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Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 6, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

President Miller called the public hearing concerning the issuance of not to exceed \$21,000,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds 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, 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 member of the press Ann Gill. Board member Steve Rogers was absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Public Hearing Concerning the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$21,000,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds

Board President Miller stated that the Board of Education approved a resolution declaring the intention to issue not to exceed \$21,000,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds on Wednesday, August 2, 2023. A legal notice was published in the *Coal City Courier* newspaper on Wednesday, August 9, 2023, regarding such intent.

A legal notice was published in the *Coal City Courier* newspaper on Wednesday, August 23, 2023, regarding the public hearing for the bonds. The purpose of this hearing was to conduct a public hearing concerning the intent of the Board to sell Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$21,000,000 for the purpose of increasing the working cash fund of the District. President Miller asked if any guests or Board members wished to make a comment on the proposed issuance of bonds, this was the appropriate time to do so.

Board President informed the community that they would be given the opportunity to speak for five (5) minutes, and there would be no questions answered at this time. That if they wanted to have a discussion that Mr. Miller and/or Mr. Spencer would be more than willing to meet with them and go over any information, and answered any questions they had.

Christina Johnson, a Diamond, IL resident was given the opportunity to speak. Ms. Johnson asked the Board what the other funds were being utilized for besides installing turf on the football field. She encouraged the Board to look further into the cancer rate and ankle injuries related to having turf fields. She also stated the Board could provide better lunches, she felt lunches were bad at all the buildings, pay teachers more money, and that she doesn't care about football.

Neal Nelson, a Coal City resident was given an opportunity to address the Board. Mr. Nelson wanted to know how much the district owed, if any, on the last Referendum for forty-six million from several years ago? Mr. Nelson wanted to know what would the Board do if they lost their largest tax payer, and when would there be a reduction in taxes for the community? Mr. Nelson stated he tried to obtain answers for his questions from the Superintendent, and that the Superintendent wanted to hold a personal meeting and he just wanted some figures. Mr. Nelson wanted to put in a public forum for discussion regarding the forty-six million Referendum from several years ago, and he felt he was stonewalled. Mr. Nelson stated that the Board is doing an outstanding job and the buildings look great, but felt the Board should have the answers to his questions.

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Board Member Hamilton asked CSBO Jason Smith if all the information regarding the district's bond debt repayments was on the district website, and Mr. Smith stated yes. Mr. Hamilton acknowledged the district received an award for being transparent from an outside source.

President Miller asked if there were any further questions. Hearing none, President Miller considered the public hearing adjourned.

Roll Call:

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

Nays:

Absent: Steve Rogers

Motion: Carried.

CALL TO ORDER

President Miller called the 2023 – 2024 public budget hearing to order at 6:08 p.m. with the board members answering roll call present: Dan Engelhardt, Mary Gill, Shawn Hamilton, Quint Harmon, Cindy Klein, 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 member of the press Ann Gill. Board member Steve Rogers was absent.

Roll Call:

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

Nays:

Absent: Steve Rogers

Motion: Carried.

Public Hearing on the 2023 – 2024 Budget

Board President Miller stated that the Board of Education approved a tentative Budget on Wednesday, July 5, 2023. A legal notice was published in the Coal City Courant newspaper on Wednesday, July 5, 2023. The tentative budget was on display for public inspection and as of this writing, no one has requested to review or copy the proposed budget documents. President Miller asked if any guests wished to make a comment on the tentative 2023 - 2024 budget. President Miller asked if there were there any further questions. Hearing none President Miller considered the public hearing on the 2023 - 2024 Budget adjourned.

After the public hearing meeting, President Miller called the public meeting to order at 6:11 p.m. with the board members answering roll call present: Dan Engelhardt, Mary Gill, Shawn Hamilton, Quint Harmon, Cindy Klein, 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 member of the press Ann Gill. Board member Steve Rogers was absent.

Roll Call:

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

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Nays:

Absent: Steve Rogers

Motion: Carried.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Introduction/acknowledgement of guests. – none.
2. Building Principals will be in attendance to introduce the following new faculty in their buildings:

Elementary School

Nicole Wiltz – 3rd Grade Special Ed Co-Taught

Intermediate School

Savannah Jacobs – 4th Grade Special Ed Co-Taught

Taylor Speed – Speech Pathologist

Grace Thelo – Social Worker

Middle School

Andrew Brim – Band Teacher

Willow DeKruiff – Deaf & Hard of Hearing

Griffin Gletty – ELA Teacher

Mikayla Lange – Special Ed Cross Category

High School

Todd Hancock – Spanish Teacher

Thomas Purcell – Coal Academy Teacher

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

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

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

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.

MINUTES

August 2, 2023 - Regular Meeting

August 11, 2023 – Special Meeting

August 30, 2023 - Board Study Session

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

August 2, 2023 - Regular Meeting

August 11, 2023 – Special Meeting

August 30, 2023 - Board Study Session

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Activity Fund Reports – July 2023

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Treasurer's Report – July 2023
Monthly Manual Check Report – August 2023
Payroll Report – August 2023
Accounts Payable Report – September 2023

PERSONNEL

Resignations

- ☐ Danielle Diamond – 1:1 Special Ed Aide at the High School. Ms. Diamond's last day was August 9, 2023.
- ☐ Nick Ingalls – 6 – 12 Permanent Sub - Mr. Ingalls' last day was August 15, 2023.
- ☐ Allison Nugent – Copy Clerk – Ms. Nugent's last day was May 25, 2023.
- ☐ Daniel Ripplinger – 1:1 Special Ed Aide at the Middle School. Mr. Ripplinger's last day was August 10, 2023.
- ☐ Jeremy Wolles – Custodian at the Early Childhood Center – Mr. Wolles' last day was August 24, 2023.

Employments - *pending satisfactory completion of all state requirements*

- ☐ Danielle Marma - Assistant Secretary for Finance – Ms. Marma will start September 11, 2023.
- ☐ Molly Lutz – Temporary Substitute Teacher at the High School. Ms. Lutz will cover Ms. Vucsko's leave.

Leave Requests

- ☐ Rachel Bjorklund – P.E. Teacher at the High School – Ms. Bjorklund is requesting a thirty (30) day medical leave, with use of accumulated sick leave in accordance with the Teacher's Negotiated Agreement, from approximately Monday, December 18, 2023 through Monday, February 12, 2024. Ms. Bjorklund is also requesting a twenty-two (22) day unpaid FMLA from Tuesday, February 13, 2024 through March 15, 2024. Ms. Bjorklund plans to return to work Monday, March 18, 2024.
- ☐ Betsy Cowherd – 4th Grade Teacher at the Intermediate School – Ms. Cowherd is requesting a thirty (30) day paid sick/FMLA leave, with use of accumulated sick leave in accordance with the Teacher's Negotiated Agreement, from approximately Friday, September 22, 2023 through Friday, November 3, 2023. Ms. Cowherd plans to return back to work Monday, November 6, 2023.
- ☐ Jennifer Muscato – Kindergarten Teacher at the Early Childhood Center – Ms. Muscato is requesting a ten (10) day paid sick/FMLA leave, with use of accumulated sick leave in accordance with the Teacher's Negotiated Agreement, from approximately Monday, September 18, 2023 through Friday, September 29, 2023. Ms. Muscato plans to return back to work Monday, October 2, 2023.

Extra-Curricular Assignments

Athletic Director Dan Hutchings is recommending the following for coaching and volunteering positions:

- ☐ Mike Kostbade – Head Middle School Soccer Coach
- ☐ Tommy Fatigante – Assistant Middle School Soccer Coach

Volunteers

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- ☐ Tim Gabehart – High School Golf Coach
- ☐ Adam Rodriguez – Assistant Football Coach
- ☐ Justin Hayse – Assistant Girls Tennis Coach

Job Description

Assistant Secretary for Finance

Roll Call.

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

Nays:

Absent: Steve Rogers

Motion: Carried.

ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS

A. EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER REPORT

Principal Davidson Reported:

Calendar of Events:

August 30th - All of Kindergarten begins attending

September 4th - No School

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

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

September 7th - Staff Culture Committee Meeting @ 2:55 p.m.

September 12th - IEP Meetings

September 12th - Student Culture Committee Meeting @ 2:55 p.m.

September 14th - Behavior Committee Meeting @ 2:55 p.m.

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

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

September 19th - Academic Committee Meeting @ 2:55 p.m.

September 21st - PreK Team Meeting @ 10:45 a.m.

September 21st - School Improvement Committee Meeting @ 2:55 p.m.

September 26th - A Team Meeting @ 2:55 p.m.

September 27th - IEP meetings

Current Enrollment:

PreK: 147

Kindergarten: 150

1st Grade: 124

Total: **421 (in PowerSchool as of August 30th, 2023)**

Month-in-Review:

- ☐ The beginning of a new school year is the most exciting time! We welcomed students back into the building on the evening of August 15th for our annual Back to School Night. Students were

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able to drop off school supplies and meet their teachers before the big first day of school on August 16th.

- For the first ten days of the school year, Kindergarten is split into two groups and students attend school every other day. The Kindergarten teachers are able to teach routines and how to be at school to half of the class at a time. It is always an exciting day when the entire class comes together for the first time and meets all the friends in the classroom. All of Kindergarten began attending on Wednesday, August 30th.
- Students are enjoying being back in the routine of the school year and the year has started off smoothly. We are excited to see what the next month brings!
- Every Friday this school year is Coaler Friday! Last week, the Coaler football team greeted the students as they entered the building. This week, the Coaler cheerleaders will greet the students and the following week, the Coaler soccer team will greet the students. We LOVE having the “big” kids at our school. They are truly celebrities for the rest of the day and all the students talk about! I had one Kindergarten student ask me if I really knew the “real Coaler cheerleaders.” It is always fun when the students at CCHS return to the ECC and interact with the youngest Coalers!

Recognition:

- Congratulations to Miss Lauren Basham! She will be getting married on Saturday, September 2nd. The students celebrated Miss Lauren on Wednesday, August 30th by dressing in their most fancy clothes and having a “wedding party” in the classroom! Congratulations to Lauren and Tyler!
- Mr. Petersen has jumped into his new role as the PE teacher at the ECC with success! He is amazing with the little kiddos and they already love his enthusiasm and energy. We are thankful for his leadership and positivity in the gym.
- A HUGE thank you to Nikki Planeta for making the library look amazing! She has completely reinvented the space to be inviting and full of literacy fun for the students when attending library each week. It is exciting to walk in and see the students so excited about literacy!

B. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Trotter reported:

Calendar of Events:

September 4th: No School - Labor Day
September 5th: Bus Evacuation Drills
September 6th: School Pictures
September 11th-15th: Grandparents Week
September 13th: Early Dismissal
September 14th: LLT
September 21st: Erin’s Law Presentations

ES Enrollment:

2nd Grade: 149 students

3rd Grade: 154 students

Total: 303 (enrolled as of 8/31/2023)

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Personnel:

- ☐ Charissa Dehler is filling in for Brooke Hanley. She will be with us through December.
- ☐ Jennifer Martino will be filling in for Darcy Forkal for a few weeks beginning on September 12th.

CCES Happenings and Recognitions:

- ☐ The students returned to school on Wednesday, August 16th. It is great to see all their faces and so far, it has been a smooth transition back to school life.
- ☐ Once again, thanks to the ES custodians, Julie, Lynn & Tim. The Custodial staff has worked really hard and the building is looking great.
- ☐ I also want to thank the office staff, Anne and Alison. They go above and beyond to help the students, staff, families and especially me. They definitely make sure everything runs smoothly.
- ☐ Our Second Graders have adjusted to the procedures and the Elementary School with even lunchtime happening with only a few hiccups. The Third Graders are pros by now and have been a big help.
- ☐ Arrival and dismissal times have been smooth so far this year. The staff does a great job of helping the students in and out of the building and the parents have shown a great deal of patience with the process.
- ☐ We had our first Fire Drill on Tuesday, August 29th. Thanks to Chief Seerup, Chief Doerffler, Lieutenant Eddy and the Firemen and Women from the Coal City Fire Department for helping out.
- ☐ CCES is planning Grandparent Day activities for the week of September 10th.

C. INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Carlson reported:

Calendar of Events:

9/1 - Coalers Spirit Day
9/4 - No School ~ Labor Day
9/5 - Interventions Begin
9/5 - PBS Meeting 3:00 p.m.
9/6 - Student Council Meeting 7:30 a.m.
9/6 – Picture Day
9/6 - A Team 3:00 p.m.
9/7 - **Go Gold** for Childhood Cancer Awareness
9/7 - CPI Meeting 3:00 p.m.
9/8 - Coalers Spirit Day
9/8 - New Student Pizza Party 11:00 a.m.
9/11 - SpEd Team 3:00 p.m.

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9/12 - Band Lessons Begin
9/12 - TALC 3:00 p.m.
9/13 - 11:35 Dismissal
9/14 - LLT 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
9/14 - Aide Meeting 3:00 p.m.
9/15 - Coalers Spirit Day
9/16 - Megan's Mission 5K Run/Walk 6:00 p.m.
9/18 - Armed Intruder/Lockdown Drill with CCPD & CCFD 2:30
9/18 - SAP 3:00 p.m.
9/18 - ASAP Begins 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays)
9/19 - PBS Meeting 3:00 p.m.
9/20 - Student Council Meeting 7:30 a.m.
9/20 - CCIS Pizza Night 4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
9/22 - Coalers Spirit Day
9/25 - 9/29 - Student BESS Survey Week (*Behavioral and Emotional Screening System*)
9/25-10/6 - AIMSweb Fall Benchmarking
9/25 - SpEd Team 3:00 p.m.
9/26 - TALC 3:00 p.m.
9/27 - 4th/5th/Specials Meeting 3:00 p.m.
9/28 - Custodian Meeting 3:00 p.m.
9/29 - Coalers Spirit Day

Current Enrollment:

4th Grade 134

5th Grade 135

Total: 269 This includes four 4th grade students and one 5th grade student who are enrolled in other special education programs outside of CCIS.

As of 8/31/23:

New Students = 9

Moved = 12

Changed to Homeschool = 2

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

Previous Month in Review:

- ☐ We had a huge turnout for our 4th grade and new student orientation on August 7th. Everyone appeared excited, and it was wonderful to see so many smiling faces. New families were given a private tour of the building that morning.
- ☐ Our Back to School Night on August 15th went very well. Students were able to meet their teacher, bring their school supplies, and decorate their locker if they chose to. The Coal City

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Public Library set up a table, which almost everyone stopped at since they were giving out candy and other prizes. Mr. Brimm set up a table with band information. Mrs. Kirchner and Mrs. Pierard had a table with lunch/breakfast and free/reduced meal information, and they gave out Scooby-Doo Snacks. The Cub Scouts also had a table with information for students and families. It was a busy night!

- ☐ CCIS created a Welcome Back to School Video for students that we showed at an assembly on the first day of school. Once again, Nikki Boresi and Amy Gaffigan planned and produced the video! <https://bit.ly/3dPFulvCCISvideo2022> *We are loving our occupation!*
- ☐ Grace Thelo (social worker) visited each homeroom to introduce herself and tell students she is here to support their social/emotional needs.
- ☐ Tracy Schmitz and Sarah Veronda have spent the last two weeks screening students in reading & math so they can be properly placed into intervention groups, as needed. They have also been very helpful in gathering intervention materials for all of the CCIS teachers.
- ☐ Currently, we have 59 students in beginning band.
- ☐ During the first full week of school, students rotated through 4 different common area stations (cafeteria, hallway, assemblies and bathroom) where we shared our behavioral expectations with them along with our reward and consequence system.
- ☐ We are off to a fantastic start this school year. The students are smiling. The parents are being supportive. The teachers are working very hard and have done a great job getting to know their students. We have already completed 4 safety drills.

Staff Recognition:

- ☐ I want to recognize and thank Nikki Boresi and Amy Gaffigan for producing our Back-to-School Video.
- ☐ I want to recognize and thank Carol Budde, Stacey Wills, and Grace Thelo for helping me with our student expectation rotations.
- ☐ I want to thank the entire CCIS staff for being “good sports” by participating in the CCIS Back to School Video.

D. MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Johnson reported:

Calendar of Events:

Sept. 4	No School – Labor Day
Sept. 6	Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – Unit Office
September 13	CCMS Picture Day 12:00 p.m. Early Dismissal – Staff Development Day
September 18	CCMS Exploratory Schedule Begins

Personnel Report:

CCMS is proud to welcome one new support staff member to the building.

*Rachel Fearday is a new 1 on 1 Special Education Aide.

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CCMS Attendance:

6th Grade 163

7th Grade 162

8th Grade 168

Total: 493

This is a decrease of 8 students from the opening enrollment of the 2022-23 school year. For 2023-24, CCMS had 18 new students register in the district and 12 students who left the district.

Month in Review:

Ms. Mercedis Neal led over 25 eighth grade students through WEB (Where Everyone Belongs) Leader training on August 3 and 4. Students participated in cooperative learning activities in preparation for 6th Grade Orientation. Our WEB Leaders for this year did an outstanding job preparing and did fabulously working with our 6th grade students at 6th Grade Orientation. 6th grade students were divided into two groups for orientation. Our CCMS 6th graders have gotten off to a great start to the school year.

CCMS also held New Student Orientation on August 7. Special thanks to Mr. Monbrum, Mrs. DePersia and Mrs. Painter for their help with welcoming our new families to our district. A short Parent/New Student Meeting was held in the gymnasium at 11:30 a.m. that day and building tours were given to new 7th and 8th grade students and their families.

CCMS teachers attended Teacher Institute on August 14 and 15.

CCMS students returned to school for the 2023-24 school year on August 16. We had a great first day of the school year and are looking forward to great year of teaching and learning for all of our students and teachers. Staff members reviewed the rules for our Positive Behavior System (PBS) with the students on the first of school.

CCMS hosted Back to School Night on August 22. It was great seeing the students and families in the building once again this year. We had an excellent turnout of students and family members. I heard a lot of positive comments from parents and guardians about the teachers and how nice the building looked. Thanks to the CCMS staff for their work on Back to School Night.

CCMS held the following drills in the month of August.

Monday, August 21 – Fire Drill

Wednesday, August 23 – Tornado Drill

Tuesday, August 29 – Fire Drill

Drills Scheduled

Bus Evacuation – September 6

Lock Down Drill – September 19

CCMS Softball, Baseball and Soccer seasons are in full swing with the teams scheduled to play a

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game almost every night through the middle of September. Coaches for our CCMS Teams are:

A Softball	Brad Schmitt	A Baseball	Greg Wills
B Softball	Stephanie Vucsko	B Baseball	Nate Wills
		C Baseball	Mike Pfeiffer

CCMS Soccer – Mike Kostbade, Tommy Fatigante

CCMS Best of luck to all of our CCMS teams and coaches this fall.

Congratulations to the CCMS A Softball and B Baseball Coalers for winning their IVC Conference Tournaments on August 26.

E. HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Stafford reported:

Calendar of Events:

- September 1 - CCHS Staff Appreciation Night @ 6:30 p.m.
- September 8 - New Student Ice Cream Social @ 11:20 a.m.
- September 12 - Fire Drill
- September 20 - Illinois State University Campus Visit
- September 28 - Post-High School Event

Month in Review:

- Freshman Orientation was a success with a great turnout. Link Leaders did an amazing job welcoming in students and helping them feel prepared and comfortable to make the move in to high school.
- The high school welcomed over 640 students back to CCHS. Students attended a back-to-school assembly where teachers were recognized, new staff was introduced and students were led by the band in the singing of the fight song. It was the perfect way to start off the school year.
- The first school safety drill was held on the 29th. Teachers talked to students about procedures and expectations and administration walked the building to make sure there were no concerns.
- The school's annual "Club Coaler" was a success. Students were able to get in early before school to meet with clubs and organizations they might be interested in getting involved with. In total, 21 clubs participated.

Recognition:

- The AP Scholar Awards recognize high school students who have demonstrated exemplary college-level achievement on AP Exams. CCHS had 29 students who met the criteria. The award is granted to students who, at minimum, receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams. Congratulations to these students on their achievement. These students will be recognized at the September 1 home football game.

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- This month, the College Board came out with their list of nationally recognized students. Coal City High School had eight awardees. Students earn this honor because of their GPA of 3.5 or higher and outstanding performance on the PSAT/NMSQT and or AP exams.

Current Enrollment:

Freshman: 166
Sophomore: 182
Junior: 147
Senior: 149
Total: 644

Discipline Report:

Left School - 1
Phone Issue - 4
Inappropriate Behavior/Comments - 6
Possession of Inappropriate Material - 2
Vaping - 4
Technology Violation - 2

F. SPECIAL POPULATIONS REPORT

Director Krippel reported:

Move-In Students

Our district has added 5 new students who require special education services by moving into the District. This number is much lower compared to the previous years as 15 new students were added at the beginning of the 22-23 school year and 20 were added prior to the 21-22 school year. Our district has seen a significant increase in new students who have limited English language skills. Our student services teams are currently working together to best support these students.

Grants for the 2023-2024 School Year

All grants for this school year have been submitted and approved or are in the process of being approved by the Illinois State Board of Education. A breakdown of grant funds is listed below.

<i>Grant Funds for the 23-24 School Year</i>	
Title I	\$174,184
Title II	\$704
Title IV	\$29,839
IDEA	\$441,925

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PFA	\$175,468
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Special Populations Data: September 2022 vs. September 2023

<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>
<i>Sept 2022</i>	<i>132</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>46</i>	<i>47</i>	<i>71</i>	<i>350</i>
<i>Sept 2023</i>	<i>135</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>72</i>	<i>360</i>

<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>
<i>Sept 2022</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>104</i>
<i>Sept 2023</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>62</i>	<i>115</i>

<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>
<i>Sept 2022</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Sept 2023</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>0</i>

<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>
<i>Sept 2022</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>9</i>
<i>Sept 2023</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>9</i>

<i>Miscellaneous Student Data</i>		
	<i>ELL</i>	<i>Homeless</i>
<i>Sept 2022</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>Sept 2023</i>	<i>TBD</i>	<i>10</i>

<i>Preschool for All Grant (PFA)</i>

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	<i>Current Students</i>	<i>Open Spots</i>
<i>Sept 2022</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>Sept 2023</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>19</i>

<i>Overall Preschool Numbers</i>				
	<i>Current Students</i>	<i>IEP Openings</i>	<i>At-Risk Openings</i>	<i>Waitlist</i>
<i>Sept 2022</i>	<i>149/180</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Sept 2023</i>	<i>154/210</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>0</i>

Vacancies:

Full-Time Paraprofessional - Coal City Intermediate School

G. CURRICULUM REPORT

Director Kenney reported:

Professional Development:

For the first semester of professional development, we will be focusing on several learning opportunities for our teachers and staff members. We will be offering sessions on technology use in the classroom, math resource training, diversity, reading and writing through the Illinois Literacy Plan, mental health awareness, and more. These strands will run for three total sessions through the semester.

In the Office:

We have been working to prepare all of our teachers for their student growth baseline assessments. These assessments will give teachers a way to assess a student's prior knowledge and then make meaningful lessons that will help increase student achievement. Student growth assessments account for 30% of a teacher's overall evaluation rating.

We have also been gathering incoming data from last year's IAR, ISA, and SAT testing. This information will be collected and presented at the October board meeting. Plans are already underway for improvements based on preliminary data.

Teams will be meeting in the coming months to create plans for the implementation of the Accelerated Placement Act, Public Act 101-0654. This act allows for the automatic enrollment of students into the next most rigorous level of advanced coursework if that student meets or exceeds state standards in the areas of ELA, mathematics, and/or science.

Mentoring Program:

Our new teachers are off to a great start. They are settled in and working hard on their student

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growth assessments and student learning in their classrooms. We look forward to seeing their students' progress and make gains in their classrooms.

H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Spencer reported:

1. At the June 7, 2023 Board meeting, the Board authorized the Superintendent to employ personnel as needed due to current candidate shortage. This authorization will sunset August 31, 2023. The following will be employed for the 2023 – 2024 school year, pending satisfactory completion of all state requirements:

Support Staff

- ☐ Felicia Bohac – 1:1 Special Ed Aide at the Early Childhood Center.
- ☐ Cassandra Colegrove – full-time Classroom Special Ed Aide at the Early Childhood Center.
- ☐ Cindy Hanley – 1:1 Special Ed Aide at the Elementary School. Ms. Hanley is replacing Colleen Berta
- ☐ Ann Gill – Community Relations Specialist for the district.
- ☐ Rachel Rose – Copy Clerk for the district - Ms. Rose is replacing Ms. Nugent.
- ☐ Sarah Rowader – 1:1 Special Ed Aide at the Early Childhood Center
- ☐ Anne Sieben – 1:1 Special Ed Aide at the High School. Ms. Sieben is replacing Ms. Diamond.

Cafeteria Staff

- ☐ Angelina Acosta – Lunchroom Supervisor at the High School. Ms. Acosta is replacing Ms. Babcock.
 - ☐ Aimee Kargle – 3hr Food Server at the Elementary School.
 - ☐ Sheri Paraday – 3hr Food Server at the High School.
 - ☐ Lindsey Wright – 3-hr Food Server at the Elementary School. Ms. Wright is replacing Kathleen Long.
2. A FOIA request was received from Katherine Smyser from NBC Universal requesting banned, and/or challenge of any book or any other material in any of the district's school libraries or classrooms. Here is the response.
 3. Emily Blucker a student at Olivet University will complete her student teaching with Jenn Rink, 5th Grade Teacher at the Intermediate School during the spring semester. Also, Gade Vicencio a student at Olivet University will complete his student teaching with Jenn Ness, 4th Grade Teacher at the Intermediate School during the spring semester. Kera Radakovitz, a Speech Intern, will intern with Emily Halliday on Mondays and Fridays until December 2023.
 4. Homecoming Parade Friday, October 6th at 2:30 p.m. If you're able to attend, please let Wanda know.
 5. Monthly student enrollment figures were available for review.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

September 4 – Labor Day – No School

September 6 – ES/IS Fall Pictures

September 13 – Early Dismissal/MS Picture Day

September 14 – ECC Picture Day

September 20 – Board Study Session of the Whole Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.

October 2 – 6 – Homecoming Week

I. GRUNDY AREA VOCATIONAL CENTER REPORT

Mr. Engelhardt reported:

1. The GAVC Board of Control held the annual Budget Hearing.
2. Assistant Director Gierke updated the Board of Control on the two days of Teacher Institute.
3. Assistant Director Gierke informed the Board what days each School District started at GAVC.
4. Assistant Director Gierke thanked each district's counselors and administrative teams for their efficient communication with placing students in classes and sections.
5. Assistant Director Gierke updated the Board on having to close Engineering and CFM programs because of the resignation of the instructor and not being able to find a replacement.
6. Director Copes updated the Board of Control on the September calendar.
7. Director Copes updated the Board of Control with current enrollment numbers.
8. Director Copes provided the Board an update on summer work projects.
9. Director Copes updated the Board of Control on the progress of Project House #26.
10. Approved the FY 23 Audit from Mack & Associates.
11. Approved the FY 24 budget.
12. Accepted the resignation of George Hyland who was a part-time Fire Science Instructor.
13. Accepted the resignation of Timothy McDavid, Engineering Instructor.
14. Approved posting the position of full-time substitute teacher for GAVC.
15. Approved moving the closed session minutes from December 2022 to January 2023 to open session for public inspection.
16. Approved destroying the closed audio recordings from December 2021 to January 2022.
17. Approved the highest non-contingent bid for the sale of project house #26.

J. ATHLETIC DIRECTOR REPORT

Athletic Director Hutchings reported:

Calendar of Events:

- MS Girls Basketball Tryouts August 28, 31 6:15 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.
- IESA Girls Softball Regional at Troy September 6, 9, 12
- IESA Boys Baseball Regional at CC September 13, 16, 18

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Middle School Softball Numbers

“A” Team -- (11) 8th Graders
“B” Team -- (12) 7th Graders
 (9) 6th Graders

Middle School Baseball Numbers

“A” Team -- (18) 8th Graders
“B” Team -- (16) 7th Graders
“C” Team -- (13) 6th Graders

High School Fall Athletic Numbers

Football

• Freshmen	32
• Sophomores	29
• Juniors	16
• Seniors	26
Total:	103

Football Cheerleading - 14

Soccer

• Freshmen	11
• Sophomores	17
• Juniors	2
• Seniors	4
Total:	34

Golf

• Freshmen	3	Girls	2
• Sophomores	2		1
• Juniors	5		3
• Seniors	5		6
Total:	15		12

Girls Tennis

• Seniors	7
• Juniors	2
• Sophomores	9
• Freshmen	7
Total:	25

Volleyball

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- Seniors 8
- Juniors 9
- Sophomores 16
- Freshmen 13
- Total 46

*** 249 total student athletes out for fall sports at the high school**

Athletic Websites:

High School: <https://schools.snap.app/coalcity>

Middle School: <https://schools.snap.app/coalcityms>

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 THE FY23 FINANCIAL AUDIT

Kate Walton, a representative from Mack & Associates, was in attendance to present the 2023 Financial Audit findings. Ms. Walton thanked Mr. Smith and the office staff for all of their assistance in providing additional information as needed to complete the audit. Ms. Walton went through the audit and provided the Board with a summary of their findings. Mack & Associates gave the district a clean opinion, which is the highest opinion for an audit. She also stated the Board is in very strong healthy financial position. The Board thanked Ms. Walton for her time and the information provided.

B. DISCUSSION ACTION ON ADOPTING THE 2023 – 2024 OPERATING BUDGET

The final budget document, including the Certificate of Working Budget and the Certification of Revenues, will be reviewed. As a result of the Budget Hearing earlier in the evening, the Board needed to formally adopt the district's operating budget for 2023 - 2024. The resolution below was read during the meeting, as well as a signed copy kept on file.

Mr. Harmon moved and Mr. Engelhardt seconded to approve the following resolution to adopt the 2023-2024 Operating Budget:

WHEREAS, The Board of Education of Coal City Community Unit School District #1, County of Grundy/Will, State of Illinois, caused to be prepared in tentative form a budget, and the Secretary of this Board has made the same conveniently available to public inspection for at least thirty days prior to final action thereon;

AND WHEREAS, A public hearing was held as to such budget on the 6th day of September 2023,

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notice of said hearing was given at least thirty days prior thereto as required by law, and all other legal requirements have been complied with;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it resolved by the Board of Education of said district as follows:

Section 1: That the fiscal year of this School District be and the same hereby is fixed and declared to be beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

Section 2: That the following budget containing an estimate of amounts available in each Fund, separately, and of expenditures from each be and the same is hereby adopted as the budget of this school district for said fiscal year.

The Board thanked Mr. Smith for all of his hard work in putting the summary of the budget together.

Roll Call.

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

Nays:

Absent: Steve Rogers

Motion: Carried.

C. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON APPROVAL OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CCCUSD#1 AND REED CUSTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

At the August 2 Board Meeting the Board tabled their vote due to the collective bargaining negotiations. At the August 30 Board Study Session Meeting, Mr. Spencer discussed the Intergovernmental Agreement with Reed Custer School District to allow a high school Math Teacher to teach a course for Reed Custer High School. A collective bargaining agreement has been reached and this matter was presented to the Board for approval.

Mrs. Gill moved and Mrs. Klein seconded to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Reed Custer School District as presented.

Roll Call.

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

Nays:

Absent: Steve Rogers

Motion: Carried.

D. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON HIRING THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS SPECIALIST

Superintendent Christopher Spencer discussed the hiring of Ann Gill as the Community Relations Specialist. Mr. Spencer provided the Board with a brief summary of the interview process and the number of candidates the panel met with. Ms. Gill overall was the best fit for the position. She came in with ideas of how to make the district better as it relates to community relations.

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Mr. Engelhardt moved and Mrs. Klein seconded to approve the hiring of Ann Gill as the Community Relations Specialist.

Roll Call.

Ayes: Dan Engelhardt, Cindy Klein, Shawn Hamilton, Quint Harmon, Ken Miller

Nays:

Absent: Steve Rogers

Abstained: Mary Gill

Motion: Carried.

E. DISCUSSION ON FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT PLAN UPDATE

Superintendent Christopher Spencer provided the Board with an update on the Facilities Improvement Plan. New branding has been added to all the buildings, some you can see from the road. New lights have been added along the new road at the district office, and speedbumps have been added to the new road. There will be more information at the next Board Meeting.

F. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON THE RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE SCHOOL TREASURER TO TRANSFER MONEY FROM THE EDUCATIONAL FUND TO CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

At the August 30 Board Study Session, CSBO Jason Smith discussed transferring \$2,000,000 from the Educational Fund to the Capital Projects Fund to expedite the building of additional storage, concessions, and restrooms near the baseball, softball and soccer field at the middle school. This project is a part of the Facilities Improvement Plan and was slated for the summer of FY25. Accelerating this project will have an immediate impact at those fields due to the heavy use since the addition of the new road and parking lot.

Mr. Hamilton moved and Mr. Harmon seconded to approve the Resolution Directing the School Treasurer to Transfer Money from the Educational Fund to Capital Projects Fund as presented, and to waive the reading of the resolution.

Roll Call.

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

Nays:

Absent: Steve Rogers

Motion: Carried.

G. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON APPROVAL OF THE FY24 STRATEGIC PLAN

At the August 30 Board Study Session, Superintendent Christopher Spencer presented a draft of FY24 Strategic Plan to the Board of Education. The final plan was ready for Board approval.

Mrs. Gill moved and Mr. Harmon seconded to approve the 2023-2024 Board Strategic Plan as presented.

Roll Call.

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

NEW BUSINESS

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

The Athletic Boosters made a donation to Coal City High School in the amount of \$709.70 for equipment and a cash donation in the amount of \$2,278.93. These donations will enhance the athletic program at Coal City High School. The cash donation went to buying poms for the cheerleading team, and television sets for the weight room.

Mrs. Gill moved and Mr. Engelhardt seconded to approve the equipment donation in the amount of \$709.70, along with the cash donation in the amount of \$2,278.93 from the Athletic Boosters, as presented.

Roll Call.

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

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON ACCEPTING THE DONATION FROM GRUNDY SUPPLY

Grundy Supply made a donation in the amount of \$400 to provide lunch for the district custodians. This donation assisted in the district's efforts to show their appreciation for all their hard work and dedication to their job.

Mr. Engelhardt moved and Mrs. Klein seconded to approve the donation from Grundy Supply in the amount of \$400.00.

Roll Call.

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

C. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON ACCEPTING THE DONATION FROM AN ANONYMOUS DONOR FOR SCHOOL BRANDING

An anonymous donation in the amount of \$15,000 was made for branding throughout the buildings and facilities in the district.

Mrs. Gill moved and Mr. Hamilton seconded to accept the anonymous donation in amount of \$15,000 for branding throughout the district.

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Roll Call.

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

Nays:

Absent: Steve Rogers

Motion: Carried.

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

A School Site Donation in the amount of \$328.70 was received from Grundy County. A resolution was prepared for acceptance of the school site donation.

Mr. Engelhardt moved and Mrs. Gill seconded to approve the resolution to accept the School Site Donation of \$328.70 from the Grundy County, and to waive the reading of the resolution.

Roll Call.

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

Nays:

Absent: Steve Rogers

Motion: Carried.

E. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON AGREEMENT WITH SUNBELT STAFFING

Director of Special Populations Luke Krippel made a recommendation to enter into an agreement with Sunbelt Staffing, LLC for the 2023 – 2024 school year. Sunbelt Staffing, LLC will assist the district with nursing services for a student. The Board of Education commended Mr. Krippel for his efforts with getting someone identified.

Mr. Harmon moved and Mrs. Gill seconded to approve the agreement with Sunbelt Staffing, LLC as presented.

Roll Call.

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

Nays:

Absent: Steve Rogers

Motion: Carried.

OPEN FOR ITEMS NOT KNOWN AT AGENDA PREPARATION TIME

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

1. In regard to agenda items – An anonymous donation was made in the amount of \$500 was made to the Backpack Program. Superintendent Christopher Spencer and the Board of Education thanked the anonymous donor.
2. In general (Limited to 5 minutes per person.) – none.

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CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Hamilton moved and Mr. Engelhardt seconded to go to closed session at 7:11 p.m. for the purpose of considering information regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, and pending litigation.

Roll Call.

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

Nays:

Absent: Steve Rogers

Motion: Carried.

Mr. Hamilton moved and Mr. Harmon seconded to return to open session at 7:33 p.m.

Roll Call.

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

Nays:

Absent: Steve Rogers

Motion: Carried.

**BOARD STUDY SESSION OF THE WHOLE DATE: SEPTEMBER 20, 2023 @ 6 P.M.
In Coal City CUSD #1 Administrative Center Boardroom**

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 4, 2023 @ 6 P.M.
In Coal City CUSD #1 Administrative Center Boardroom**

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hamilton moved and Mr. Harmon seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 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