances in the following categories:

Improv Duet Acting: Abi Rose and Brady Pierson Maloriee Jones and Kat Veronda Cele Gordon and Izzy Street Impromptu Speaking: Owen Burla Jaiden Leman Brady Pierson Tyson Harding Solo Acting Hailee Offdenkamp Abi Rose Elly Nicholson Penny D’Arcy	Duet Acting Jaiden Leman and Grace Sitar Jaycee Chase and Penny D’Arcy Maloriee Jones and Kat Veronda Cele Gordon and Izzy Street Small Group Acting Jaycee Chase, Penny D’Arcy, and Emma Sinkular Poetry Owen Burla Original Script (he wrote it himself!) Xavier Baer
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- In addition to the first and second place finishes, two CCMS entries earned the Judges’ Choice Award. Each judge is allowed to pick the top two performances that they see for the entire day. Congratulations to Penny D’Arcy and Jaycee Chase for receiving this

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award for their duet, Sister, You're Crazy, and to Jaiden Leman for his impromptu speech on how he spends his weekends. Coaches Mrs. Munsterman, Mrs. Sobieck, and Mrs. Van Duyne are very proud of the work and preparation each of the students put into getting ready for the contest.

- On Saturday, November 4, Tess Jeschke represented CCMS at the ILMEA Middle School Concert held at Berwyn High School in Cicero, IL. Tess auditioned for this group and was selected with other outstanding musicians from the area. Tess spent the day practicing with other middle school students and then performed a concert on the evening of November 4. Congrats to Tess and Mr. Brimm on this great accomplishment.
- Congratulations to Jack Micetich and the cast of "High School Musical Jr". The students worked extremely hard to prepare for the show. The students performed on November 9, 11 and 12. All of the production was outstanding from the singing to the acting to the stage design. It was once again a great showcase for our students and the musical and acting talents that they have. All three performances were well attended and we saw great community support for our musical. Special thanks to Mr. Micetich and his creative team (Ann Gill, Shannon D'Agostino and Kim Scerine) for their hard work, long hours, organization and flexibility in working with the students and their busy schedules.
- On November 10, the CCMS Student Council held their Fall Dance. We had a great turnout for the dance and the theme for the dance was "Black Out". Students were able to dance, have fun and purchase items from the student council. The money raised will be go to other student events at CCMS.
- Coal City Middle School is focusing on a new character trait each month and students from all three grade levels are being recognized for displaying that trait. The students are nominated by their grade level and Encore teachers.
- Friendship was the trait selected for the month and the grade level students were selected by their peers. Teachers from each grade level introduced the honored students and shared a few comments made by their friends. Each of the students received a certificate and a gift card during an assembly on Wednesday, November 22nd.

Students who stood out to their peers as being a good friend were:

Sixth grade—Gabby Byers and Tristen Brncich

Seventh grade—Marina Figge and Jonah Micetich

Eighth grade—Gianna Carver and Sawyer Bennett

Encore [selected by teachers]—Charlotte Banks and Kevin Bitner

CCMS students observed Thanksgiving Break from November 22-26.

On November 27, CCMS Wrestling and Volleyball started their winter seasons.

CCMS will be hosting our Fall/Winter Concerts in the month of December. Performances are:

- **5/6th Band Concert**-Thursday, November 30th
- **Jazz/Concert Band Concert**-Tuesday, December 12th
- **8th Chorus Concert**- Tuesday, December 19th

All of the musical performances will be held at the Coal City Performing Arts Center and
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will start at 7:00 p.m. Best of luck to Mr. Brimm and Mr. Kren on these upcoming shows and we hope you are able to come out and see the concerts and see our students showcase their musical talents.

E. HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Stafford reported:

Calendar of Events:

- December 5 - Holiday Choir Concert
- December 6 - Author/guest speaker assembly
- December 7-9 - Madrigals
- December 14 - Holiday Band Concert
- December 20-22 - First Semester Final Exams
- December 22 - Winter Break Begins

Month in Review:

- Challenge Day Assembly - CCHS held an all-school assembly on November 1st. The focus was on being kind to others and showing a willingness to understand everyone has their own burdens and difficulties to deal with. Students got up to talk about personal stories and experiences and how they intend to try to have a positive attitude moving forward.
- PSAT/NMSQT was given at CCHS on October 17 to all freshmen, sophomores and juniors. This was the first time the test was given digitally. Scores indicated that CCHS as a whole was on track. Data will be used to inform instruction and help identify students who may benefit from additional support.
- St. Francis Campus Visit - The high school attended it's second fall campus visit on November 8th to the University of St. Francis. A group of twelve students got to meet with an admissions counselor and partnered up with current students to take a campus tour and learn about why the school may be a good fit for them. USF and ISU were chosen as campuses to visit this fall as a high number of CCHS students have graduated and attended both schools in recent years. In the spring, the school plans to schedule visits to U of I, JJC and Bradley University.

Recognition:

- Illinois State Scholars - Twelve Coal City High School students received the prestigious Illinois State Scholar award. Seniors Dominic Cimino, Jared Counterman, Jim Feeney, Amelia Fritz, Alaina Gill, Ava Houston, Kylie Jackson, Kevin McConnell, Ryland Megyeri, Kylee Scheer, Abby Stiles and Keaton Stroner all earned the honor. To qualify, students must be in the top one half of their graduating class and score at or above the

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95th percentile on the SAT or ACT. Students will be recognized at an upcoming home basketball game. Congrats to these students for their achievements.

- Spanish National Honors Society - The Spanish Honors Society inducted the following new members in a ceremony held on November 1st.

Corinna Barkley	Owen Kent
Jacob Cimino	Kenzie Lovell
Riley Clements	Ava Meyer
Korbyn Crist	Alaina Morales
Lilly Feisley	Mason Natyshok
Peyton Gibson	Allyssa Parks
Kamryn Hansen	Madalyn Petersen
Grace Heatherwick	Katherine Promis
Alyssa Hray	Anthony Royster
Ava Houston	Mayson Wantroba
William Johnke	Dylan Young

To be eligible for induction, students must earn a 85% or higher in three consecutive years of Spanish or score a 3 or higher on the AP Spanish Language exam. Congratulations to these students.

- Students of the Month - CCHS will be recognizing the November students of the month at an all-school assembly next week. The character trait for the month was organization.

Current Enrollment:

Freshman: 165

Sophomore: 183

Junior: 146

Senior: 145

Total: 639

Discipline Report:

Inappropriate Behavior/Comments - 4

Vaping - 8

Battery - 1

Technology Violation - 1

F. SPECIAL POPULATIONS REPORT

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Director Krippel reported:

Preschool for All (PFA) Monitoring Visit

The district's Preschool for All (PFA) program recently had a monitoring visit from the Illinois State Board of Education. Each of our PFA classrooms were evaluated using a very intensive rubric with numerous components. A summary of the results as well as each classroom's results are listed below. Mrs. Davidson and her preschool team plan to examine the results together and determine five goals moving forward. These goals will then be submitted to ISBE and updated annually. Mrs. Davidson deserves the highest praise for leading this team to impressive results.

[24032000126 Coal City CUSD 1 FY24 Facility Report PFA.pdf](#)

[24032000126 Coal City CUSD 1 FY24 ECERS 3 Harseim PFA.pdf](#)

[24032000126 Coal City CUSD 1 FY24 ECERS 3 McGrath PFA.pdf](#)

[24032000126 Coal City CUSD 1 FY24 ECERS 3 Villafuerte PFA.pdf](#)

Preschool Updated Weighted Eligibility Documents

As a part of the PFA monitoring visit, child files are randomly selected to be reviewed for all necessary paperwork. As part of the child file, a weighted eligibility form must be completed. Our current practice was to NOT complete a weighted eligibility form for a child with special education services because the eligibility form is unnecessary due to an IEP being an automatic qualifier. After our state compliance visit, we learned that ALL students (even those with special education services) need a completed weighted eligibility. In order to make our current form useful, a few adjustments were made.

- PDT (preschool diagnostic team) evaluation was added to the percentile ranks.
- The following were added as "automatic qualifiers" to the list of Risk Factors
 - Transitioned directly from Early Intervention

The adjustments made ensure our Weighted Eligibility form is in compliance with the requirements for the PFA grant from the state of Illinois.

[PreK Data Collection Form.pdf](#)

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>
147	53	42	53	72	367
+4					+4

<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>
3	7	16	30	63	119
			+2	+1	+3

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<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>
9	5	4	0	18	0

<i>Out of District Placements</i>				
<i>Elim</i>	<i>Morris HS (ELL)</i>	<i>Oswego SD308</i>	<i>High Road</i>	<i>Total Students</i>
1	1	1	7	10

<i>Miscellaneous Student Data</i>	
<i>ELL</i>	<i>Homeless</i>
27	11

<i>Preschool for All Grant (PFA)</i>	
<i>Current Students</i>	<i>Open Spots</i>
51	9

<i>Overall Preschool Numbers</i>			
<i>Current Students</i>	<i>IEP Openings</i>	<i>At-Risk Openings</i>	<i>Waitlist</i>
177/210	20	13	7

Vacancies:

Full-Time Paraprofessional - Coal City Elementary School
 Full-Time Paraprofessional - Coal City High School

G. CURRICULUM REPORT

Director Kenney reported:

Professional Development:

December 13th will be our next professional learning opportunity. Teachers will have time to review assessment data and improve assessments. During second semester the teachers will begin reviewing social studies materials for adoption for next school year. We will host two

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outside speakers. David Edward Garcia will be presenting a motivational opening address to our teachers. Cheryl Beasley will be working with our math teachers to help increase student success. We will also have Darcy Kriha presenting legal updates to our special education teachers.

News:

CCHS has applied to award the Seal of Biliteracy and the Seal of Commendation to our students who show proficiency in English and Spanish. The seal is an award showing colleges and employers that a student is proficient in multiple languages. Many colleges and universities will recognize the seal and award the student hours in the foreign language that they are proficient in. This award will be based on SAT scores in the English Language, Reading, and Writing sections along with AP scores in AP Language and AP Spanish.

H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Spencer reported:

1. FOIA Requests:

- A request was received from Jim St. Paul from Mid-America Regional Council of Carpenters, requesting all certified payroll submitted by Stray Dog Strength.
 - A request was received from Katharine Casey from the Science of Reading, requesting reading curriculum for grades K-3.
 - A request was received from Patrick Lee from IL State Volunteer for Change the Air Foundation requesting the latest IAQ and Environment Testing for the CCCUD#1 schools.
2. Zannah Affaneh, a student at St. Xavier University, will intern with Cassie Spicer, Speech Pathologist at the Early Childhood center, for the second semester.
 3. Monthly student enrollment figures were available for review.

DATES TO REMEMBER

December 4 – ES Yearbook Pictures
December 5 – HS Choral Concert @ 7:00 p.m.
December 8 – 10th – Madrigals Dinners
December 12 – MS Band Concert @ 7:00 p.m.
December 13 – Early Dismissal
December 14 – HS Band Concert @ 7:00 p.m.
December 19 – MS Choral Concert @ 7:00 p.m.
December 20 – 22 HS Final Exams
December 22 – Early Dismissal
December 23 – January 7 – Winter Break No School
January 3 – Board Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
January 8 – Teacher Institute/No Student Attendance
January 9 – Classes Resume

I. GRUNDY AREA VOCATIONAL CENTER REPORT

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Mr. Engelhardt reported:

1. Director Copes updated the Board of Control on the Student to Apprenticeship.
2. Director Copes discussed the sophomore tours that took place on November 16. There were 794 sophomore students that signed up to participate.
3. Director Copes discussed the meeting coming up with Assistant Director Gierke, Patty Zuccarello and each district's Pathway coordinators to complete two more pathways. (Health Science and Education)
4. Director Copes updated the Board of Control on the December calendar.
5. Director Copes discussed the FY25 school calendar.
6. The Board of Control approved the lowest responsible bid from Horton Group for Insurance and Workers Compensation renewal.
7. The Board of Control approved entering an agreement with American Fidelity for additional benefit resources at no cost to the Center or Board of Control.
8. The Board of Control accepted the resignation of Alyssa Dearth as Health Occupations Instructor on December 15, 2023.
9. The Board of Control approved hiring Shannon Mahnke as Health Occupations Instructor beginning the second semester to replace Mrs. Dearth.
10. The Board of Control approved the posting of a Health Occupations Assistant Instructor to replace Mrs. Mahnke.

J. ATHLETIC DIRECTOR REPORT

Athletic Director Hutchings reported:

Calendar of Events:

December 26-29	VBBKB at Ottawa Marquette High School
December 26-29	VGBKB at Lisle Holiday Classic
December 26-30	FSGBKB at Lisle Holiday Classic
December 27-29	FRBBKB at Morris Freshman Invitational
December 29 & 30	Wrestlers at Abe's Rumble Dual Tournament at Springfield Capital Convention Center
January 5 & 6	HS Wrestling at Princeton Invitational
January 6, 2024	MS Wrestling Hosting Warrior Invitational at High School
January 8, 10	MS 7 th Grade BBKB IVC Tournament at Channahon
January 6, 9, & 11	MS 8 th Grade BBKB IVC Tournament at Wilmington

Guideline Committee Meeting in January - Items for Discussion

- Middle School Players moving up to next level - language for guidelines continue discussion
- Discussion on Awards - is it an outdated practice - looking for alternatives to what we do now
- Adding self-reporting piece to our code

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Middle School Volleyball will begin competition after the Christmas Break.

Budget process will begin.

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/ACTION ON APPROVING THE FINAL 2023 LEVY

Section 17-11 of the School Code requires the school board of each district to ascertain, as near as practicable, annually, how much money must be raised by special tax for transportation purposes, if any, for educational purposes, and for operations and maintenance purposes for the next ensuing year. These amounts must be certified and filed with the County Clerk on or before the last Tuesday in December annually. The Certificate of Tax Levy form may be used to meet the requirement of this section. The 2023 tentative levy was adopted at the November Board meeting. The board adopted the final 2023 Property Tax Levy. The final levy was also enclosed for review.

Mr. Harmon moved and Mrs. Gill seconded to adopt the 2023 Property Tax Levy for the Coal City Community Unit School District #1 and approve the certification and filing with the Grundy and Will County Clerk as follows:

Educational	\$22,813,014.00
Operations/Maintenance	\$5,562,753.00
Transportation	\$2,158,033.00
IMRF	\$566,675.00
Working Cash	\$514,675.00
Social Security	\$680,010.00
Special Education	\$453,340.00
Life Safety	\$566,675.00
Tort	\$56,667.00
Leasing	\$514,675.00
TOTAL LEVY	\$33,886,517.00

Roll Call.

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

Nays:

Absent: Shawn Hamilton

Motion: Carried.

B. DISCUSSION ON FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT PLAN UPDATE

Superintendent Christopher Spencer updated the Board on the 2023 Facilities Improvement

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Plan. Mr. Spencer met with the Facilities Committee and the bid for the baseball and softball will take place on December 19th. Mr. Spencer hopes to discuss the submissions at the January Board Study Session. Mr. Spencer discussed possibly reskinning of the shed at the high school, and adding a smaller structure for restrooms and concession stand at the middle school. There will be more discussion at the next Board meeting.

C. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON APPROVING THE RESOLUTION FOR WORKING CASH FUND ABATEMENT

CSBO Jason Smith discussed the Resolution for the Working Cash Fund Abatement. This Resolution authorized the transfer of money from the District's Working Cash Fund to its Operations and Maintenance Fund and ultimately to its Capital Projects Fund. This is the last step in the process for the priority projects identified from the 2023 Facilities Improvement Plan.

Mrs. Gill moved and Mr. Engelhardt seconded to approve the Resolution for Working Cash Fund Abatement, and to waive the reading of the resolution.

Roll Call.

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

Nays:

Absent: Shawn Hamilton,

Motion: Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A. FIRST READING ON REVISED DISTRICT POLICIES

The following District Policies were revised and submitted for review. The Board Policy Committee will meet soon to discuss the revised policies.

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

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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
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

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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
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

B. DISCUSSION ON 2024 – 2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR

The Public School District Calendar prescribed in Section 10-19 of the School Code mandates a minimum of 185 days in the proposed school calendar to ensure 176 days of student attendance. Superintendent Christopher Spencer discussed the draft 2024 – 2025 School Calendar. Superintendent Christopher Spencer has been working with Union leadership to receive their input on the school calendar. The school district's calendar has to align with GAVC as it relates to breaks etc.... Union leadership has provided recommendations and Mr. Spencer appreciates their willingness to work together to get this done. There will be more discussion at the January Board meeting.

C. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF THE THREE RIVERS EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP MEMBERSHIP

Annual dues for membership in the Three Rivers Education Partnership from December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2024 were ready for renewal. This organization provides programs that address the critical issues facing education and the belief that educational opportunities are imperative for preparing today's youth to be tomorrow's leaders.

Mrs. Klein moved and Mr. Rogers seconded to approve the annual membership in the Three Rivers Education Partnership, for 2023-2024, in the amount of \$750.

Roll Call.

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

Nays:

Absent: Shawn Hamilton

Motion: Carried.

D. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON MID-YEAR GRADUATION/EXCLUSION REQUESTS

The high school guidance office received requests for mid-year graduation. Principal Art Stafford recommended that the following students be considered eligible for mid-year graduation/exclusion. The students requesting mid-year graduation have met the necessary requirements for graduation. Those receiving mid-year exclusions will complete their

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requirements through correspondence courses by May 1, 2024.

Mr. Harmon moved and Mr. Engelhardt seconded to approve the following mid-year graduates, student numbers: 2024672, 2024855, 2024683, 2024688, 2024841, and 2024648 and the mid-year exclusions of student numbers: 2024159.

Roll Call.

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

Nays:

Absent: Shawn Hamilton

Motion: Carried.

E. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON ACCEPTANCE OF THE DONATION FROM MORRIS HOSPITAL

Morris Hospital offered athletic physicals at the high school on June 13. Their providers completed approximately 56 physicals, and Morris Hospital is donating \$1,400.00 back to the district for the athletics program. The Board thanked Morris Hospital for the donation.

Mrs. Gill moved and Mr. Engelhardt seconded to approve the donation of \$1,400.00 from Morris Hospital for the athletics programs.

Roll Call.

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

Nays:

Absent: Shawn Hamilton

Motion: Carried.

F. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON ACCEPTANCE OF THE SCHOOL SITE DONATION FROM GRUNDY COUNTY

A School Site Donation in the amount of \$1,715.35 was received from Grundy County. Another School Site Donation was made in the amount of \$1,959.99 from Grundy County. Resolutions were prepared for acceptance of two the school site donations.

Mrs. Klein moved and Mr. Rogers seconded to approve the resolutions accepting the School Site Donations in the amount of \$1,715.35, and in the amount of \$1,959.99 from Grundy County, and to waive the reading of the resolutions.

Roll Call.

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

Nays:

Absent: Shawn Hamilton

Motion: Carried.

G. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON APPROVING STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN THE 2024 ILLINOIS HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE FESTIVAL

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High School Theatre Director, Jack Micetich was in attendance to discuss Coal City High School's cast and crew performance of Alice By Heart at the 2024 ILHSTF. The Board agreed that the Illinois High School Theatre Festival is the equivalent of a State performance for theatre students, and no action was needed. Mr. Micetich did not need to be in attendance. Superintendent Christopher Spencer called Mr. Micetich and informed him of this.

Mr. Harmon moved and Mr. Engelhardt seconded to not taking action on this item, due to this being the equivalent of a State performance for theatre students, so no action was needed for the students to participate. The Board agreed unanimously regarding this agenda item.

Roll Call.

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

Nays:

Absent: Shawn Hamilton

Motion: Carried.

H. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON APPROVING STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN ILLINOIS MUSIC EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

High School Band Director, Hope Connelly was not attendance to discuss high school junior, Mackenzie Messina's attendance at State for band at ILMEA. The Board agreed that the Illinois Music Education Association is the equivalent of a State performance for band students, and no action was needed. Due to this determination, Ms. Connelly did not need to be in attendance. Superintendent Christopher Spencer called Ms. Connelly and informed her of this.

Mrs. Klein moved and Mr. Engelhardt seconded to not taking action on this item, due to this being the equivalent of a State performance for band students, so no action was needed for the students to participate. The Board agreed unanimously regarding this agenda item.

Roll Call.

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

Nays:

Absent: Shawn Hamilton

Motion: Carried.

I. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION FROM THE ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

The Athletic Booster made a donation in the amount of \$9,074.99. This donation will go towards the purchase of chairs for at home athletic competitions. The Board thanked the Athletic Boosters for their donation.

Mrs. Gill moved and Mr. Rogers seconded approve the donation from the Athletic Boosters in the amount of \$9,074.99, as presented.

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

Nays:

Absent: Shawn Hamilton

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. Engelhardt moved and Mr. Rogers seconded to go to closed session at 6:40 p.m. for the purpose of considering information regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, performance, and administrative contracts.

Roll Call.

Ayes: Dan Engelhardt, Mary Gill, Cindy Klein, Steve Rogers, Ken Miller

Nays:

Absent: Shawn Hamilton, Board Member Quint Harmon left at 6:40 p.m.

Motion: Carried.

Mrs. Gill moved and Mrs. Klein seconded to return to open session at 7:25 p.m.

Roll Call.

Ayes: Dan Engelhardt, Mary Gill, Cindy Klein, Steve Rogers, Ken Miller

Nays:

Absent: Shawn Hamilton, Quint Harmon

Motion: Carried.

ACTION AS A RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Rogers moved and Mr. Engelhardt seconded to approve the 23 – 24 HSA contributions, as presented in closed session.

Roll Call.

Ayes: Steve Rogers, Dan Engelhardt, Mary Gill, Cindy Klein, Ken Miller

Nays:

Absent: Shawn Hamilton, Quint Harmon

Motion: Carried.

Mrs. Klein moved and Mrs. Gill seconded to approve the administration's recommendation to hire Cameron Stone as the middle school principal for the 2024 – 2025 school year.

Roll Call.

Ayes: Cindy Klein, Mary Gill, Dan Engelhardt, Steve Rogers, Ken Miller

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Nays:

Absent: Shawn Hamilton, Quint Harmon

Motion: Carried.

**BOARD STUDY SESSION OF THE WHOLE DATE: DECEMBER 27, 2023 @ 6 P.M.
In Coal City CUSD #1 Administrative Center Boardroom**

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Engelhardt moved and Mrs. Gill seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. President Miller asked if there was any opposition to the motion, hearing none considers the motion approved.

Kenneth P. Miller, President

Mary Gill, Secretary