

Coal City Community Unit School District #1
Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 4, 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: 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. Board Member Dan Engelhardt was absent.

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. – Middle school Principal, Travis Johnson was in attendance and introduced Griffin Gletty. Mr. Gletty is the new 8th Grade ELA teacher at the middle school. Mr. Gletty introduced himself and provide the Board with a summary of his experience.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

<u>Group</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Date</u>
Coaler Basketball	IS	10/ 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 23, 26, 30 & 11/ 1, 6, 8

MINUTES

September 6, 2023 - Regular Meeting
September 6, 2023 – Public Hearing
September 20, 2023 Board Study Session

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

September 6, 2023 - Regular Meeting
None.
None.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

PERSONNEL

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Resignations

- ☐ Cassandra Wilkins – Food Server at the High School - Ms. Wilkins' last day was September 12, 2023.

Employments - *pending satisfactory completion of all state requirements*

- ☐ Lisa Coldwater – 3hr-Food Server at the High School.
- ☐ Sara Doogan – Cafeteria Sub for the District
- ☐ Julie Jackman – 1:1 Special Ed Aide at the Intermediate School. Ms. Jackman is replacing Holly Kainz.
- ☐ Jessica Palmer – full-time Custodian at the Early Childhood Center – Ms. Palmer will replace Mr. Wolles.
- ☐ Debra Rhodes – 3hr Food Server at the High School.

Employee Transfers

- ☐ Rachel Fearday – 1:1 Special Ed Aide at the Middle School. Ms. Fearday will transfer to the Intermediate School.

Roll Call.

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

Nays:

Absent: Dan Engelhardt

Motion: Carried.

ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS

A. EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER REPORT

Principal Davidson Reported:

Calendar of Events:

- *October 2nd - October 6th - Homecoming Week
- *October 3rd - A Team Meeting
- *October 4th - Staff Meeting
- *October 5th - Staff Culture Committee Meeting
- *October 9th - No School
- *October 10th - Behavior Committee Meeting/SAP
- *October 11th - Early Dismissal
- *October 12th - LLT
- *October 16th - Specials Team Meeting
- *October 17th - Kindergarten Team Meeting @ 11:15 a.m.
- *October 17th - 1st Grade Team Meeting @ 12:15 p.m.
- *October 18th - SPED Team Meeting
- *October 19th - Parent/Teacher Conferences

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- *October 20th - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- *October 23rd - Beans-And-Bites
- *October 24th - Academic Committee Meeting
- *October 25th - PreK Team Meeting @ 10:45 a.m.
- *October 26th - Picture Retake Day
- *October 26th - School Improvement Committee
- *October 30th - Custodian Meeting
- *October 31st - Halloween - ECC Parade @ 2:00 p.m.

Current Enrollment:

PreK: 169
Kindergarten: 149
1st Grade: 128
Total: 446

Completed Safety Drills:

8/29 – Fire Drill w/Coal City Fire Department
9/5 – Shelter-in-Place Drill
9/6 – School Bus Evacuation Drill
9/18 – Armed Intruder Drill w/Coal City Police Department
9/28 – Fire Drill

Month-in-Review:

- Our preschool screening on Saturday, September 9th was a full day of screenings. The Preschool Diagnostic team screened 18 students that Saturday and the majority have either started or returned for an evaluation and eligibility. Our preschool is a busy place with 26 IEP spots remaining and 14 at-risk spots remaining.
- ECC picture day was Thursday, September 14th. ECC picture day is always a fun and busy day. The students come dressed in their best and are excited for the day.
- Beans-And-Bites greeted the ECC Staff on Monday, September 18th. Each month, Beans-And-Bites will arrive at the ECC on a scheduled Monday to provide coffee and pastries for the staff! It is amazing seeing old students from this building all grown up and working for this amazing business.
- September has been a busy month at the ECC advocating for Childhood Cancer Awareness. Not only in honor of our beloved Megan Bugg, but also for current students we have fighting in our own school. The ECC joined the ES and IS to have a hat day. Students could pay \$1 to wear a hat to school on Thursday, September 21st. The week of September 25th was dedicated to the teachers and staff of the ECC and ES. Staff was allowed to wear jeans all week with a \$5 donation. Staff were also encouraged to wear gold each day of the week. All money collected between the hat day and jeans week will be donated to Megan's Mission.

Recognition:

- Congratulations to Emily Nolan, our school nurse. Her daughter Makenzie Claire was born on Tuesday, September 26th at 9:12am. Mom and baby are doing well. Mackenzie joins her big

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brother, Ryan, at home. Congratulations to Dylan and Emily! Rebecca Acred has stepped into Emily's place for her maternity leave and was well-prepared by Emily before she left.

- Welcome back to Jessica Palmer! She is returning after two years gone to join our custodial staff.

B. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Trotter reported:

Calendar of Events:

- October 2nd-6th: Homecoming Week
- October 6th: The NED Show Assembly
- October 9th: No School
- October 11th: Early Dismissal
- October 12th: LLT
- October 16th: Book Blast Begins
- October 18th: Picture Retakes
- October 19th: Early Dismissal
- October 19th & 20th: Parent/Teacher Conferences
- October 20th: No School
- October 23rd-27th: Red Ribbon Week
- October 31st: Halloween Parade & Parties

ES Enrollment:

2nd Grade: 147 students

3rd Grade: 153 students

Total: 300 (enrolled as of 9/28/2023)

Personnel:

- Paraprofessional, Alecia Foote changed from being in the ED program to a 3rd grade classroom aide. The student she worked with in the ED program transitioned to a general education classroom full time and with the addition of a new student, Mrs. Foote was needed elsewhere.
- We have a GAVC student, Tanna Curry, joining Ms. Bruzzino in PE this fall. She will be with us in the morning on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday through December 12th.

CCES Happenings and Recognitions:

- CCES picture day took place on September 6th.
- During the week of September 11th, we welcomed close to 600 special people into the building for Grandparents Day. Even though it's a bit chaotic on those days, the students and the guests LOVE it. We had a lot of positive feedback as people left our building.
- Our students took part in the Erin's Law presentation that we have to give every year. We had representatives from Guardian Angel present to our students.

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- In September we had two of the three 'Bike to School' events. The first day we had about 30 students participate and the second event we had between 45-50.
- The students and staff participated in a few spirit days: we had NFL Day, Crocs for Cancer - our staff and students also donated money for Childhood Cancer Awareness to wear hats (and jeans for the staff) to school.
- Our first 'Learning with Ludes' Day took place on September 28th. Throughout the year our Reading Specialist, Katie Ludes, offers small sessions for the staff. Some topics this fall include: explicit instruction, grouping with data, and comprehension.
- A shout out to Mrs. Ludes for all of her hard work with our teachers and students. She always has suggestions and tips for our teachers. Her vast knowledge is extremely valuable to all of us.

C. INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Carlson reported:

Calendar of Events:

10/2-10/6 - AIMSweb Fall Benchmarking Continues

10/2 - Custodian Appreciate Day

10/2 - SAP Meeting 3:00 p.m.

10/3 - PBS Meeting 3:00 p.m.

10/2-10/6 - Homecoming Week Spirit Days

10/2 – 90's Day

10/3 – Rhyme without Reason Day

10/4 – Class Color Day...4th Grade Tie Dye; 5th Grade Blue

10/5 – BYOF Day...Bring Your Own Floatie

10/6 – Coalers Spirit Day

10/4 - Bike to School Day

10/4 - Student Council Meeting 7:30 a.m.

10/4 - School Store in Library 7:40 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

10/4 - A Team Meeting 3:00 p.m.

10/5 - CPI Team Meeting 3:00 p.m.

10/6 - Early Dismissal 1:25 p.m.; Homecoming Parade 2:30 p.m.

10/9 - No School ~ Columbus Day

10/10 - TALC Meeting 3:00 p.m.

10/11 - Fire Safety Presentations with CCFD during PE

10/11 - 11:35 a.m. Dismissal

10/12 - LLT Meeting 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at CCHS

10/12 - Support Staff Meeting 3:00 p.m.

10/13 - CCIS walks to CCHS for Fall Musical Preview 1:00

10/16-10/27 - Book Blast

10/16 - SpEd Team Meeting 3:00 p.m.

10/17 - 4th Grade Field Trip to Brookfield Zoo

10/17 - PBS Meeting 3:00 p.m.

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10/18 - Student Council Meeting 7:30 a.m.
10/18 - 5th Grade Field Trip to Chicago Wolves Game
10/18 - Assessment Reviews 3:00 p.m.
10/18 - Parent Education Night *Wake Up Call - What Parents Should Know* 5:30 - 7:00 at CCHS
10/19 - PBS Angry Birds Assembly 9:45 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
10/19 - 11:35 Dismissal; Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
10/20 - No School; Parent/Teacher Conferences 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
10/23-10/27 - Red Ribbon Week
 10/23 – Red Day...Red-y to make good choices
 10/24 - Tie Dye Day...Peace out and make good choices
 10/25 - PJ Day...Our dreams are filled with good choices
 10/26 - Camo Day...Bad choices can't find us
 10/27 - Team Day (CC Gear) ...Teaming up for good choices
10/23 - SAP Meeting 3:00 p.m.
10/24 - Picture Retakes
10/24 - TALC Meeting 3:00 p.m.
10/25 - BLT Meeting 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
10/25 - 4th, 5th, Specials Team Meeting 3:00 p.m.
10/25 - 5th Grade Cupcake Launch 4:00 p.m. -5:00 p.m.
10/26 - Custodian Meeting 3:00 p.m.
10/27 - Fire/Evacuation Drill 12:35 p.m.
10/30 - SpEd Team Meeting 3:00 p.m.
10/31 - Halloween Hallway Parade 8:10 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Current Enrollment:

4th Grade 133

5th Grade 137

Total: **270** 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:

- ☐ September 7 was “Go Gold for Childhood Cancer Awareness Month”, so students and staff wore yellow or gold shirts to school.
- ☐ On September 8 we had a pizza party for our 10 new students so we could get to know each other better and they could ask questions about CCIS.
- ☐ We held our Student Council homeroom elections during the first week of September. The members are listed below in the Student Recognition section. The Student Council meets every two weeks at 7:30 a.m. with Mrs. Ness, the sponsor.

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- ☐ We practiced our annual Armed Intruder Drill on 9/18. A member of the CCPD and CCFD were present to supervise the drill.
- ☐ The Wellness Committee sponsored Bike to School Day on September 20, and CCIS had 78 bike riders that day!
- ☐ On September 20, we held our 6th annual CCIS Pizza Night from 4:00-8:30. Thirty-two staff members (listed below in Staff Recognition) volunteered to make this wonderful event possible. We delivered 336 pizzas and 377 crumble cookies. It was so much fun!
- ☐ Our student council sponsored Shed Your Shoes for Childhood Cancer Awareness and Hats Off to Cancer Research. We collected and donated \$254.25 to Megan's Mission in support of Childhood Cancer Awareness month.
- ☐ 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 held the following Theme Thursday Spirit Days this past month: Go Gold for Childhood Cancer Awareness, Football Jersey/Shirt Day, Hat Day and Crocs for Cancer Awareness.
- ☐ Every Friday was Coaler Spirit Day at CCIS!

Student Recognition:

- ☐ Congratulations to following Students of the Week:
Week of 9/5: Elliot Olson, Emmalee Bye, Drake Heath, Olivia Beach
Week of 9/11: Gray Wetenkamp, Mason Wren, Jackson Pruim, Hannah Sinkular
Week of 9/18: Brynn Manering, TJ Wagner, Drake Aichele, Harper Lardi
Week of 9/25: Christina Hall, Drake Figge, Elle Gordon, Seth Langer
- ☐ Congratulations to our first semester Student Council Representatives:

Kaysen VandeWerken	Aubrey Rhodes	Hazel D'Arcy	Danny Matsko
Emmalee Bye	Kaylee Veronda	Sadie Jones	Liam Barrus
Gray Wetenkamp	Mason Wren	Dante Morales	Danielle Bryant
Raelyn Aldridge	Jeremy Little	Morthisa Rutherford	Xavier Ramierz
Emma Hamilton	Grayson Bailey	Savanah Dick	Timmy Wegner
Corey Childress	Raegan Enerson	Brayden Brncich	Bailey Gabehart

Staff Recognition:

- ☐ I would like to thank these **32** staff members who helped with CCIS Pizza Night! I really appreciate the time they volunteered for this fantastic event.

Joey Rivera	Ali Scrogam	Betsy Cowherd	Andy Leve
Tina Vignocchi	Amy Gernenz	Jenn Rink	Moree Harney
Tanya Miller	Nikki Boresi	Tricia Hall	Taylor Speed
Raquel Drinkwine	Jenn Ness	Amy Gaffigan	Tara Charles
Rachel Rose	Allison Anderson	Tracy Schmitz	Tracy Carlson
Riane O'Donnell	Sonja Minnick	Becky Bajt	Grace Thelo
Becky Housman	Steph Barkley	Carol Budde	Cherie Sieger
Teresa Chernesky	Savannah Jacobs	Jack Micetich	Savannah Schmitz

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- ☐ I want to thank Mrs. Cowherd, Mrs. Boresi, Mrs. Gaffigan and Mrs. Scrogam for all the work they did organizing our CCIS Pizza Night.
- ☐ I want to recognize the following staff members who received the weekly CCIS Kudos:
 - Mrs. Chernesky for all the extra work and help she's providing to two of our new students
 - Mr. Onsen for always working so hard and making sure we all have what we need and for being fun and amazing
 - Mrs. Gaffigan for co-organizing CCIS Pizza Night
 - Mrs. Harney for being so flexible with her schedule

D. MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Johnson reported:

Calendar of Events:

October 1	CCMS Marching Warriors in Morris Corn Fest Parade
October 4	Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – Unit Office
October 6	1:45 p.m. EARLY DISMISSAL Homecoming Parade – 2:30pm
October 9	NO SCHOOL – Columbus Day
October 10	McTeacher Night at McDonalds
October 11	12:00 p.m. EARLY DISMISSAL MS Picture Retakes/Fall Sports Picture Day
October 12	Elyssa's Mission at CCMS
October 18	End of 1 st Quarter Encore Classes
October 19	PSAT Testing for 8 th Grade Students 12:00pm EARLY DISMISSAL Parent Teacher Conferences – 4:00 p.m. - 8:00pm
October 20	NO SCHOOL for Students Parent Teacher Conferences – 9:00-1:00pm (Appts. - 8:00 am - 9:00 am)
October 23 - 27	Red Ribbon Week at CCMS
October 24	8 th Grade Students to GAVC Career Fair

CCMS Attendance:

6th Grade 162
7th Grade 162
8th Grade 168
Total: 492

Month in Review:

- ☐ Girls Basketball Tryouts were held on August 28th and 29th. Teams were chosen, practice began on August 30th and the girls began playing games on September 16th. Good luck this to the teams and coaches, Andy Leve (8th Grade), Keegan Clampitt (7th Grade) and Brad Schmitt (6th Grade) on their 2023 season.
- ☐ Coal City students and staff observed Labor Day on September 4th.

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- CCMS held picture day on September 13. Special thanks to Pam McMurtrey and Van Gogh Photography for their work in organizing the event. Retakes will take place on October 11 along with Fall Sport Picture Day.
- CCMS and the Unit #1 teachers took part in staff development training/department meetings on September 13th at CCHS.
- The Coal City Middle School Musical “High School Musical”. is currently in production with rehearsals for the cast members. Mr. Micetich and his team are in the process of getting ready for the show, which takes place on November 9th, 11th and 12th. We hope you are able to come and see our students and their performances.
- CCMS held the following drills in the month of September.
September 7th – Bus Evacuation Drill completed in PE classes
September 20th – Armed Intruder/Lock Down completed with CCPD
- We have one fire drill left to complete and we need to complete have one more armed intruder/lock down drill. We plan to have these completed in October.
- The Unit #1 Wellness Committee sponsored a Bike to School Day on September 20th and 27th for all students in the district. CCMS had good participation from the CCMS students. We have one more Bike to School Day scheduled for October 4th.
- CCMS held the following drills in the month of September:
Bus Evacuation – September 6th
Lock Down Drill – September 19th
- On September 15th, St. Juvin Post 1336 Veterans of Foreign Wars presented Coal City Middle School with a new American flag.
- The flag will hang on the east wall of the middle school gymnasium, as will a POW flag and banner denoting the veteran organization’s gift to the school. Selected 8th grades students accepted the flags during an all-school assembly on Sept. 15th.

VFW members participating in the presentation with Bomba were Commander James ‘Hoppy’ Phillips, junior vice commander James Richards, adjutant/quartermaster Keith Roseland and member Earl ‘Shorty’ Fatlan.

E. HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Stafford reported:

Calendar of Events:

- October 2 - Homecoming Week Begins - “Coaler Paradise”
- October 4 - Powderpuff game Juniors v. Seniors
- October 6 - Homecoming Parade
- October 6 - Homecoming game - Coalers vs. Wilmington
- October 7 - Homecoming dance
- October 12 - Opening Night - Fall Musical “Alice By Heart”

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- October 17 - Digital PSAT/NMSQT testing
- October 18 - ICE Leadership Conference @ Streator High School
- October 19&20 - Parent teacher conferences
- October 24 - Elyssa's Mission presentation
- October 25 - Fire Drill

Month in Review:

- New student ice cream social - CCHS welcomed over 20 new students this past August. To help them check in with each other along with some link leaders, the school sponsored a new student ice cream social in the four-seasons room.
- ISU campus visit - On September 22nd, a group of 28 juniors and seniors attended Illinois State University's open house campus visit. Students heard an admissions presentation, went on a campus tour, attended a university fair and were able to eat lunch in a residence hall dining center. The goal was to get students on a college campus to start thinking about plans after graduation. In order to attend, students had to meet minimum admission requirements.
- Armed intruder drill - In conjunction with the Coal City Police Department, CCHS held their armed intruder drill. The police department was able to fully sign off on the safety drill report and gave the school positive feedback on its readiness.
- Post-HS event - This past Thursday the high school hosted its annual Post High School event. It was a great opportunity for all students, freshmen through seniors to explore different colleges, trades, military branches and different resources for after high school. Students were respectful, welcoming, and asked a lot of great questions to the representatives in attendance.

Recognition:

- Students of the Month - CCHS recognized the September students of the month at an all-school assembly on Friday. The character trait for the month was kindness. The following departments nominated the student recipients.

English - Jackson Wharrie
Math- Kylie Jackson
Office Staff- Chessa Kuhel
Science- Emma DeMarse

- GAVC Director Award Winner - Each month the Grundy County Vocational Center recognizes an outstanding student from each of its programs. This month, Brianne Durkee was recognized for her work within the Computer Graphics & Multimedia Design program. Congratulations to Brianne for her accomplishments

Current Enrollment:

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Freshman:	166
Sophomore:	182
Junior:	147
Senior:	147
Total:	642

Discipline Report:

Left School - 3
Phone Issue - 3
Inappropriate Behavior/Comments - 10
Vaping - 9
Technology Violation - 1
Threat Toward Staff Member - 1
Attempted Fight - 1

F. SPECIAL POPULATIONS REPORT

Director Krippel reported:

Parent Education - Wake Up Call

On the evening of October 18, 2023, Coal City High School and the Community Foundation of Grundy County will be hosting a parent education event at Coal City High School. This program is designed to educate parents/guardians of the dangers and warning signs to recognize with their teenagers in hopes of preventing drug use and addiction. Thank you to the Community Foundation of Grundy County who is funding this parent education event. All parents/guardians of Grundy County are welcome to attend this presentation.

[Wake Up Call Event 10.18.23.pdf](#)

LEA Determination Review - Illinois State Board of Education

The Illinois State Board of Education provides each school district with an Annual Determination Report. The purpose of this report is to determine performance in multiple categories regarding the provision of special education and related services to students with disabilities. This report (FY 2022), found Coal City CUSD #1 to “Meet Requirements” by scoring 33 out of 33 possible points. Because of this performance score, the district is considered a “tiered level of support - 1” which means no further action or remediation is required. This is the second consecutive year that our district has been honored with a perfect score from ISBE. Our entire special education team deserves the highest praise and recognition for this report as this accomplishment is a team effort. A further breakdown of the district’s scores in all categories is attached.

[ISBE Report 22-23.pdf](#)

District Leadership Team - Literacy Plan

Our district leadership team met on September 28th to begin discussions regarding the Illinois State Board of Education’s initiative of each district establishing district and building level literacy plans based on the science of reading. More specific information and guidance is expected from the ISBE in January of 2024. The expectation is that each district will have their literacy plans established for

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the start of the 24-25 school year.

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>
136	54	42	53	70	355
+1	-1	-2	-1	-2	-5

<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	64	118
		+1		+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	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>
29	10

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

<i>Overall Preschool Numbers</i>

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<i>Current Students</i>	<i>IEP Openings</i>	<i>At-Risk Openings</i>	<i>Waitlist</i>
170/210	26	14	3

G. CURRICULUM REPORT

Director Kenney reported:

Professional Development:

Our professional development learning strands will continue for their 2nd session on October 11th, 2023. All new learning will be a continuation of the September professional development.

AP Scores:

Once again, CCHS AP students did extremely well on their Advanced Placement exams. Out of 188 tests given, 125 test scores earned college credit in the state of Illinois for our students. The individual breakdowns for each AP course are below. We are very proud of our students and staff for these achievements.

Total Tests	188	
5	24	12.77%
4	28	14.89%
3	73	38.83%
2	40	21.28%
1	23	12.23%

World History	11	3.45			
5	2	2.00%			
4	3	27.27%	CCHS	State	National
3	4	36.36%	81.80%	69.00%	64.70%
2	2	18.18%	18.20%	31.00%	35.30%
1	0	0.00%			
US History	8	2.38			
5	1	13.00%			
4	0	0.00%	CCHS	State	National
3	2	25.00%	38.00%	48.30%	47.50%

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	2	3	38.00%	63.00%	51.70%	52.50%
	1	2	25.00%			
US Government		20	3.5			
	5	5	25.00%			
	4	4	20.00%	CCHS	State	National
	3	7	35.00%	80.00%	49.70%	49.20%
	2	4	20.00%	20.00%	50.30%	50.80%
	1	0	0.00%			
Spanish		15	2.93			
	5	0	0.00%			
	4	2	13.33%	CCHS	State	National
	3	10	66.67%	80.00%	83.70%	83.80%
	2	3	20.00%	20.00%	16.30%	16.20%
	1	0	0.00%			
Human Geography		39	2.08			
	5	1	2.56%			
	4	2	5.13%	CCHS	State	National
	3	10	25.64%	33.33%	58.60%	54.40%
	2	12	30.77%	66.67%	41.40%	45.60%
	1	14	35.90%			
English Literature		29	3.34			
	5	1	3.45%			
	4	8	27.59%	CCHS	State	National
	3	20	68.97%	100.00%	74.90%	77.20%
	2	0	0.00%	0.00%	25.10%	22.80%
	1	0	0.00%			
English Language		19	2.68			
	5	2	10.53%			

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<i>Computer Science</i>	12	3.33			
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<i>Calculus AB</i>	17	3.76			
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3	3	17.65%	76.47%	57.10%	58.00%
2	3	17.65%	23.53%	42.90%	42.00%
1	1	5.88%			
<i>2-D Art</i>	2	3.5			
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4	1	50.00%	<i>CCHS</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>National</i>
3	1	50.00%	100.00%	82.50%	83.60%
2	0	0.00%	0.00%	17.50%	16.40%
1	0	0.00%			
<i>Statistics</i>	16	2.69			
5	2	12.50%			
4	2	12.50%	<i>CCHS</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>National</i>
3	4	25.00%	50.00%	64.10%	60.00%
2	5	31.25%	50.00%	35.90%	40.00%

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H. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Spencer reported:

1. A FOIA request was received from Ms. Asmus.
2. Superintendent Christopher Spencer will acknowledge of Board Members Ken P. Miller and Shawn Hamilton.
3. Monthly student enrollment figures were available for review.

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 1 – 6 – Homecoming Week @ CCHS
 October 7 – Homecoming Dance @ CCHS
 October 9 – No School – Columbus Day
 October 11 – Early Dismissal & MS Fall Sports/Picture Retakes
 October 12, 14 & 15 – Fall Musical @ CCHS
 October 13 – Last day to make changes for Joint Annual Conference
 October 16 – Picture Retakes @ CCHS
 October 18 – HS/MS End of 1st Quarter
 October 18 – ES Picture Retakes
 October 19 – Early Dismissal/Parent & Teacher Conferences 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
 October 20 – No School – Parent & Teacher Conferences 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
 October 24 – IS Fall Picture Retakes
 October 25 – Spanish Honor Society Induction Ceremony @ CCHS @ 6:00 p.m.
 October 25 – Board Study Session of the Whole Meeting
 October 26 – ECC Fall Picture Retakes
 October 30 – Marching Band Concert Preview
 November 1 – Board Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
 November 3 – Last day to request a Friday Focus Workshop Refund for Joint Annual Conference

I. GRUNDY AREA VOCATIONAL CENTER REPORT

Mr. Engelhardt reported:

1. The GAVC Board of Control approved the 2023 - 2024 11th day enrollments and Equalized Assessed Value (EAV).
2. Representatives from Green & Associates presented the Master Facilities Report and Plan to the Board of Control.
3. Assistant Director Gierke informed the Board of Control that all instructors have begun the curriculum writing process.
4. Assistant Director Gierke updated the Board of Control on each program.
5. Assistant Director Gierke informed the Board of Control that on October 10, is employer day and that local counselors will be invited to tour a few local facilities.

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6. Assistant Director Gierke informed the Board of Control that evaluations have started.
7. Dean Sampson informed the Board of Control that GAVC's Emergency Plan has been updated and approved by local emergency management.
8. Dean Sampson informed the Board of Control that GAVC will have close to 160 students that will be participating in the Grundy County Cornfest Parade.
9. Dean Sampson updated the board on the 8th Grade Career Fair that is set for October 24.
10. Director Copes updated the Board of Control on the September calendar.
11. Director Copes informed the Board of Control of the October 5th Open House at GAVC. The Open House will run from 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
12. Approved the hiring of Kathy Sachtleben as a Full-time substitute at GAVC.
13. Approved the FY24 Emergency Crisis and Threat Assessment Plans.
14. Approved the resolution authorizing the Director to complete the sale of Project House 26.
15. Approve the bid of \$42,845 from Grasser's Plumbing & Heating for the HVAC and Rough-In plumbing work on Project House 27.

J. ATHLETIC DIRECTOR REPORT

Athletic Director Hutchings reported:

Middle School Fall Season Summaries

"A" Softball Lost in Regional Semi finals
"A" Baseball Lost in Regional Semi finals
8th Grade Girls Basketball - Coach Andy Leve
7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach: Keegan Clampitt
6th Grade Girls Basketball Coach: Brad Schmitt

High School Fall Season Midterm Report

Varsity Football	(4-1)
JV Football	(3-2)
Freshmen Football	(3-2)

Golf - Ryland Mygeri and Ethan Bach qualified for IHSA Sectional at Peoria on Oct. 2, 2023

Girls Golf competing in Regional on September 28 at Balmoral Woods

Tennis	(9-5)
Soccer	(1-11-1) overall

Volleyball

Varsity:
Overall: 14-10
ICE: 6-2

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JV:

Overall: 14-5

ICE: 8-0

Freshman:

Overall: 7-10

ICE: 5-3

Dumbbells and plates have arrived at the Fitness center. TV's and iPads are in use with the new PLT4M program. Great to see so many students and athletes using the updated facility.

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 ACCEPTING THE DONATION FROM THE COAL CITY SOCCER CLUB

At the January 25 Board Study Session of the Whole meeting, and at the February 1 Board of Education Meeting, the Board discussed adding a co-ed soccer program at the middle school. This program will have to follow all the IESA code of conduct with grades etc... This program has to be fully funded by Coal City Soccer Club for the first three (3) years. Coal City Soccer Club made two (2) donations to total \$26,707.17 to cover the expenses for the first year.

Mr. Harmon moved and Mr. Hamilton seconded to accept the donation from Coal City Soccer Club in the amount of \$26,707.17, as presented.

Roll Call.

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

Nays:

Absent: Dan Engelhardt

Motion: Carried.

B. DISCUSSION ON FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT PLAN UPDATE

Superintendent Christopher Spencer provided the Board with an update on the Facilities Improvement Plan. Mr. Spencer met the architects to discuss the bid packages, which they hope to have by the end of the month, and the Board can decide if they want to continue. Mr. Spencer has another meeting scheduled with the architects, and at that time they will provide data regarding injuries on turf. They will also have data regarding cancer and turf fields. Mr. Spencer will provide the Board with an update at the next Board meeting.

C. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON BID AUTHORIZATION FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL

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CONCESSION STAND

At the September 20 Board Study Session of the Whole Meeting, CSBO Jason Smith discussed requesting authorization to go out for bids for the concession stand, restrooms, and storage by the back fields at the middle school. This project was slated for FY25, but has accelerated to FY24 due to the immediate impact this improvement would have for future events.

Mr. Hamilton moved and Mr. Harmon seconded to authorize the administration to request bids for the FY24 concession stand at the middle school, as presented.

Roll Call.

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

Nays:

Absent: Dan Engelhardt

Motion: Carried.

D. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS

CSBO Jason Smith discussed the Resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$20,000,000 General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2023, for the purposes of increasing the Working Cash Fund and refunding outstanding bonds, authorizing and directing the execution of an Escrow Agreement, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the proposed sale of said bonds to Raymond James & Associates, Inc. This is just the next step in the process. The Board expressed that they may not take the entire \$20,000,000 that is being requested.

Mr. Hamilton moved and Mrs. Gill moved to approve the Resolution Providing for the Issue of Not to Exceed \$20,000,000 General Obligation School Bonds, and to waive the reading of the resolution.

Roll Call.

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

Nays:

Absent: Dan Engelhardt

Motion: Carried.

E. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON APPROVAL OF FLIGHT AND HOTEL INFORMATION FOR THE THEATRE DEPARTMENT'S FY24 NEW YORK TRIP

At the July 5 Board Meeting, the Board approved the Theatre Department's FY24 trip to New York City. Theatre Director Jack Micetich submitted flight and hotel information for Board consideration and approval. Mr. Micetich determined by booking individually versus by group rate, there is more of a cost savings. With this savings will allow the student to take an additional master class, and/or take in additional show. The Board will pay the initial payment for students to lock in the lower rate, but the families of the students will be responsible for reimbursing the district for their portion of the payments.

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Mr. Hamilton moved and Mr. Rogers seconded to approve the total group flight cost with Southwest Airlines in the amount of \$14,464.00 for the Theatre Department's FY24 trip to New York City, as presented.

Roll Call.

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

Nays:

Absent: Dan Engelhardt,

Motion: Carried

Mrs. Klein moved and Mr. Harmon seconded to approve the lodging agreement with the Edison Hotel for the Theatre Department's FY24 trip to New York City.

Roll Call.

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

Nays:

Absent: Dan Engelhardt

Motion: Carried.

F. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON HIRING OF THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR FOR THE 2024 – 2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Superintendent Christopher Spencer discussed his recommendation for the Athletic Director position for the 2024 – 2025 school year. Mr. Spencer's recommendation to replace retiring Athletic Director, Dan Hutchings is Brad Boresi. The position was posted internally, and Mr. Boresi was the only candidate who applied. Mr. Boresi has been the Assistant Athletic Director and Dean of Students for the last 2-years, and had done a fantastic job in the role. Promoting from within aligns with the Boards initiatives.

Mr. Harmon moved and Mrs. Klein seconded to approve the administration's recommendation to hire Brad Boresi as the Athletic Director for the FY25 school year.

Roll Call.

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

Nays:

Absent: Dan Engelhardt

Motion: Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Coal City Athletic Boosters donated a Commercial Coffe Maker at a price of \$139.99, and three (3) Commercial Food Warmers at a total cost of \$1,109.97. These donations will enhance the products being offered during academic and sporting events at the high school. In the past the Booster had to

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borrow from the kitchen, now the concession stand will have its own.

Mrs. Gill moved and Mr. Hamilton seconded to accept the donations from the Coal City Athletic Boosters, as presented.

Roll Call.

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

Nays:

Absent: Dan Engelhardt

Motion: Carried.

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON APPROVAL OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT APPLICATION

Principal Art Stafford received a request from the Knittle family to allow a foreign exchange student to attend Coal City high school starting the fall semester of the 2023 – 2024 school year. The family is working with Kasey Larson, Regional Coordinator from CETUSA to aide them in this process. The district accepts foreign exchange students, and has a policy (7:50) in place that may require students to pay tuition. The Knittle family requested that the board accepts the student and waive the tuition. This is always a great opportunity for our students to interact with someone from a different culture, and the same for the foreign exchange student.

Mrs. Gill moved and Mrs. Klein seconded to accept a foreign exchange student through CETUSA, and to waive the requirement to pay tuition.

Roll Call.

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

Nays:

Absent: Dan Engelhardt

Motion: Carried.

C. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON APPOINTMENT OF DELEGATE/ALTERNATE TO THE IASB DELEGATE ASSEMBLY AT THE JOINT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Association's Delegate Assembly, comprised of one voting delegate from each member district, is the policy-making body of IASB. Through a vetted resolutions process, proposals presented by member school boards will be introduced, discussed, and voted upon. Final results will guide the Association's position statements and staff in ongoing legislative efforts. A delegate and alternate will need to be appointed to represent our district at this assembly. This is an annual process for the Joint Annual Conference in Chicago.

Mrs. Gill moved and Mr. Rogers seconded to appoint Quint Harmon as delegate, and Shawn Hamilton as alternate at the IASB Delegate Assembly at the Joint Annual Conference.

Roll Call.

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

Nays:

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Absent: Dan Engelhardt
Motion: Carried.

D. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON ACCEPTING THE ANONYMOUS DONATION FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC PROGRAM

An anonymous donation was made in the amount of \$14,560.26 for the purchase of a utility vehicle for the athletic program. This utility vehicle will allow the athletic trainer to get to the various fields more quickly when there are multiple athletic events being held within the district simultaneously.

Mr. Hamilton moved and Mrs. Gill seconded to approve the anonymous donation of in the amount \$14,560.26 for the purchase of a utility vehicle.

Roll Call.

Ayes: Shawn Hamilton, Mary Gill, Quint Harmon, Cindy Klein, Steve Rogers, Ken Miller
Nays:
Absent: Dan Engelhardt
Motion: Carried.

E. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON THE APPROVAL OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE AGREEMENT

CSBO Jason Smith made a recommendation to renew the agreement with Telesolutions for a three-year period, from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027. Telesolutions Consultants provide e-rate management services for the district.

Mr. Rogers moved and Mr. Harmon seconded to approve the agreement with Telesolutions Consultants for e-rate management services, as presented.

Roll Call.

Ayes: Steve Rogers, Quint Harmon, Mary Gill, Shawn Hamilton, Cindy Klein, Ken Miller
Nays:
Absent: Dan Engelhardt
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. Hamilton moved and Mrs. Gill seconded to go to closed session at 6:27 p.m. for the purpose of considering information regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, and to discuss student disciplinary matters and/or educational matters relating to individual students.

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

Nays:

Absent: Dan Engelhardt

Motion: Carried.

Mr. Harmon moved and Mrs. Gill seconded to return to open session at 6:53 p.m.

Roll Call.

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

Nays:

Absent: Dan Engelhardt

Motion: Carried.

ACTION AS A RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Harmon moved and Mr. Hamilton seconded to approve the administration's recommendation that Student #2026350 be expelled from the School District through October 5, 2025, with the option of enrolling in an alternative educational program.

Roll Call.

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

Nays:

Absent: Dan Engelhardt

Motion: Carried.

**BOARD STUDY SESSION OF THE WHOLE DATE: OCTOBER 25, 2023 @ 6:00 P.M.
In Coal City CUSD #1 Administrative Center Boardroom**

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE: NOVEMBER 1, 2023 @ 6:00 P.M.
In Coal City CUSD #1 Administrative Center Boardroom**

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Harmon moved and Mrs. Klein seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 p.m. President Miller asked if there was any opposition to the motion, hearing none considers the motion approved.

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Kenneth P. Miller, President

Mary Gill, Secretary