

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

CALL TO ORDER

President Miller called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 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.

High school principal Art Stafford was in attendance and introduced Girls Tennis Coach, Matt Leman who recognized State Tennis Qualifier, Abby Stiles. Ms. Stiles was not in attendance due to a prior commitment.

Golf Coach, Harlan Kennell was not in attendance, but Tim Gabehart was in attendance and recognized State Golf Qualifier Kylee Kennell.

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

<u>Group</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Date</u>
Coal City Miners	PAC	11/16/23

MINUTES

October 4, 2023 - Regular Meeting

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

October 4, 2023 – Regular Meeting

FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

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PERSONNEL

Resignations

- Emma Brumfield – full-time Custodian at the High School. Brumfield’s last day will be November 6, 2023.
- Cindy Hanley – 1:1 full-time Special Ed Aide at the Elementary School. Ms. Hanley’s last day will be October 25, 2023.
- Jason McGoldrick – Maintenance Worker for the district. Mr. McGoldrick’s last day was Friday, October 27, 2023.
- Hayleigh Roach – 1:1 Special Ed. Aide at the Early Childhood Center. Ms. Roach’s last day will be November 6, 2023.
- Debra Rhodes – 3hr Food Preparer at the High School. Ms. Rhodes last day was October 13, 2023.

Employments

- Aaron Mendoza – full-time Custodian for the High School. Mr. Mendoza is replacing Emma (Max) Brumfield.
- Lauren Pratl – full-time Classroom Aide at the Middle School. Ms. Pratl is covering for Gina Pens until her return to work.

Extra-Curricular Assignments

Tyler Castle – Scholastic Bowl Sponsor

Administrative Contracts

Brad Boresi – Athletic Director

Roll Call.

Ayes: Dan Engelhardt, Quint Harmon, 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:

- *October 26th - Picture Retakes/Whole School Picture
- *October 30th - Custodian Meeting
- *October 30th - Preschool Family Engagement Event - Trunk or Treat @ 5:00pm
- *October 31st - Halloween - ECC Parade @ 2:00pm
- *November 1st - Kindergarten Team Meeting @ 11:15am
- *November 1st - 1st grade Team Meeting @ 12:15pm
- *November 1st - Staff Meeting @ 2:55pm
- *November 2nd - Preschool Team Meeting @ 10:45am

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- *November 2nd - Staff Culture Meeting @ 2:55pm
- *November 7th - A Team Meeting @ 2:55pm
- *November 8th - End of Trimester One
- *November 13th - Beans-and-Bites @ 7:15am
- *November 13th - SPED Team Meeting @ 2:55pm
- *November 14th - Behavior Committee Meeting @ 2:55pm
- *November 15th - Preschool Team Meeting @ 10:45am
- *November 15th - Student Culture Committee @ 2:55pm
- *November 16th - Specials Team Meeting @ 2:55pm
- *November 21st - Kindergarten Team Meeting @ 11:15am
- *November 21st - 1st Grade Team Meeting @ 12:15pm
- *November 22nd - 24th - Thanksgiving Break
- *November 27th - Custodian Meeting @ 2:55pm
- *November 28th - A Team Meeting @ 2:55pm
- *November 30th - School Improvement Meeting @ 2:55pm

Current Enrollment:

PreK: 171

Kindergarten: 149

1st Grade: 129

Total: **449 (in PowerSchool as of October 25th, 2023)**

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)
- September 28th - Fire Drill

Month-in-Review:

- October is a busy month at the ECC! The month started with celebrating CCHS Homecoming. All students participated in themed days and ended with the varsity volleyball team greeting the students the morning of the parade. Students were dismissed early to attend the (rainy) homecoming parade! No one seemed to mind the rain as the parade was well attended!
- Fall Benchmarking was completed and our BLT meeting took place on October 17th. Student data was analyzed and individual teacher meetings took place. New intervention changes began on Monday, October 23rd. Benchmarking data and intervention groups were completed prior to parent/teacher conferences to be able to discuss in person with parents.
- Parent/Teacher conferences took place on Thursday, October 19th and Friday, October 20th. The ECC had amazing attendance with the following number of conferences each night:
 - Thursday, October 19th - 247 conferences attended
 - Friday, October 20th - 120 conferences attended

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- Students and Staff joined the entire district in celebrating Red Ribbon Week - October 23rd-27th. At the ECC, we discuss celebrating making good choices. Students participated in themed days and learned what it means to make good choices at school, on the playground, on the bus, etc.
- Friday, October 27th - Coal City Fire Department will visit the ECC with fire trucks. Firefighter Josh will be at the school all day to discuss fire safety and give the students a chance to see the firemen equipment and a real fire truck!
- The month will end with a bang! Tuesday, October 31st, students will celebrate Halloween! Students will participate in fun Specials rotations in the morning to have time for classroom celebrations in the afternoon. The AM preschool parade will be at 10:00am. The PM preschool, Kindergarten, and 1st grade parade will be at 2:00pm. In the event of inclement weather, the parade will be livestreamed on Facebook with no visitors in the building.

Recognition:

- I must recognize my PFA preschool teachers - Britt Harseim, Casey McGrath, and Hayley Villafuerte and the entire preschool team which also includes - Danielle Gubelman, Samantha Hill and Jackie Mullen. I would include Kristina Davy (our preschool parent educator) as well. The state monitoring visit took place October 23rd-25th. Our monitoring window was October 23rd-November 10th with the teachers not knowing when the monitoring visit would take place. I am confident there is no one that knows or understands (besides this team and myself) how much work goes into this visit. The teachers and myself are required to know every part of the ECERs rating scale, which is an 80-page book of requirements down to the very type of blocks that must be in a center or the types of conversations that must be observed between student and teacher or the size of the chairs that must be present in the room, etc. It is a tremendous undertaking and could only have been accomplished with teamwork. The preschool team is awarded the highest GOLD standard each year and we are hopeful to continue this tradition with this visit.
- I would like to recognize Rebecca Acred. She has stepped into the nurse's office as Nurse Emily is on maternity leave. She is doing an amazing job in a very busy office!
- A big thank you to Kristen Strunga, our reading specialist. She has invited (the final week in October and the first week in November) teachers to come and observe her do a UFLI (reading intervention) lesson with students. Teachers have been visiting her room to observe and take notes. The teachers are fulfilling my requirement of observing in another classroom this first semester and Kristen is modeling explicit instruction in a research-based reading intervention.

B. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Trotter reported:

Calendar of Events:

October 23rd-27th - Red Ribbon Week

October 31st - Halloween Parade & Parties

November 8th - End of Trimester #1

November 22nd-24th - Thanksgiving Break

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ES Enrollment:

2nd Grade: 146 students

3rd Grade: 153 students

Total: 299 (enrolled as of 10/24/2023)

Personnel:

- Cindy Hanley turned in her resignation. Her last day in our ED Program as a paraprofessional was Thursday, October 26th.
- We have a GAVC student, Kara Malone, joining Mrs. Forkal in 3rd grade this fall. She will be with us in the afternoons on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday through Winter Break.

CCES Happenings and Recognitions:

- During Homecoming Week our students participated in a lot of fun days. We had Fall Colors Day, Pajama Day, Class Color Day, Hawaiian Day and of course - Coaler Day. Our students had a great time and they enjoyed watching the parade.
- On October 6th, our students were treated to a performance by, “The NED Show”. Our students did a wonderful job during the assembly. After the students can purchase yo-yos. We sold over



170 yo-yos.

- Our Book Blast began on October 16th. During that time students can earn fun rewards and the opportunity to receive free books for their home library. This year we are completing the event in unison with the Early Childhood Center and the Intermediate School. Our three school are on track to raise more than \$70,000 for students to receive books. During the event one child from each school also won an iPad.
- Our Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences took place on October 19th & 20th. We had a great turn out this year. It's always nice to talk with the families.
- The Coal City Fire Department stopped by for a visit to talk about Fire Prevention Month. The students love walking through the fire trucks.
- We celebrated Red Ribbon Week beginning October 23rd. Red Ribbon Week encourages students to make good choices. The students also participated in fun spirit days: Red-y to Make Good Choices (Wear Red), Peace Out to Bad Choices (Tye-Die Day), Our Dreams are Filled with Good Choices (PJ Day), Bad Choices Can't Find Us (Camo Day) and Teaming Up for Good Choices (Coaler Day).

C. INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL REPORT

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Principal Carlson reported:

Calendar of Events:

10/27 – Fire/Evacuation Drill 12:35 p.m.
10/30 – Staff Fall Potluck
10/30 – SpEd Team Meeting 3:00 p.m.
10/31 – Halloween Hallway Parade 8:10 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
11/1 – A Team Meeting 3:00 p.m.
11/2 – CPI Team Meeting 3:00 p.m.
11/6-11/10 – Grandparents Week
11/6 – SAP Meeting 3:00 p.m.
11/7 – TALC Meeting 3:00 p.m.
11/8 – End of Trimester 1
11/8 – BLT Meeting 3:00
11/9 – Support Staff Meeting 3:00 p.m.
11/10 – Walk to CCHS for the CCMS Musical 1:00 p.m.
11/13 – SpEd Team Meeting 3:00 p.m.
11/14 – PBS Meeting 3:00 p.m.
11/15 – Shelter/Storm Drill 10:30 a.m.
11/15 – Assessment Review Meeting 3:00 p.m.
11/16 – LLT Meeting 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at the District Office
11/20 – SAP Meeting 3:00 p.m.
11/22-11/24 – No School ~ Thanksgiving Break
11/27 – SpEd Team Meeting 3:00 p.m.
11/28 – TALC Meeting 3:00 p.m.
11/29 – Staff Meeting 3:00 p.m.
11/30 – Custodians Meeting 3:00 p.m.

Current Enrollment:

4th Grade 132

5th Grade 137

Total 269 - 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
Shelter-in-Place/Storm	8/24/23
Lockdown	8/25/23
Bus Evacuation	8/30/23
Armed Intruder	9/18/23

Previous Month in Review:

- October 2-6 was Homecoming Week and CCIS joined in the fun with the following spirit days:
Monday – 90's Day
Tuesday – Rhyme without a Reason Day

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Wednesday – Class Color Day...4th Grade Tie Dye; 5th Grade Blue

Thursday – BYOF Day...Bring Your Own Floatie

Friday – Coalers Spirit Day

- We celebrated Tommy Onsen, Reilly Radomski and Denise Esparza on October 2nd for Custodian Appreciation Day. We gave them several treats, and many students made them cards. Mrs. Budde decorated their office door and the cafeteria doors for them. Two of them really do an outstanding job of taking care of our building and helping teachers.
- The final Bike to School Day for the season was held on October 4. CCIS had 62 bikers that day.
- The CCIS School Store finally reopened its doors on October 4 before school thanks to our Student Council, Mrs. Ness and Mrs. Vignocchi. The students loved purchasing various school supplies, locker decorations, trinkets and snacks ranging from \$0.25-\$2.00.
- We went to CCHS on 10/13 to see part of the high school's fall musical, "Alice by Heart".
- On October 17, the 4th Grade took a Field Trip to the Brookfield Zoo. This trip ties in directly with the 4th grade science curriculum.
- On October 18, the 5th Grade took a Field Trip to a Chicago Wolves hockey game. They offer day games for schools along with an interactive workbook for each student which covers every core subject. It was an engaging, educational trip that offered students the opportunity that many of them will never have with their own family.
- CCIS celebrated Fire Safety in October. Firefighter Josh Eddy and trainee Jack Varnak came to CCIS to give a Fire Safety Presentation during the students' PE time on October 17 and 18. They also brought their ladder truck and let the students climb through it. We will practice another a Fire/Evacuation Drill on 10/27 under the supervision of the Coal City Fire Department.
- We held our first Positive Behavior Incentive Assembly on October 19 for students who had positive behavior 80% of the time during the first 9 weeks of school. We played a live version of Angry Birds, and the students had a blast!
- Parent/Teacher Conferences were held on October 19 and 20. We had 92% of the parents attend over the two days.
- CCIS celebrated Red Ribbon Week from 10/23-10/27. During Red Ribbon Week we remind students the importance of staying away from drugs and making good choices. Students received Red Ribbon Week-themed gifts all week: a red ribbon sticker; a red ring-pop; a red ribbon-themed button; a red ribbon-themed pen; and a baggie of lifesavers that said, "*Make good choices. Be a lifesaver!*"

Student Council sponsored the following dress up days during Red Ribbon Week:

Monday – Red Day...*We are RED-y to make good choices!*

Tuesday – Tie Dye Day...*Peace out to bad choices!*

Wednesday – PJ Day...*Our dreams are filled with good choices!*

Thursday – Camo Day...*Bad choices can't find us!*

Friday – Team Day (Coal City Gear) ...*We are teaming up to make good choices!*

- Our annual Cupcake Launch was held on October 25 after school. We had 20 entries this year. The cupcake launch is an optional 5th grade project that promotes creativity, collaboration, and family fun. The top launchers are listed below in the Student Recognition section.
- Students have really enjoyed our Friday morning "celebrity" Coalers greeters from CCHS over the last 2 months: football players, soccer players, cheerleaders, volleyball players and the Marching Coalers band. We also invited the tennis players and golfers. We hope to invite the

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Coalers Clubs soon and then move on to winter sports.

- We were so thankful to receive 3 new large emblems/wall art as part of the Coalers branding, and we can't wait to get more!
- We currently have 18 students in ASAP (After School Assistance Program); eight in 4th grade and ten in 5th grade. Recommended students receive homework help from 3:00-4:00 three days a week from Mrs. Cowherd or Mrs. Rink. We have a waiting list in 5th grade.
- We held the following Theme Thursday Spirit Days this past month: Pajama Day, Movie Character Day and Camouflage Day.
- Every Friday was Coalers Spirit Day at CCIS!

Student Recognition:

- Congratulations to following Students of the Week:
Week of 10/2: Kam Gabehart, Rosey Matthews, Addi McCann, Dylan Perino
Week of 10/10: Emma Cvitanovich, Landon Hardy, Lexi Henderson, Ryker Senodenos
Week of 10/16: Tristan Johnston, Jacklyn Reszel, Adelia Gonzalez, Noah Moser
Week of 10/23: Addy Foss, Jack Gagliardo, Lily Connor-Mikos, Jaycob Wilson
- Congratulations to our top cupcake launchers:
Traditional Manual Launchers
3rd Place - K Ways by Kaitlyn Walker ~ 62.4 ft.
2nd Place - Nolan's Launcher by Nolan Cardenas ~ 98.8 ft.
1st Place - Spooky Mega Launcher by Sienna Ruffatto & Reagan Jeschke ~ 159.9 ft.

Air Compressor Launchers
2nd Place - Mega Rat Launcher by Bailey Gabehart & Aubree Dearth ~ 92.11 ft.
1st Place - Famous Lehnus by Callie Lehnus ~ 179.6 ft.

Staff Recognition:

- I would like to thank Mrs. Ness and Mrs. Vignocchi for bringing back our School Store.
- I would like to thank Mrs. Rink, Mrs. Boresi and Mrs. Gaffigan for organizing the cupcake launch.
- I would like to thank my PBS Team (Mr. McCleary, Mr. Leve, Miss Jacobs, Miss Thelo and Mr. Rivera) along with Mr. Roseland, Mrs. Bajt and Miss Connelly for helping with our Angry Birds assembly.
- I want to recognize the following staff members who received the weekly CCIS Kudos:
 - Mrs. Boresi for co-organizing CCIS Pizza Night
 - Mrs. Ness for bringing back the School Store
 - Mrs. Budde for decorating for Custodian Appreciation Day
 - Mrs. Scrogam for all her help with CCIS Pizza Night

D. MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Johnson reported:

Calendar of Events:

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November 1	CCMS BLT Meeting Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 pm – Unit Office
November 2	CCMS Students to POPS Leadership Conference - Morris
November 4	IESA Speech Contest @ Morris Saratoga
November 5	Daylight Savings Time Begins
November 6	1 st Home Boys Basketball games at CCMS – 4:30 pm
Nov. 9, 11, 12	CCMS Musical – High School Musical Jr.
November 10	CCMS Fall School Dance – 6:00 pm
November 22-26	No School – Thanksgiving Break

CCMS Attendance:

6th Grade 164
7th Grade 162
8th Grade 167
Total: 493

Month in Review:

- Mr. Andrew Brimm and the CCMS Marching Band participated in two parades on October 1st and October 6th. The band marched in the Morris Corn Fest Parade on October 1st and then marched in the CCHS Homecoming Parade on October 6th. Congratulations to Mr. Brimm and his band students on completing the marching season this fall.
- Coal City students and staff observed Columbus Day on October 9th.
- CCMS held McTeacher Night at the Coal City McDonalds on October 10th. CCMS would like to thank all of the students and families who came out and supported CCMS. It was a fantastic night and CCMS was able to raise \$1,400 for the CCMS PBS Committee. This money will be used to support our school store and other PBS student activities throughout the school year.
- Boys Basketball tryouts were held on October 10th and 12th (6th grade) and October 16th and 17th (7th & 8th grades). Teams were chosen, and practice began on October 19th and the boys are scheduled to begin games on November 1st. Good luck to the teams and coaches, Chad Larson (8th grade), Nick Peters (7th grade) and Josh Quigley (6th grade) on their 2023-24 season.
- CCMS held fall sports picture day on October 11th and picture retake day on October 16th. Special thanks to Pam McMurtrey and Van Gogh Photography for their work in organizing the event.
- On October 11th, CCMS and the Unit #1 teachers had an early dismissal day and took part in staff development training/departments meetings at CCHS.
- On October 12th, CCMS 7th grade students attended a presentation on Elyssa's Mission. Elyssa's Mission is a depression awareness and suicide prevention training as part of the Signs of Suicide (SOS) program. The program aims to increase help-seeking behaviors among students concerned

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about themselves or a friend. Elyssa's Mission is a nonprofit organization dedicated to suicide prevention. Elyssa's Mission is the only organization in the state of Illinois to fund, distribute, and implement SOS.

- October 18th marked the end of the 1st quarter at CCMS. Students rotated to new Encore classes for the second quarter as well as moved to new Exploratory Classes on October 18th.
- On October 19th, CCMS 8th grade students participated in the PSAT 8-9 test. Students were tested in the areas of english language arts and mathematics. Results from the assessments will help with the placement of students in their freshman classes at Coal City High School and the new ISBE policy on Accelerated Placement. Special thanks to Michelle Painter, Rod Monbrum and 8th grade teachers for their help with the PSAT.
- CCMS Parent/Teacher Conferences were held on October 19th and 20th. Thanks to all of the families who attended and checked on the progress of their child through the first nine weeks of the school year. We set up Parent/Teacher Conferences with our most struggling students again this year.
- Here is the attendance data from Parent Teacher Conferences.
 - 6th Grade - 62 of 164 parents attended – 37.8%
 - 7th Grade - 43 of 162 parents attended – 26.5%
 - 8th Grade - 31 of 167 parents attended - 21.8%
 - Overall - 136 of 493 parents attended – 27.6%
- CCMS students celebrated Red Ribbon Week October 23rd – 27th. Thanks to Jen Munsterman and Pam McMurtrey and the CCMS Student Council for planning the different dress up days and activities throughout the week.
- On October 24th, CCMS 8th grade students traveled to Morris High School for the Grundy County Vocational Center Career Fair. 8th grade students were able to visit a variety of local businesses and vendor and learn about the different fields and to better understand what type of schooling they would need to enter into that field in the future. Special thanks to the GAVC staff for sponsoring this event for our 8th grade students. Also, thanks to Michelle Painter for her work with the 8th graders and the GAVC Career Fair.

E. HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Stafford reported:

Calendar of Events:

- November 1 - Challenge Day Assembly
- November 1 - Spanish National Honors Society Induction Ceremony
- November 6 - ICE Choral Festival @ Lisle High School
- November 8 - University of St. Francis Campus Visit

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→ November 22-26 - Thanksgiving Break

Month in Review:

- Homecoming events - This year's Homecoming was another success. "Coaler Paradise" kicked off on Monday with a staff-student flag football game followed by Wednesday's spirit night and powder puff game on Wednesday night.
- Fall Musical - "Alice By Heart" - The Coal City Theatre Department is preparing for the high school national premiere of Alice by Heart! Alice by Heart is a touching musical inspired by Alice's Adventures in Wonderland. The students did a great job putting together the show for three performances in addition to performing for local schools in the area and in the district. The show has been adjudicated to be considered for future recognition and performances in the future.
- 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. The national testing window ends on October 31st, so we are anticipating student scores will be available in early November.
- The Elyssa's Mission program was delivered to all sophomore students to bring awareness to mental health struggles and signs of self-harm.

Recognition:

- ICE Leadership Conference - Six students attended the ICE Leadership conference at Streator High School. The students had a chance to listen to a speaker who talked about the importance of being a leader along with messages of acceptance, inclusion and hard work. The students were split in to groups with other students from conference schools and participated in several team building activities. It was a great opportunity for the students and they can bring back a lot of important messages to their teams.
- State Qualifiers - Abby Stiles (Girls' Tennis) and Kylee Kennel (Girls' Golf) Congratulations to these two student athletes for their accomplishments. This only comes with a lot of hard work and dedication to their sport.
- Conference Champion Girls Volleyball
- Football 4A State Playoff Qualifier
- Students of the Month - CCHS recognized the October students of the month at an all-school assembly on Tuesday. The character trait for the month was character.

Current Enrollment:

Freshman: 166

Sophomore: 182

Junior: 147

Senior: 145

Total: 640

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Discipline Report:

Phone Issue - 3

Inappropriate Behavior/Comments - 4

Vaping - 2

Possession of Inappropriate Pictures - 1

Throwing Food - 2

F. SPECIAL POPULATIONS REPORT

Director Krippel reported:

MOU- YMCA Head Start

The local YMCA recently initiated a renewal of the MOU between their organization and our school district. As a reminder, having an updated MOU is a requirement of our Preschool for All (PFA) grant funded program. An updated MOU is attached below.

[CoalCityMOUHeadstart.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>
143	53	42	53	72	373
+7	-1			+2	+8

<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	28	62	119
				-2	-2

<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>
8	4	4	0	16	1

<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>

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<i>Miscellaneous Student Data</i>	
<i>ELL</i>	<i>Homeless</i>
<i>27</i>	<i>10</i>

<i>Preschool for All Grant (PFA)</i>	
<i>Current Students</i>	<i>Open Spots</i>
<i>50</i>	<i>10</i>

<i>Overall Preschool Numbers</i>			
<i>Current Students</i>	<i>IEP Openings</i>	<i>At-Risk Openings</i>	<i>Waitlist</i>
<i>174/210</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>3</i>

Vacancies:

Full-Time Paraprofessionals - Coal City Early Childhood Center (2 Openings)
Full-Time Paraprofessional - Coal City Elementary School

G. CURRICULUM REPORT

Director Kenney reported:

Professional Development:

There will be no professional development in the month of November. The October 11th professional development continued to focus on various needs of the district and will continue in the third and final professional development day in December.

State Information – Summative Designations

Designations will be based on the following information from 2023

Elementary/Middle

- *ELA Growth 25%
- *Math Growth 25%
- *ELA Proficiency 7.5%
- *Math Proficiency 7.5%
- *Science Proficiency 5%
- *ELPtP 5% (we do not have this so this 5% is shared to the other parts)

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*Chronic Absenteeism 20%

*Climate Survey 5% (where student survey is administered)

- Additional indicators will be introduced in the upcoming years and include a PreK-2, 3-8, and Fine Arts indicator.

High School

*Graduation Rate 50%

*ELA Proficiency 7.5%

*Math Proficiency 7.5%

*Science 5%

*ELPtP 5% (we do not have this so this 5% is shared to the other parts)

*Chronic Absenteeism 10%

*Climate Survey 6.67%

*9th Grade on Track 8.33%

- Additional indicators will be introduced in the upcoming years and include a College and Career Readiness Indicator and Fine Arts Indicator.

Comparison data will be available at the end of October. This information will be presented at the board meeting due to the moratorium on the release of the summative designations.

Our focus will be on increasing achievement in both ELA and Mathematics. Plans are already in the process of being created. We will also be focusing on the new indicators that will most likely be incorporated in the next few years.

H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Spencer reported:

1. FOIA Requests

- FOIA request was received from Gregory Wix.
- FOIA request was received from John Kraft, with Edgar County Watchdogs.
- FOIA request was received from Jody Beck, with Johannes Bus Service, Inc.

2. In order to recognize the outstanding efforts of the nearly 6,000 elected school board members throughout the state, November 15 of each year is designated as "School Board Members Day" in Illinois. This is an opportunity to build community awareness and understanding about the essential role locally elected board of education members assume in a representative democracy. This year's School Board Members Day theme is to say "Thanks." Mr. Spencer will acknowledge the board members years of service.

 Daniel Engelhardt – Appointed: 01/06/2021, Term Ended: 04/06/2021; Elected: 04/04/2023 – 10 months of service

 Mary Gill – Elected: 1997 – 26-years of service

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-  Shawn Hamilton – Elected: 04/2001, Resigned: 09/19/2011; Elected 04/09/2013 - 20-years, 7 months of service – *receiving a 20-year service pin*
-  Quint Harmon – Seated 05/04/2009 – 14 years, 6 months of service
-  Cindy Klein– Elected 04/04/2023 – 7 months of service
-  Ken Miller – Elected 04/17/2007 – 16 years, 7 months of service
-  Steve Rogers – Elected 04/06/2021 – 2 years, 7 months of service

3. At the Three Rivers Division Meeting held on Wednesday, October 25 board members Shawn Hamilton, and Ken Miller were recognized by the Illinois Association of Board Members. Mr. Miller was acknowledged as an Established Board Member, and Mr. Hamilton as a Distinguished Board Leader. Thank you, gentlemen along with the remaining Board Members for your service and dedication to Coal City Community Unit School District #1.
4. Brianna (Lausch) Marquette, a student at Lewis University, will complete her student teaching with Social Studies Teachers, Colin Keppner, and Dave Sinkular for the spring semester.
5. Jennifer Martino, a student at Grand Canyon University, will complete her student teaching with 3rd Grade Teacher Darcy Forkal at the Elementary School, during spring semester.
6. Samantha Schneider, a student at Aurora University, will complete an internship at Coal City High School during the spring semester.
7. Monthly student enrollment figures were available for review.

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 6 – ICH Choral Festival
November 8 – K-5 End of Trimester 1
November 9, 11 & 12 Middle School Musical
November 14 – HS Winter Sport Pictures
November 16 – 19 Joint Annual Conference in Chicago
November 18 – Jazz & Java
November 22 – 24 Thanksgiving Break
November 29 – Board Study Session of the Whole Meeting
November 30 – 5th & 6th Grade Band Concert

I. GRUNDY AREA VOCATIONAL CENTER REPORT

Mr. Engelhardt reported:

1. Assistant Director Gierke discussed the Employer Day/Counselors Breakfast and thanked the counselors for attending.
2. Assistant Director Gierke discussed the 8th grade Career Fair that occurred October 24th in the Morris High School Field House.

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3. Assistant Director Gierke informed the Board of Control that on November 8th, the center will host the School Wide Advisory Day and invitations have been sent out to local industry business partners and school representatives.
4. Assistant Director Gierke informed the Board of Control that Sophomore tours will take place on November 16th.
5. Assistant Director Gierke informed the Board of Control that Agriculture will be attending the National Convention November 1 - November 3 in Indianapolis, Indiana.
6. Assistant Director Gierke informed the Board of Control that Health Occupations II students are preparing to take the EKG certifications and will be helping with the Rhythm of the Youth next week.
7. Assistant Director Gierke stated that the Foundations of Teaching started their Clinical Teaching sites this month.
8. Assistant Director Gierke informed the Board of Control that Building Trades completed their OSHA certification.
9. Assistant Director Gierke informed the Board of Control that all program descriptions have been updated for the 2024 - 2025 school year and that the Vocational Center plans to run Engineering Technology and CFM program next year.
10. Director Copes updated the Board of Control on the November calendar.
11. Director Copes updated the Board of Control on the progress of the renewal for Insurance and Workers Comp.
12. Director Copes updated the Board of Control on the progress of House #27.
13. Director Copes discussed the beginning process of building the FY 25 calendar.
14. Assistant Director Gierke updated the Board of Control on the TREES/GAVC idea of coordinating Work Based Learning opportunities.
15. Director Copes discussed the process for canceling GAVC due to weather related situations.
16. Director Copes will update the Board of Control on the Facility Master Planning process.
17. The Board of Control approved Director Copes request to attend the Association of Career and Technical Education's National Conference, with the registration and travel expenses covered by TREES.

J. ATHLETIC DIRECTOR REPORT

Athletic Director Hutchings reported:

Calendar of Events:

October 23, 2023	Competitive Cheer and Competitive Dance may start
October 30, 2023	High School Girls Basketball Practice may start
November 6, 2023	High School Boys Basketball, Wrestling, & may begin practice

MS Boys Basketball

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Boys Basketball Tryouts were October 16 & 17
8th Grade- (15) made the team and there were 7 cuts
7th Grade - (15) made the team and there were 8 cuts
6th Grade- (17) made the team and there were 16 cuts

MS Girls Basketball

6th Grade GBKB - 11-3-1
7th Grade GBKB- () Season ends in early December
8th Grade GBKB- (7-6) Season ends in early December

High School

Junior Kylee Kennell - Qualified for IHSA State Golf Tournament
Senior, Abby Stiles - 3rd Place IHSA Girls Tennis Sectional at LaSalle Peru qualifying for IHSA State Tournament the 3rd consecutive year
Seniors Ethan Bach and Ryland Megyeri were sectional qualifiers in Boys Golf
Varsity Football (7-2) 33rd playoff appearance
Host Normal University High School on Friday October 27th at 7:00pm
JV Football (6-3)
Freshmen Football (6-3)
Volleyball lost in the semifinals of the Mendota Regional on October 24th
Varsity Volleyball (22-11-1) ICE CONFERENCE CHAMPS (12-2)
Sophomore Volleyball (21-5 overall) ICE Conference Champs (14-0)
Freshman Volleyball (10-16) ICE Conference (8-6)
Varsity Soccer - (5-13-1) ICE Conference (2-4)
JV Soccer - 3-3-2

Overnight Trips for 2023-2024 Athletic Season

High School Wrestling - Abe's Rumble Tournament December 29th & 30th, 2023
*Team would spend the night of Dec. 29, 2023 in Springfield, IL
*Funds will be from Athletic Boosters and Fundraising, not budgeted through school
*Princeton Wrestling Tournament - January 5th & 6th, 2024
*Team would spend the night of January 5, 2024 in Princeton, IL
*Funds will be from Athletic Boosters and Fundraising, not budgeted through school

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 UPDATE

Superintendent Christopher Spencer provided the Board with an update on the Facilities Improvement Plan. Mr. Spencer, Mr. Boresi, and Mr. Hutchings attended a workshop on turf fields that was very informative. Mr. Spencer will present information on that workshop to the Board at a

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later date. A meeting took place with the architects and they are still putting together a packet for the middle school concession stand. Along with that, the architects are of currently gathering information on the safety of turf fields to present to the Board at a later date. The Facilities Committee will meet to discuss the identified projects to ensure this is still the route to be taken. The Raymond James is process of closing on the Bonds, and that will take place on November 16th.

B. DISCUSSION ON MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL HIRING UPDATE

Superintendent Christopher Spencer provided the Board with an update on the hiring process for the Middle School Principal position. The interviews will take place next week. There were 5 external candidates and 1 internal that applied. There were 3 others who started the application process, but did not complete it. Mr. Spencer will schedule the interviews next week, and hopes to have someone identified by the next Board meeting.

There is a School Safety Committee Meeting tomorrow, which will include 2 parents from each building, community members, 4 high school students and a mix of custodians and support staff and school administrators. Along with the Police Chief, Fire Chief, school Board Members, and SROs to stay up to date on safety protocols within the district.

NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON APPROVING THE UPDATED SUPPORT STAFF HANDBOOK

CSBO Jason Smith presented the Board with an updated support staff handbook for approval. The amended language is to align with the support staff handbook with the new contractual language of the teacher's contract.

Mr. Harmon moved and Mr. Engelhardt seconded to approve the updated support staff handbook as presented.

Roll Call.

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

Nays:

Motion: Carried.

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON THE 2023 TENTATIVE LEVY

The 2023 levy must be filed with Grundy and Will County Clerk's Offices on or before the last Tuesday in December, which is the 26th. The Board of Education must adopt the levy prior to this date in order to meet filing regulations. In addition to this time line, the following steps must be taken when the proposed tentative levy exceeds the previous year's tax extensions (excluding Bond and Interest Fund) by more than 105 percent. CSBO Jason Smith presented the Board with a summary of the EAV's numbers. The Board asked Mr. Smith when the Board of Review would review the School Board's appeal regarding GE Hitachi property tax assessment. Mr. Smith explained the process to the Board and that Board of Review generally will meet to discuss the assessments in January or February. The Board thanked Mr. Smith for the time and effort for putting

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the budget together. The Board wanted the administration through maybe the Courant or the district's Community Relations Specialist, to inform the public that their taxes will not increase by 23%, this is just an attempt to capture all these dollars for tax season from GE Hitachi.

1. Present a tentative levy to the Board of Education for approval no less than 20 days prior to a public hearing on the levy.
2. Publish a notice no more than 14 days, nor less than 7 days prior to holding a public hearing on the proposed levy.
3. Hold a public hearing on the proposed levy prior to the final adoption.

If the Board chooses to exceed the 105% request, the following calendar is recommended.

Wednesday, November 1, 2023	Board adopts tentative levy
Wednesday, November 22, 2023	Publish notice of public hearing
Wednesday, December 6, 2023	Public hearing on tax levy, adopt levy
Tuesday, December 26, 2023	Last Day to file levy

Mr. Hamilton moved and Mr. Engelhardt seconded to adopt the Tentative 2023 Property Tax Levy for the Coal City Community Unit School District #1.

Roll Call.

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

Nays:

Motion: Carried.

C. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON THE QUARTERLY DROPOUT REPORT

The Quarterly Dropout Report for the quarter ending October 18, 2023 was prepared and was ready for Board approval. The approval of the Dropout Report is a State requirement, which ensures that the School Board is informed of students leaving our school system.

Mr. Hamilton moved and Mr. Rogers seconded to approve the filing of the Quarterly Dropout Report with the Regional Office of Education for the quarter ending October 18, 2023.

Roll Call.

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

Nays:

Motion: Carried.

D. DISCUSSION ON 2023 STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES AND SUMMATIVE DESIGNATIONS

State and federal laws require public school districts to release report cards to the public each year. Every school's report card will include a summative designation, a descriptor of how well the school is meeting the needs of all students. Director of Curriculum and Instruction Jennifer Kenney reviewed standardized test scores and the designation that was received by district schools. Mrs.

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Kenney reviewed the district scores

E. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON ADOPTING A BUDGET CALENDAR

Chapter 105, Section 5/17-1 of the Illinois Revised Statutes (School Code) directs the Board of Education to designate a person or persons to prepare in tentative form, the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The Board is also required to “fix a fiscal year therefore”. The budget calendar provides a detailed schedule of the budgeting process.

Mr. Harmon moved and Mr. Engelhardt seconded for the Board of Education to adopt the budget calendar as presented and appoint the Superintendent, Chief School Business Official, and Building Principals to prepare, in tentative form, the school district budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025.

Roll Call.

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

Nays:

Motion: Carried.

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

A School Site Donation in the amount of \$4,343.10 was received from Grundy County. A resolution was prepared for acceptance of the school site donation.

Mrs. Gill moved and Mrs. Klein seconded to approve the resolution accepting the School Site Donation in the amount of \$4,343.10 from Grundy County, and to waive the reading of the resolution.

Roll Call.

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

Nays:

Motion: Carried.

G. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON APPROVAL OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CCCUSD#1 AND LOCAL 76 SEIU

CSBO Jason Smith discussed the Memorandum of Understanding between CCCUSD#1 Board of Education and Local 76 SEIU. This memorandum will cover the additions to the teachers’ contract that effect the custodial contract. This Memorandum of Understanding will align procedures from the teacher’s contract with the custodial contract.

Mr. Harmon moved and Mr. Rogers seconded to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of Education and the SEIU, as presented.

Roll Call.

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

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Nays:
Motion: Carried.

**H. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
CCCUSD#1 AND YMCA EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES PROGRAM**

Director of Special Populations, Luke Krippel discussed the Memorandum of Understanding between CCCUSD#1 Board of Education and the YMCA Early Childhood Services Program. This is just a renewal.

Mr. Hamilton moved and Mrs. Gill seconded to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of Education and the YMCA Early Childhood Services Program, as presented.

Roll Call.

Ayes: Shawn Hamilton, Mary Gill, Dan Engelhardt, Quint Harmon, Cindy Klein, Steve Rogers, 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.) – Mr. Spencer reminded the Board that the Middle School Musical was taking place next week.

**BOARD STUDY SESSION OF THE WHOLE DATE: NOVEMBER 29, 2023 @ 6:00 P.M.
In Coal City CUSD #1 Administrative Center Boardroom**

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 6, 2023 @ 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 7:15 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