

**Coal City Community Unit School District No. One
Board of Education Meeting**

**Meeting will begin in the Coal City Middle School Gym at 6:00 p.m.
500 S. Carbon Hill Road**

Coal City CUSD #1 District Office Board Room, 550 S. Carbon Hill Road

April 12, 2023

Public Session - 6 :30 p.m.

It Is The Mission Of The Coal City Community Unit School District #1 ...to prepare today's learners for tomorrow's challenges.

Coal City Middle School Gym

1. Call to Order

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

2. Notices and Communications

Introduction/acknowledgement of guests

The Board will recognize the following groups:

Board Member Retirement Recognition

HS Illinois State Scholars

MS IESA State Wrestler Qualifiers

HS Educator Rising National Competition Qualifiers

Motion: Discussion/Action to adjourn the meeting to the District Office to reconvene at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Move to Coal City District Office Boardroom

Motion: Discussion/Action to reconvene the Board Meeting at _____ p.m.

Roll Call

Communications from the Floor

3. Approval of Consent Agenda

Meeting Minutes – Regular

Activity Fund Reports

Treasurer's Report

Monthly Manual Check Report

Payroll Report

Accounts Payable Report

Approval of Resignations

Approval of Employment

Approval of Employee Transfers

Approval of Leave Requests

Approval of Extra-Curricular Resignations

Approval of Extra-Curricular Assignments

Approval of Facility Use Requests

4. Administrative/Committee Reports

A. [Early Childhood Center Report](#)

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5. Communications from the Floor

6. Old Business

- A. [Discussion on](#) FY23 Facilities Improvement Plan
- B. [Discussion/Action](#) on Bid Award for Middle School Floor Repair
- C. [Discussion/Action](#) on Bid Award for the High School Fitness Center and Weight Room

7. New Business

- A. [Discussion/Action](#) on IHSA Membership Renewal
- B. [Discussion/Action](#) on Approval of the Quarterly Drop Out Report
- C. [Discussion/Action](#) on Hazardous Bus Route Declaration
- D. [Discussion/Action](#) on Continuing Disclosure Undertaking
- E. [Discussion/Action](#) on Acceptance of a Donation to the Theatre Department
- F. [First Reading on](#) Revised District Policies
- G. [First Reading](#) on Revised District Policy 7:270 Administering Medicines to Students
- H. [Discussion/Action](#) on Approval of the Articles of Agreement with GAVC
- I. [Discussion](#) on FY24 School Fees
- J. [Discussion/Action](#) on Foreign Exchange Student Application
- K. [Discussion/Action](#) on Approval of Foreign Exchange Student Application
- L. [Discussion/Action](#) on the Approval of the PSO Donation to the Intermediate School
- M. [Discussion/Action](#) on the Board Paying the Registration Fee for the Educator Rising National Competition Qualifiers

8. Open for Items Not Known at Agenda Preparation Time

[Communications from the Floor](#)

9. [Closed Session](#) for the purpose of considering information regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, and collective bargaining matters.

Action as a Result of Closed Session
Possible Approval of a Leave Request
Possible Dismissal of an Educational Support Staff Employee

Adjournment

Section 1

MEETING WILL BEGIN IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL GYM

CALL TO ORDER

President Miller called the regular meeting to order at _____ p.m. with the board members answering roll call present: Robert Bianchetta, Mary Gill, Shawn Hamilton, Quint Harmon, Chuck Lander, Steve Rogers, and Ken Miller.

Roll Call:

Robert Bianchetta, Mary Gill, Shawn Hamilton, Quint Harmon, Chuck Lander, Steve Rogers, Ken Miller

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Section 2

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Introduction/acknowledgement of guests.

Superintendent Christopher Spencer will acknowledgement the retirement Board Members Robert Bianchetta and Chuck Lander.

High School Principal Jennifer Kenney will be in attendance to recognize FY23 Illinois State Scholars: Natalie Appleton, Gavin Chernesky, Lucas Crater, Collin Dames, Brady Ehman, Declan Harrington, Logan Hawkins, Luke Hawkins, Joseph Hutchings, Brecken Johnson, Isabelle Kostbade, Heather Kroeger, Azra Malovski, Kaelan Natyshok, Ryne Phelan, Jacob Piatak, Mia Ratajczak, Joshua Ritchie, Jackson Wilcock, and Braiden Young.

Head Middle School Wrestling Coach, Branden Petersen will be in attendance to recognize the IESA State Wrestler Qualifiers: Landon Bomba, Jason Piatak, Tyson Price, Bobby Stoudt, Cole Russell, Alex Carlson, Fabian Hernandez, Theo Fritz, and Aiden Edmonds. Also being recognized are the State Placers: Jake Munsterman – State Champ, Owen Petersen – State Champ, Cooper Morris – State Champ, Ryder Gill – State Runner-Up, Brody D’Orazio – 4th Place, and Brantley Brooks – 6th Place.

High School Teacher and Sponsor of Educator Rising, Ben Baer will be in attendance to recognize the Educator Rising National Competition qualifiers Mia Rataczak and Rachel Hall.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE TO RECONVENE AT APPROXIMATELY 6:30 P.M.

Roll Call.

Robert Bianchetta, Mary Gill, Shawn Hamilton, Quint Harmon, Chuck Lander, Steve Rogers, Ken Miller

(Move to district office)

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ON MOTION TO RECONVENE THE BOARD MEETING
AT _____ P.M.**

Roll Call.

Robert Bianchetta, Mary Gill, Shawn Hamilton, Quint Harmon, Chuck Lander, Steve Rogers, Ken Miller

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

1. In regard to agenda items
2. In general (Limited to 5 minutes per person.)

Section 3

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Are there any items that the Board would like to remove from the consent agenda?

To approve the consent agenda including the minutes from the regular meeting of March 1, the February Activity Fund Reports; February Treasurer’s Report, the March Monthly Manual Checks report; the March Payrolls, the April Accounts Payable, personnel items including approval of resignations, employments, employee transfers, extra-curricular resignations, extra-curricular assignments, CodeHS contract, and to approve the following building usage requests as listed:

<u>Group</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Date</u>
CC Soccer Club	ES	3/26/23
CC Soccer Club	MS	3/20-24/23 & 3/27-31/23
Faith Baptist Church	MS	3/10/23-5/26/23 (Fridays)
CC Youth Baseball	IS	4/6; 4/13; 5/4; 6/15 & 6/22/23
CC Youth Baseball	MS	4/18;4/22;4/27;5/4; 5/9;5/13;5/20; 5/25; 6/3

Roll Call.

Robert Bianchetta, Mary Gill, Shawn Hamilton, Quint Harmon, Chuck Lander, Steve Rogers, Ken Miller

Section 4

ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS

A. EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER REPORT

Principal Davidson Reported:

Calendar of Events:

April 1st-April 11th - Spring Break
April 11th - Support Staff Meeting @ 2:55pm
April 12th - SAP Team Meeting @ 2:55pm
April 13th - Specials Team Meeting @ 2:55pm
April 14th - ECC Spring Pictures
April 17th - TALC Team Meeting @ 2:55pm
April 18th - A Team Meeting @ 2:55pm
April 19th - PreK Team Meeting @ 10:45am
April 19th - Staff Meeting @ 2:55pm
April 19th - Family Connection @ 6:00pm
April 20th - PBS Team Meeting @ 2:55pm
April 24th - SPED Team Meeting @ 2:55pm
April 25th - Kindergarten Team Meeting @ 11:15am
April 25th - 1st Grade Team Meeting @ 12:15pm
April 25th - CPI Team Meeting @ 2:55pm
April 26th - Kindergarten Registration
April 26th - Early Dismissal (PM PreK attends)
April 26th - NO SCHOOL for Current Kindergarten students
April 27th - New Staff Meeting @ 2:55pm

Current Enrollment:

PreK:	203
Kindergarten:	125
1st Grade:	144
Total:	472 (in PowerSchool as of March 29th, 2023)

Completed Safety Drills

Fire Drill - September 21st, 2022 (with fire department present)
Bus Evacuation Drill - September 8th, 2022
Shelter-in-place Drill - September 8th, 2022
Lockdown Drill - September 20th, 2022 (with police department present)
Monthly Panic Button check - October 24th
Monthly Phone check for Lockdown - October 24th
Monthly AED Device check - October 25th
Monthly Phone Check for Lockdown - November 14th
Monthly AED Device check - November 29th
Monthly Panic Button check - November 30th
Monthly Phone check for Lockdown - December 14th
Monthly AED Device Check - December 20th
Monthly Panic Button check - December 21st
Monthly AED Device Check - January 4th
Monthly Phone Check for Lockdown - January 17th
Monthly Panic Button Check - January 25th
Monthly Phone check for Lockdown - February 13th
Monthly AED Device Check - February 21st

Monthly Panic Button Check - February 22nd
Monthly Phone Check for Lockdown - March 13th
Monthly Panic Button Check - March 29th
Monthly AED Device Check - March 29th

Month-in-Review:

- On Friday, March 17th, the students at the ECC celebrated St. Patrick’s Day. A leprechaun was loose in the building and wreaked havoc in some of our classrooms. The students enjoyed spending the day trying to find the “sneaky leprechaun” loose in the building and outside at recess!
- On Thursday, March 16th, the entire ECC went to CCHS to view Act One of the high school musical production of Anastasia. The students enjoyed the singing and dancing and music at the “big kid school!”
- IAR Testing Themed Days



- We joined the theme days to support the 3rd grade students as they tested for IAR the week of March 27th. Go 3rd Graders!
- Students are ready for Spring Break! Students will return to the ECC on Tuesday, April 11th.

Recognition:

- On Thursday, March 30th, we will be celebrating the upcoming marriage of Allison Wingate. She will be getting married next month. Congratulations to her and her new adventure!
- Congratulations to Nicole Wiltz for a successful student teaching experience! She will be done next month and has done a phenomenal job in a difficult preschool classroom. Her relationships with students and staff was second to none and she will be missed as she continues on to her next adventure! Best of luck in any future position!

B. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Trotter reported:

Calendar of Events:

April 1st - 10th: Spring Break
April 11th: Classes Resume
April 12th: ES Spring Pictures

April 19th: ABC Countdown begins
April 26th: 11:45 Dismissal
April 26th: Young Author's
April 27th: 2nd Grade Concert

ES Enrollment:

2nd Grade: 148 students

3rd Grade: 139 students

Total: 287 (enrolled as of 3/30/2023)

Personnel:

- Destiny Horkavy submitted her resignation. Her last day at the ES was March 31st.

CCES Happenings and Recognitions:

- The students and staff celebrated Read Across America Week with some amazing spirit days such as 'Animal Print or Dress Like an Animal Day' and 'Tourist Day'.
- We welcomed many families back to the ECC for the Family Reading Night. We had a great turn out and everyone seemed to have an amazing time.
- Our third-grade students took part in the IAR tests the last week of March. During this week all the students participate in spirit days such as 'Working Our Brains' (wear workout clothes) and 'Our Students Are Bright' (wear bright colors). The third graders were focused and came to school prepared. The second graders helped out by being extra quiet in the hallways.
- I would like to recognize the efforts of our Reading Specialist, Katie Ludes. She and her team did an amazing job of bringing Family Reading Night back after a few years. Katie is always going above and beyond and willing to help out and support the teachers and students. Having her at the Elementary School full time this year has been a real asset.
- I also want to acknowledge the ES staff. Everyone was upbeat and encouraging during the IAR tests for our 3rd Graders. These tests can be stressful for our students and the teachers helped to ease anxieties.

C. INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Carlson reported:

Calendar of Events:

4/11 - School Resumes

4/11 - Musical Tryouts during Recess

4/12 - Student Council Meeting 7:30 a.m.

4/12 - Musical Tryouts during Recess

4/12 - Spring Pictures, Homeroom Pictures, Whole School Picture, Band Picture

4/12-4/14 - IAR Makeup Testing

4/12 - Staff Meeting 3:00 p.m. LRC

4/13 - Aide Meeting 3:00 p.m.

4/13 - Musical Call Backs 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at CCHS PAC

4/14 - Lockdown Drill 2:35 p.m.

4/17 - SAP Meeting 3:00 p.m.
 4/18 - TALC Meeting 3:00 p.m.
 4/19-4/21 IL Science Assessment Testing Days, 5th Grade
 4/19 - 4th, 5th, Specials Teams Meeting 3:00 p.m. LRC
 4/20 - 4th Grade Donuts with Grown-ups 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
 4/20 - 4th Grade Rehearsal 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. at CCHS
 4/20 - 4th Grade Concert 7:00 p.m. at CCHS
 4/21 - 5th Grade Donuts with Grown-ups 7:30 a.m. -8:30 a.m.
 4/24 - SpEd Team Meeting 3:00 p.m.
 4/25 - PBS Meeting 3:00 p.m.
 4/26 - Student Council Meeting 7:30 a.m.
 4/26 - 11:35 Dismissal
 4/26 - Young Author Celebration 12:30 p.m. Utica
 4/27 - CPI Team Meeting 3:00 p.m.

Current Enrollment:

4th Grade 136

5th Grade 154

Total: 290 This includes one 4th grade student and one 5th grade student who are enrolled in other special education programs outside of CCIS.

Emergency/Crisis Drills Completed:

Evacuation/Fire	8/17/22; 10/21/22
Shelter-in-Place/Storm	8/18/22; 11/18/22; 1/13/23
Lockdown	8/19/22; 9/20/22
Bus Evacuation	9/6/22

Previous Month in Review:

- We had a fun week of spirit/dress up days for Dr. Seuss/Read Across America Week from 2/27-3/3:
 - Monday - **If I Ran the Zoo** ~ Dress like an animal or wear animal print
 - Tuesday - **One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish** ~ Wear Blue for Rare Disease Day
 - Wednesday - **Fox in Socks** ~ Wear Silly Socks or Favorite Socks
 - Thursday - **Oh, the Places You'll Go!** ~ Wear Favorite Vacation Shirt
 - Friday - **Cat in the Hat** ~ Put a Cap on Cancer ~ Donate \$2 to support a local family
- On March 1st we had a PBS Name That Tune event for students who had positive behavior at least 80% of school days in January and February. We also had a raffle, which students entered using their Coaler Cash, for a chance to spin our huge wheel to win a pizza party, popsicles, special drink or more Coaler Cash. We had so much fun, and it was neat hearing the students sing along during the game.
- Family Art Night was held on March 7 at the Coal City Public Library from 5:30 - 7:00.
- CCIS celebrated Pi (3.14) Day on 3/14 with a contest to see who had memorized the most digits of the infinite number. Students who participated were given a piece of candy. The top winners were given a small pie and a certificate. These students are noted below in the Student Recognition section.
- Family Reading Night was held on March 15 at the ECC from 6:00 - 7:30.
- CCIS students and staff went to CCHS on March 16 to see Act 1 of their musical "Anastasia".

- From 3/20-3/24 CCIS collected donations for Help for Hope during our annual “Let’s Make a Difference Week”.
 - Munchie Monday ~ Snacks and nonperishable food items
 - Toiletry Tuesday ~ Toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, tissue
 - Washup Wednesday ~ Soap, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, loofa
 - It’s Thursday, Baby ~ Diapers, wipes, formula, pacifiers, baby food
 - Floss Friday ~ Toothpaste, toothbrush, floss, mouthwash
- We had a crazy socks day in honor of World Down Syndrome Day on March 21. Globally, people wear crazy socks on 3/21 to represent the change in chromosomes. It's celebrated on 3/21 because Down Syndrome happens when the 21st chromosome is tripled.
- Our Family Bags/Corn Hole Tournament took place on March 26th and it was so much fun! We had 36 teams participate, and we were able to donate \$350 to Help for Hope! The top 4 teams are listed below in the Student Recognition section.
- CCIS took the state IAR (IL Assessment of Readiness) tests 3/27 - 3/30. To keep the students motivated throughout the testing week, we gave them special test-taking messages along with a pop-it fidget, a Tootsie pop, and skittles, and our student council provided gum and mints. We also had the following spirit days during testing week:
 - Monday - **Thinking Cap & Coaler Spirit Day** ~ Put your thinking cap (hat) on and use your Coaler spirit to bring you energy for the IAR tests!
 - Tuesday - **Bright Future Day** ~ Wear bright/neon colors because our futures are bright and we will show it on the tests!
 - Wednesday - **Workout Wednesday** ~ Wear workout/exercise clothes and workout your brain on the tests! You can do it!
 - Thursday - **Fancy Clothes Day** ~ Dress for Success because you will be so successful on the tests!
 - Friday - Wear your favorite spring/vacation clothes because Spring Break begins on Saturday!
- We currently have 19 students in ASAP (After School Assistance Program); nine 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.

Student Recognition:

Congratulations to following Students of the Week:

- Week of 2/27: Olivia Mierzwa, Jackson Pruum, Devon Fatlan, Aubrey Blake
 - Week of 3/6: Daisy Bell and Kahler Popovich
 - Week of 3/13: Emma Hamilton, Harper Lardi, Ayden Swore, Ace Haberzettel
 - Week of 3/20: Hailey Fisher, Timmy Wegner, Jaxson Parks, Cali Ness
 - Week of 3/27: Ryder Morgan, Madilynn Williams, Isabella Escareno, Wyatt Janczak
- Congratulations to Brantley Brooks for making it to the IESA State Wrestling Tournament on 3/10-3/11. Brantley placed 6th at the State Tournament!
 - Congratulations to our Pi Day Contest winners!
 - 4th Grade: Lilly Harney 50 digits, Hailey Fisher 36, Timmy Wegner 34
 - 5th Grade: Brantley Brooks 73 digits, Eathyn Rivera 70, Olivia Edmonds 37

- Congratulations to the top 4 teams at our Family Bags/Corn Hole Tournament!
 - 4th Place - *Hole in One*: Caleb Hall and his uncle
 - 3rd Place - *The Great Cornholios*: Carter Shain and his dad
 - 2nd Place - *Mack Attack*: Mackenna Cuddy and her dad
 - 1st Place - *The Goofy Goobers*: Eathyn Rivera and his brother

Staff Recognition:

- I want to thank Mr. McCleary, Mr. Nicholson, Ms. Marsala, Ms. Vignocchi, Miss Connelly, Mr. Leve and Mrs. Bohac for running our PBS Name That Tune assembly.
- I want to thank Mr. McCleary, Mr. Nicholson and Mr. Leve for running our Family Bags/Corn Hole Tournament.
- I want to thank Mrs. Schmitz for all her work preparing for Family Reading Night.

I want to recognize the following staff members who received the weekly CCIS Kudos:

- Mr. McCleary for organizing and running our Name That Tune PBS assembly
- Mrs. Bajt for organizing a successful Fine Arts Festival
- Mrs. Budde for amazingly decorating our gym, cafeteria, and hallway for the CCIS dances

D. MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Johnson reported:

Calendar of Events:

April 1 -10	No School – Spring Break
April 11	School Resumes
April 12	Track and Field Pictures
April 13	8 th Grade Dance Parent Meeting
April 24 - May 5	CCMS Book Fair
April 26	12:00pm Early Dismissal – Staff Development Day
	Board Study Session – 6:00 p.m. – Unit Office

CCMS Attendance

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

Month in Review:

- Coal City Schools observed Casimir Pulaski’s birthday on March 6.
- Coal City Schools held a Staff Development Day on March 1. CCMS teachers continued their curriculum audit of the Social Emotional Learning Standards as well as continued work on their subject matter curriculum and assessments.
- CCMS 8th grade students were fitted for their 8th Grade Promotion Gowns on March 8. Thanks to Ryan Bunton, Kerry Yedinak and Mercedis Neal for their help with the students.

CCMS WRESTLERS ARE IESA STATE RUNNER UPS

- Congratulations to Coach Petersen and the CCMS Wrestling Warriors as they finished second in the 2023 IESA State Championship. The Warriors scored a total of 149.5 points finishing second to Vandalia at 164. State record 316.5 points during the State Finals besting the previous record by 76 points.

CCMS had three individual state champions:

- Jake Munsterman – 75 pounds
- Owen Petersen – 95 Pounds
- Cooper Morris – 100 Pounds

We also had 5 runner-up performances:

- Ryder Gill – 65 – 2nd Place
- Brody D’Orazio – 4th Place – 167
- Brantley Brooks – 6th Place – 70 Pounds

Other wrestlers who competed at the State Finals were: Landon Bomba, Jason Piatak, Tyson Price, Bobby Stoudt, Alex Carlson, Fabian Hernandez, Theo Fritz, Aidan Edmonds and Cole Russel.

Congratulations to all of wrestlers and coaches on another outstanding season. Best of luck to all our 8th wrestlers who are moving onto high school.

- March 13 marked the end of the third quarter of the school year.

IVC CONFERENCE SPELLING BEE

- The IVC Spelling Bee took place on March 13 in Seneca. Coal City had three representatives: Max Christensen, Brady Pierson, and Delanie Winke. The students representing Coal City did an amazing job at the IVC Conference Spelling Bee.
 - Delanie Winke was the Overall Spelling Bee Champion and the top 8th grade speller in the conference.
 - Max Christensen took first place for sixth grade representatives.
 - Brady Pierson took third place for seventh grade spellers.
 - Thanks to sponsors Jen Munsterman and Tara Sweeney for their work and help on the Spelling Bee.
- CCMS Student Council sponsored their second dance of the 2022-23 school year on March 17. The dance had a St. Patrick’s Day theme. We had a good turnout of students at the dance at the dance. Thanks to Sharon Swink and the CCMS Student Council for their planning and work on the dance.
- CCMS students participated in the IL Assessment of Readiness (IAR) Testing beginning on March 21 with CCMS students taking tests in the areas of English Language Arts and Mathematics. CCMS 8th grade students also participated in the IL Science Assessment on March 16. 8th grade students took three assessments in the different areas of science. Thanks to the CCMS Staff for their help in preparing students for the state testing process and helping proctor the tests to the students. The students showed a great effort on the

tests and we are excited to see how we have performed on the ELA, Math and Science tests.

- CCMS 8th Grade Parent Night was held on March 22. 8th grade students and families were able to visit Coal City High School and meet with their counselors and see the various clubs and activities available. Thanks to Jen Kenney, Corey Mikula, Brad Boresi, Erin Dransfeldt and Keith Kiper for their work in getting this event planned for the incoming freshmen.
- CCMS students were on Spring Break from April 1 - 10.

E. HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Kenney reported:

Calendar of Events:

April 1 – April 10 – Spring Break
April 12 – SAT and PSAT Testing
April 17 – Staff Meeting
April 18 – Music Honor Society Induction
April 21 – JJC Accounting Competition
April 25 – Certificate of Employability Mock Interviews
April 25 – Youth Philanthropy Meeting – Student Ambassadors
April 26 – Early Dismissal

Month in Review:

- March was a great month for the theater department at Coal City High School. The performers and crew did an amazing job yet again! Their performance of Anastasia was phenomenal. Congratulations to the cast and crew, along with Mr. Micetich, Ms. Gill, Ms. D’Agostino, and Ms. Connelly and the pit orchestra!
- Juniors completed the Illinois Science Assessment at the end of March. We look forward to reviewing the results in order to make positive changes to our science curriculum.
- Mrs. Czernicki and Mr. Sinkular attended the ICE Conference Science and Social Studies Articulation meeting. These meetings allow all ICE Conference department leaders to discuss current policy and curriculum.
- Thank you to Joliet Junior College for coming to CCHS and hosting the JJC Next Step Day. During this time, students were able to meet with counselors to complete their application, apply for scholarships, and explore their programs. It was a great event to assist our students in their next step as their graduate high school.
- On March 21st, numerous juniors attended the ZAP the SAT course from 9-3:00pm. This course gave them tips and tricks for helping to succeed while taking the SAT test that is coming on April 12th.
- The end of the month began our AP practice exams. Students that are taking the AP exam will be taking a mock practice test to prepare for the time allotment and the rigor of the exam.
- Congratulations to our students that were inducted into the National Honor Society on March 21st.

- On March 29th and 30th, CCHS welcomed the United States Army to assist with our physical education classes. During this time, they set up the events gym and offered numerous physical activities to our students. Students had a great time and we are appreciative of the US Army for coming in and hosting these activities. Thank you to Ms. Bjorklund for organizing this event.
- Spring sports are underway! We look forward to a successful spring! Go Coalers!

Enrollment as of 4/1/23

Freshman – 180 – loss of 1
 Sophomores – 144 – loss of 1
 Juniors – 136 – loss of 3
Seniors – 154
Total: – 614 – Decrease of 5

Discipline as of 4/1/23

Class Cut	0
Insubordination	0
Inappropriate Physical Contact	0
Cell Phone Infractions	2
Fighting	2
Vaping /THC Vaping	3
Safety Violation	1
Inappropriate Language	0
Theft/Damage to Property	1
<u>Other Infractions</u>	<u>2</u>
TOTAL:	11

F. SPECIAL POPULATIONS REPORT

Director Krippel reported:

December 1st Child Count Data:

Each year, the Illinois State Board of Education requires districts to submit and verify their special education “child count” numbers on December 1st. This information is very important as these numbers are used as part of the district’s evidence-based funding calculation. In other words, this data determines the amount of special education funding we receive from the state. In the past year, the district has seen a significant increase in students requiring special education services. According to this report, the district’s number of students receiving special education services has increased by 44. A further breakdown of the district’s numbers can be viewed using the link below.

District Name	2020 - 2021 Counts	2021 - 2022 Counts	2022 - 2023 Counts	Difference
Coal City CUSD 1	318	324	368	44

[December 1 Child Count Snapshot - April 2022 \(1\).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>
165	51	44	46	65	371
+10 Since March 1st			-1 Since March 1st	-3 Since March 1st	+6 Since March 1st

<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>
4	10	14	37	51	116
+1 Since March 1st	+1 Since March 1st	+3 Since March 1st	+4 Since March 1st		+9 Since March 1st

<i>Coaler Academy Data</i>					
<i>Full Time</i>	<i>Hybrid</i>	<i>Homebound</i>	<i>Intervention</i>	<i>Total Students</i>	<i>Pending Referrals</i>
7	14	2	0	23	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	2	1	7	11

<i>Miscellaneous Student Data</i>	
<i>ELL</i>	<i>Homeless</i>
21	12

<i>Preschool for All Grant (PFA)</i>	
<i>Current Students</i>	<i>Open Spots</i>
60	0

<i>Overall Preschool Numbers</i>			
<i>Current Students</i>	<i>IEP Openings</i>	<i>At-Risk Openings</i>	<i>Waitlist</i>
205/210	5	0	15

Vacancies:

- Full-Time Speech Pathologist - Coal City Early Childhood Center (23-24 School Year)
- Anticipated School Counselor/Social Worker - Coal City MS (23-24 School Year)
- Anticipated Special Education Teacher - Coal City MS (23-24 School Year)
- Anticipated Paraprofessionals (23-24 School Year)

G. CURRICULUM REPORT

Director Elledge reported:

Website/Communication:

Our App is now available in the Google Play store

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.edlio.CoalCitySchools>

And the Apple App store

<https://apps.apple.com/app/id1667357575>

Or as a web version

<https://coal-city-schools.edlioweb.app>

Over spring break, we (Jason and Tammy) started training with Edlio to learn how to work with the capabilities of the App. During the soft launch this spring our App will be very dependent on our current website content. Our hope is to more fully deploy the additional capabilities of the App by the start of 23-24 school year.

Department News:

The teachers, under the guidance of their department leaders, have narrowed their selections for mathematics resources. In the coming weeks the materials will be available for review by the board before they are purchased in the next fiscal year.

Standardized Testing/Accountability:

Testing is underway on the IAR (Illinois Assessment of Readiness) and the ISA (Illinois Science Assessment) in our schools. The high school tested on the PSAT and SAT today (April 12th). We should expect to see tentative results in June for the IAR and SAT.

H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Spencer reported:

1. A FOIA request was received from Jay Jones, from Work Force Development SMART Local 265 requesting contracts for HVAC/exhaust systems, architectural metals, gutters/downspouts, new installation/replacement of lockers, new installation/replacement of toilet partitions, kitchen renovations, and current HVAC maintenance contracts.
2. Monthly student enrollment figures

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 1st – 10th – Spring Break/No School
 April 11th – Classes Resume
 April 12th – ES/IS Spring Pictures; MS Track Pictures
 April 14th – ECC Spring Pictures
 April 18th – Music Honor Society Induction 7:00 p.m. @ HS
 April 20th – 4th Grade Concert @ 7:00 p.m.
 April 26th – Early Dismissal
 April 26th – Kindergarten Round-up at ECC
 April 26th – Board Study Session of the Whole Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
 April 27th – 2nd Grade Chorus Concert @ 7:00 p.m.

I. GRUNDY AREA VOCATIONAL CENTER REPORT

Mr. Lander reported:

April 2023

February GAVC Report

1. Assistant Director Gierke provided an update on enrollment projections for the FY24 school year. Coal City has 144 students currently enrolled at GAVC.
2. Assistant Director Gierke discussed the current process and direction of the Career Pathway and Work Based Learning.
3. Dean of Students, Mr. Sampson discussed the possibilities of GAVC having Saturday detentions starting in FY 24.
4. Dean of Students, Mr. Sampson discussed the attendance reporting process.
5. Dean of Students, Mr. Sampson discussed how the Career and Tech Student Organization is preparing for the state competitions.
6. Director Copes updated the Board of Control on the March calendar.
7. Director Copes discussed the current process for ordering paper and how to proceed.
8. Director Copes updated the Board of Control on the GEDC Summer Internship. There are 96 applicants and 28 are Coal City students.
9. Director Copes discussed the Articles of Agreement that each district must pass.
10. Approved the FY 24 school calendar.
11. Approved Kevin Crickman as Director of Maintenance.
12. Approved posting the Bid Package for electrical replacement and upgrade to Automotive Shop.
13. Approved posting the Bid Package to update the Automotive Shop floor.

March 2023

1. Assistant Director Gierke provided an update on Advanced Welding and Building Trades enrollment.
2. Assistant Director Gierke informed the board GAVC had 24 state qualifiers for the SkillsUSA competition in Peoria on April 27, 2023.
3. Director Copes updated the Board of Control on the April calendar.
4. Director Copes updated the Board of Control on the Building Trades Project House #26.

5. Building Trades instructors Mr. Percy and Mr. Wright presented information on Project House #27.
6. Approved the plans and budget for Project House #27.
7. Director Copes updated the Board of Control on enrollments and the master schedule for FY24.
8. Director Copes provided an update on the GEDC Summer Internship program.
9. Director Copes updated the board on the ISBE incentive funding committee he is a member of.
10. Approved moving closed Session minutes to open session.
11. Approved the destruction of closed session audio tapes from February 2021 to June 2021.
12. Approved the master schedule.
13. Approved the re-employment of instructional faculty.
14. Accepted the resignation of Health Occupations Clinical Assistant, Tyler Williams.
15. Accepted Jeff Hanley's retirement and thanked him for his years of service.
16. Approved the posting of the Criminal Justice instructor position.
17. Approved the purchase of a 2023 School Activity Bus.
18. Approved Director Copes five-year contract and his retirement date of June 20, 2028.

J. ATHLETIC DIRECTOR REPORT

Athletic Director Dan Hutchings reported:

Calendar of Events:

Feb 27 - Spring Sports practice started (Baseball, Softball, Track & Field, Boys Tennis, Girls Soccer)

March 15 – Middle School Track and Field

Middle School Athletics:

8th grade volleyball lost in the IESA Regional

Wrestling IESA Class, A State Runner-Up

Wrestling - IESA State Qualifiers

65 Ryder Gill 2nd

70 Brantley Brooks 6th

70 Landon Bomba

75 Jake Munsterman 1st

80 Jason Piatak

95 Owen Petersen 1st

95 Tyson Price

100 Cooper Morris 1st

126 Alex Carlson

135 Fabian Hernandez

145 Theo Fritz

155 Adian Edmonds
167 Brody D'Orazio 3rd
185 Cole Russell

Registered for IESA Athletics for the 2023-24 School year. Invoice submitted for payment (\$930.00)

High School Spring Sports Numbers

<u>Baseball</u>	<u>Girls Soccer</u>	<u>Boys Track</u>	<u>Girls Track</u>	<u>Softball</u>	<u>Boys Tennis</u>
11 Freshmen	6 Freshmen	15 Freshmen	6 Freshmen	10 Freshmen	7 Freshmen
5 Soph.	11 Soph.	6 Soph.	2 Soph.	11 Soph.	4 Soph.
12 Juniors	7 Juniors	6 Juniors	1 Juniors	6 Juniors	6 Juniors
10 Seniors	9 Seniors	5 Seniors	2 Seniors	1 Seniors	3 Seniors

Section 5

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

1. In regard to agenda items
2. In general (Limited to 5 minutes per person.)

Section 6

OLD BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION ON FY23 FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Superintendent Christopher Spencer will update the Board of Education on the progress of the FY23 Facilities Improvement Plan.

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON BID AWARD FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL FLOOR REPAIR

One of the projects identified in the FY23 Facilities Improvement Plan was the flooring at the middle school. CSBO Jason Smith received 1 bid. It's the administrations recommendation to accept that bid from Tiles in Style DBA Taza Supplies in the amount of \$284,405.00.

A SUGGESTED MOTION:

To accept the bid from Tiles in Style for the middle school flooring project in the amount of \$284,405.00.

Roll Call.

Robert Bianchetta, Mary Gill, Shawn Hamilton, Quint Harmon, Chuck Lander, Steve Rogers, Ken Miller

C. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON BID AWARD FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL FITNESS CENTER AND WEIGHT ROOM RENOVATION

Another project identified in the FY23 Facilities Improvement Plan was renovation of the fitness center and weight room at the high school. It's the recommendation of the administration to accept the lowest responsible bid from Stray in the amount of \$95,759.01.

A SUGGESTED MOTION:

To accept the lowest responsible bid from Stray Dog Strength for the fitness center and weight room renovation in the amount of \$95,759.01.

Roll Call.

Robert Bianchetta, Mary Gill, Shawn Hamilton, Quint Harmon, Chuck Lander, Steve Rogers, Ken Miller

Section 7

NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON IHSA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Athletic Director Dan Hutchings is recommending membership renewal with the Illinois High School Association. Board action must be taken to certify that the Board has voted to adopt and abide by the terms and conditions of the association for the 2023 - 2024 school term.

A SUGGESTED MOTION:

To approve the membership renewal in the Illinois High School Association, and to adopt and abide by the Constitution, By-laws, Terms and Conditions, Administrative Procedures, Guidelines, and Policies of the IHSA.

Roll Call.

Robert Bianchetta, Mary Gill, Shawn Hamilton, Quint Harmon, Chuck Lander, Steve Rogers, Ken Miller

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON APPROVAL OF THE QUARTERLY DROP OUT REPORT

The Quarterly Drop Out Report for the quarter ending March 13, 2023 has been prepared and is ready for Board approval. The approval of the Quarterly Drop Out Report is a State requirement, which ensures that the School Board is informed of students leaving our school system.

A SUGGESTED MOTION:

To approve filing the Quarterly Drop Out Report with the Regional Office of Education for the quarter ending March 13, 2023.

Roll Call.

Robert Bianchetto, Mary Gill, Shawn Hamilton, Quint Harmon, Chuck Lander, Steve Rogers, Ken Miller

C. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON HAZARDOUS BUS ROUTE DECLARATION

The State Board of Education requires that school boards annually review the conditions of the hazardous bus areas and certify to the state whether or not the hazardous conditions remain unchanged. Areas that have been designated as hazardous will remain unchanged for the 2023-2024 school year.

A SUGGESTED MOTION:

To approve the status of the existing Hazardous Busing Areas as presented and submit the certification to the State Board of Education and Illinois Department of Transportation.

Roll Call.

Robert Bianchetto, Mary Gill, Shawn Hamilton, Quint Harmon, Chuck Lander, Steve Rogers, Ken Miller

D. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING

A Federal requirement for school districts with outstanding bond debt is that each district must provide a “Continuing Disclosure” report to certain repositories. The proposal from Raymond James and Associates, to provide assistance with continuing disclosure obligations at a fee of \$1,750 is attached for review.

A SUGGESTED MOTION:

To accept the proposal from Raymond James & Associates, Inc. to provide the District with the annual Continuing Disclosure as presented.

Roll Call.

Robert Bianchetto, Mary Gill, Shawn Hamilton, Quint Harmon, Chuck Lander, Steve Rogers, Ken Miller

E. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON ACCEPTANCE OF A DONATION TO THE THEATRE PROGRAM

An anonymous donation was made to the theatre department in the amount of \$10,000. This donation will assist with defraying the cost of the New York trip for the Drama Club.

A SUGGESTED MOTION:

To approve the anonymous donation to the theatre department in the amount of \$10,000.

Roll Call.

F. FIRST READING ON REVISED DISTRICT POLICIES

The following District Policies have been revised and submitted for review:

2:110	Qualifications, Terms, and Duties of Board Officers
2:250-E2	Immediately Available District Public Records and Web-Posted Reports and Records
3:40	Superintendent
3:40-E	Checklist for Superintendent Employment Contract Negotiations Process
4:60	Purchases and Contracts
4:60-AP1	Purchases
4:60-AP2	Third Party Non-Instructional Contracts
4:60-AP3	Criminal History Records Check of Contractor Employees
4:60-AP4	Sexual Misconduct Related Employment History Review (EHR) of Contractor Employees
4:60-AP45	Federal and State Award Procurement Procedures
4:60-AP45, E4	Internal Procedures for Procurement Transactions
5:30	Hiring Process and Criteria
5:30-AP2	Investigations
5:30-AP3	Sexual Misconduct Related Employment History Review (EHR)
5:30-AP3, E	EHR Letter to Applicant’s Current/Former Employer
590	Abused and Neglected Child Reporting
5:90-AP1	Coordination with Children’s Advocacy Center
5:90-AP2	Parent/Guardian Notification of Sexual Misconduct
5:125	Personal Technology and Social Media; Usage and Conduct
5:150	Personnel Records
5:150-AP	Personnel Records
5:170	Copyright
5:260	Student Teachers
6:135	Accelerated Placement Program
6:135-AP	Accelerated Placement Program Procedures
6:230	Library Media Program
6:230-AP	Responding to Complaints About Library Media Resources
6:230-AP, E	Library Media Resource Objection Form
7:180-AP1, E1	Resource Guide for Bullying Prevention
7:180-AP1, E2	Be a Hero by Reporting Bullying
7:180-AP1, E3	Memo to Staff Regarding Bullying
7:180-AP1, E4	Memo to Parents/Guardians Regarding Bullying
7:180-AP1, E5	Report Form for Bullying
7:180-AP1, E6	Interview Form for Bullying Investigation
7:180-AP1,	Response to Bullying

E7	
7:185-E	Memo to Parents/Guardians Regarding Teen Dating Violence
7:190-AP1	Student Handbook – Hazing Prohibited
7:190-AP6	Guidelines for Investigating Sexting Allegations
8:20	Community Use of School Facilities

G. FIRST READING ON REVISED DISTRICT POLICY 7:270 ADMINISTERING MEDICINES TO STUDENTS

The Board will conduct the first reading of Board Policy 7:270 Administering Medicines to Students.

H. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON APPROVAL OF THE ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN COAL CITY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #1 AND GRUNDY AREA VOCATIONAL CENTER

Superintendent Christopher Spencer is recommending approval of Articles of Agreement between Coal City Community Unit School District #1 (CCCUSD#1) and Grundy Area Vocational Center (GAVC).

A SUGGESTED MOTION:

To approve the Articles of Agreement between CCCUSD#1 and GAVC as presented.

Roll Call.

Robert Bianchetta, Mary Gill, Shawn Hamilton, Quint Harmon, Chuck Lander, Steve Rogers, Ken Miller

I. DISCUSSION ON K-12 FEES FOR THE 2023 – 2024 SCHOOL YEAR

Superintendent Christopher Spencer will review the registration fees for the upcoming school year.

J. DISCUSSION ON FY24 STAFFING UPDATE

Superintendent Christopher Spencer will provide the Board with an update on staff openings for the FY24 school year.

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

Principal Jennifer Kenney received a request from the Phillips family to allow a foreign exchange student to attend the high school for 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, but has a policy (7:50) in place that may require students to pay tuition. The Phillips family is requesting that the board accepts the student and waive the tuition.

A SUGGESTED MOTION:

To accept a foreign exchange student through CETUSA for the 23 – 24 school year, and to waive the requirement to pay tuition.

Roll Call.

Robert Bianchetta, Mary Gill, Shawn Hamilton, Quint Harmon, Chuck Lander, Steve Rogers, Ken Miller

L. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON THE APPROVAL OF THE PSO DONATION TO THE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

The PSO made a donation to the Intermediate School in the amount of \$1,350.36 for the 5th grade class. This donation will be utilized to purchase t-shirts for all the 5th grade students as they transition to the middle school next school year.

A SUGGESTED MOTION:

To accept the donation from the PSO in the amount of \$1,350.36.

Roll Call.

Robert Bianchetta, Mary Gill, Shawn Hamilton, Quint Harmon, Chuck Lander, Steve Rogers, Ken Miller

M. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON THE BOARD PAYING THE REGISTRATION FEE FOR THE EDUCATOR RISING NATIONAL COMPETITION QUALIFIERS

Earlier in the meeting, Ben Baer, Teacher and Sponsor of Educators Rising acknowledged Educator Rising National Competition qualifiers Mia Rataczak and Rachel Hall. Superintendent Christopher Spencer is recommending that the Board continues their past practice of contributing \$250 per student to help defray the registration costs of this type of school related activities.

A SUGGESTED MOTION:

To approve the contribution of \$250 to students who qualified for the Educator Rising National Competition.

Roll Call.

Robert Bianchetta, Mary Gill, Shawn Hamilton, Quint Harmon, Chuck Lander, Steve Rogers, Ken Miller

Section 8

OPEN FOR ITEMS NOT KNOWN AT AGENDA PREPARATION TIME

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

1. In regard to agenda items
2. In general (Limited to 5 minutes per person.)

Section 9

CLOSED SESSION

_____ moved and _____ seconded to go to closed session at _____ p.m. for the purpose of considering information regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, and collective bargaining matters.

Roll Call.

Ayes: Robert Bianchetta, Mary Gill, Shawn Hamilton, Quint Harmon, Chuck Lander, Steve Rogers, Ken Miller

Nays:

Motion CARRIED DENIED

WHEN IN CLOSED SESSION

_____ moved and _____ seconded to return to open session at _____ p.m.

Roll Call.

Ayes: Robert Bianchetta, Mary Gill, Shawn Hamilton, Quint Harmon, Chuck Lander, Steve Rogers, Ken Miller

Nays:

Motion: CARRIED DENIED

When the Board returned to open session, President Miller called the regular meeting to order at _____ p.m. with the board members answering roll call present: Robert Bianchetta, Mary Gill, Shawn Hamilton, Quint Harmon, Chuck Lander, Steve Rogers, and Ken Miller.

ACTION AS A RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION

**BOARD STUDY SESSION OF THE WHOLE DATE: APRIL 26, 2023 @ 6 P.M.
In Coal City CUSD #1 Administrative Center Boardroom**

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE: MAY 3, 2023 @ 6 P.M.
In Coal City CUSD #1 Administrative Center Boardroom**

ADJOURNMENT

_____ moved and _____ seconded to adjourn the meeting at _____ p.m. President Miller asked if there was any opposition to the motion, hearing none considers the motion approved.