

**Coal City Community Unit School District #1
Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 6, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

Board President Miller called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at Coal City Middle School in the gym. In attendance were Board members Robert Bianchetta, Mary Gill, Shawn Hamilton, Quint Harmon, Chuck Lander, Steve Rogers, and Ken Miller. Also in attendance were Superintendent Dr. Kent Bugg, CSBO Jason Smith, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Tammy Elledge, Director of Special Populations Luke Krippel, High School Principal Christopher Spencer, member of the press Ann Gill, and Board Secretary LaWanda Gagliardo.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Introduction/acknowledgement of guests. – Speech Coach Dave Sinkular, and Assistant Speech Coach Ben Baer were in attendance and recognized High School State Speech qualifiers Izzy Kostbade, McKenna Patten, Chloe Peacock, and Dylan Ludes.

Head Wrestling Coach Mark Masters, was in attendance and recognized High School Wrestlers Carly Ford, Culan Lindemuth, John Housman, Brant Widlowski, Zach Finch, Derek Carlson, Braiden Young, Ashton Harvey, and Dylan Cronk. All qualified for the IHSA State Wrestling Tournament. Coach Masters provided the Board and others present with a brief summary of each wrestler's experience for the season.

Wrestling Coach Brandon Petersen was in attendance and recognized the 18 Middle School Wrestlers that qualified for the IESA State Wrestling Tournament. The IESA State qualifiers were Landon Bomba, Ryder Gill, Jake Munsterman, Jason Piatak, Owen Peterson, Cooper Morris, Tyson Price, Brody Widlowski, Luke Munsterman, Aidan Kenney, Noah Houston, Trace Wilson, Brock Finch, Evan Greggain, Mason Garner, Brody D' Orazio, Cade Poyner, and Payton Vigna.

The Board of Education, Dr. Bugg, and Christopher Spencer thanked the students for their hard work and dedication to their perspective craft/sport. The students were encouraged to keep that dedication throughout their school career and beyond. The parents of all the students were also thanked for supporting and loving their child/children.

2. Board Secretary Mary Gill acknowledged a thank you received from the family of Megan Bugg, thanking the Board for the beautiful floral arrangement and facility usage. Dr. Bugg thanked the Board of Education and the community for their love, encouragement, and support for the loss of his beloved daughter Megan.

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

Mr. Hamilton moved and Mr. Harmon seconded to adjourn at 6:34 p.m. to the district office and reconvene the Board meeting.

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Roll Call.

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

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON MOTION TO RECONVENE THE BOARD MEETING AT 6:40 P.M.

Mr. Bianchetta moved and Mr. Harmon seconded to reconvene the Board meeting at 6:40 p.m. at the District Office Boardroom.

Roll Call.

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

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 usage requests:

Mr. Lander moved and Mr. Bianchetta seconded to approve the consent agenda including:

| <u>Group</u> | <u>Building</u> | <u>Ins.</u> | <u>Date</u> |
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| Girl Scouts | IS | Yes | 04/19/22 |
| Girl Scouts | HS | Yes | 04/09/22 |
| Broadway | PAC | Yes | 06/10 - 06/12/22 |
| Major School of Dance | PAC | Yes | 06/3 - 06/5/22 |

MINUTES

March 2, 2022 - Regular Meeting
March 30, 2022 BSSW - Canceled

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

March 2, 2022 - Regular Meeting
March 30, 2022 BSSW - Canceled

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Activity Fund Reports – February 2022
Treasurer’s Report – February 2022
Monthly Manual Check Report – March 2022
Payroll Report – March 2022
Accounts Payable Report – April 2022

PERSONNEL

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Resignations

- Patricia Bunting – Custodian for the High School – Ms. Bunting’s last day will be March 21, 2022
- Matthew Wisniewski – Maintenance for the District – Mr. Wisniewski’s last day will be Friday, April 8, 2022.

Employments - *pending satisfactory completion of all state requirements*

- Sara Bohac – 4th Grade Special Ed. Co-Teacher at the Intermediate – Ms. Bohac is replacing Ms. Roudis who is transferring to the Middle School.
- Emily Halliday – Speech/Language Pathologist for the ECC and High School. Ms. Halliday is replacing Kara Claypool, who is resigning at the end of the 2021 – 2022 school year.
- Michael Kren – High School and Middle School Music/Choir Instructor – Mr. Kren is replacing Mrs. McDowell upon her retirement.
- Sonja Minnick – Special Education Cross-Categorical Teacher at the Intermediate School – Ms. Minnick is replacing Ms. Tjelle who is resigning at the end of the 21 – 22 school year.
- Antonio Petrongelli – IT Support Staff for the Performing Arts Center

Employee Transfers

- Alison Gill – Health Aide at the Elementary School – Ms. Gill will transfer to the Assistant Secretary position at the Middle School. Ms. Gill is replacing Ms. Van Duyne who left for another opportunity.
- Angela Roudis – Special Ed Co-Teacher at the Intermediate School – Ms. Roudis will transfer to the Middle School at the beginning of the 2022 – 2023 school year. Ms. Roudis will be replacing Mr. Edgar who is transferring to the High School.
- Keegan Clampitt – Part-time 1:1 Aide at the High School – Mr. Clampitt will transfer to a full-time 1:1 Aide at the High School in the PATH & Transitions classrooms. Mr. Clampitt is replacing Mrs. Mueller-Opyd, and will transfer to full-time on Thursday, April 7, 2022

Leave Request

- Shannon Caher – 1:1 Special Ed Aide at the High School – Ms. Caher is requesting a nineteen (19) day paid medical leave with use of accumulated sick time from approximately Friday, April 8, 2022 through Friday, May 6, 2022. Ms. Caher plans to return to work Monday, May 9, 2022.
- Dawn Rodgers – 1:1 Special Ed Aide at the High School – Ms. Rodgers is requesting a twenty-eight (28) day paid medical leave with use of accumulate sick time from approximately Monday, April 25, 2022 through Thursday, June 2, 2022.

Retirement Requests

- Amy Aichele – Reading Specialist at the Early Childhood Center – Ms. Aichele will retire at the conclusion of the 2021 – 2022 school year.

Extra-Curricular Assignments

- Steve McCleary – Assistant Girls Soccer Coach (based on numbers)
- Brad Schmitt – National Honors Society Sponsor

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Job Descriptions

Mentor

Administrative Assistant for Human Resources

Roll Call.

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

Nays:

Abstained: Mary Gill

Motion: Carried.

ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS

A. EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER REPORT

Principal Davidson Reported:

Calendar of Events:

March 24th - Specials Team Meeting @ 2:50 p.m.

March 24th - Kindergarten Spring Concert @ 6:30 p.m.

March 28th - April 3rd - Spring Break!

April 5th - A Team meeting @ 2:55 p.m.

April 6th - Early Dismissal

April 6th - Kindergarten Round-Up

April 7th - 1st Grade Music Concert @ 7:00 p.m.

April 12th - SPED Team Meeting @ 2:55 p.m.

April 13th - SAP Team Meeting @ 2:55 p.m.

April 15h - NO SCHOOL

April 18th - NO SCHOOL

April 19th - Kindergarten Team Meeting @ 11:10 a.m.

April 19th - 1st Grade Team Meeting @ 12:10 p.m.

April 20th - SAP Team Meeting @ 2:55 p.m.

April 21st - Specials Team Meeting @ 2:55 p.m.

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

April 27th - PreK Team Meeting @ 10:45 a.m.

April 27th - SAP Team Meeting @ 2:55 p.m.

Current ECC Enrollment for 2021-2022:

PreK: 162

Kindergarten: 141

1st Grade: 145

Total: 448 (in PowerSchool as of March 23rd, 2022)

Completed Safety Drills:

- Fire Drill (with CC Fire Department) - Friday, September 3rd
- Shelter-in-Place Drill - Tuesday, September 14th

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Month-in-Review:

- March 14th-March 18th, the ECC joined many area schools in Grundy County to honor Megan Bugg and her legacy. The students participated in Be the Change Week. Students brought coins all week to help raise money for The Megan Bugg Global Rhabdomyosarcoma Research Laboratory. The ECC staff and students proudly helped to raise \$4,627.17. Totals from all surrounding schools will be combined with an anonymous donor willing to match up to \$25,000! We were honored to participate and celebrate the most courageous person we know!
- Many students at the ECC built leprechaun traps on March 17th to try and catch the sneaky leprechaun in the school! Many classrooms were messy because of the leprechaun and many tricks were played. Unfortunately, the students were not able to trap the leprechaun.... maybe next year!!
- Students are getting ready for Spring Break! We will celebrate with Hawaiian Day on Friday, March 25th.
- Kindergarten students will be presenting “We Love Our Pets” on stage for the first time in two years on Thursday, March 24th @ 6:30pm. The students are very excited to share their music concert with family and friends!

Recognition:

- Welcome our new school nurse, Emily Nolan! She will officially begin as the nurse on Monday, April 4th. Nurse Emily has big shoes to fill! Nurse Vigna will be retiring on Friday, March 25th after 17 years as a nurse in Coal City Unit District #1. She is looking forward to spending time with her mother and of course her beautiful grandchildren!
- Thank you to Mrs. Kodat for her work with the Kindergarten students to prepare for the first concert in the auditorium in two years! It will be a very exciting night for all and Mrs. Kodat has done a tremendous job preparing the students and staff for a special appearance!

B. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Trotter reported:

Calendar of Events:

March 26th-April 1st: Spring Break
April 4th: Classes resume
April 6th: 11:45 Dismissal
April 11th-22nd: IAR Testing
April 13th: ES Spring Pictures
April 15th & April 18th: No School
April 20th: Second Grade Concert (7 PM in the HS PAC)

ES Enrollment:

2nd Grade: 133 students
3rd Grade: 134 students
Total: 267 (enrolled as of 3/24/2022)

Personnel:

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- Alison Gill is now only half days in the AM at the Elementary School as she transitions to her position at the Middle School.

CCES Happenings and Recognitions:

- We had many fun spirit days this past month.
 - We celebrated Dr. Seuss with a week of spirit days based around some of his famous books such as wearing green for Green Eggs and Ham Day, or wearing crazy sock for Fox in Socks Day.
 - The ES students and staff joined many surrounding school districts to honor Megan Bugg and her legacy by participating in the *Be the Change Week*. During the week, everyone brought in coins to raise money for The Megan Bugg Global Rhabdomyosarcoma Research Laboratory. The ES raised \$2,639.13. This amount will be combined with other schools and an anonymous donor will match up to \$25,000. Megan and her family mean so much to this area and we were honored to help raise money for cancer research and to celebrate Megan's amazing spirit.
 - On March 25th our building had Hawaiian Day to kick off the beginning of Spring Break.
- I want to thank the amazing staff at the ES for collaborating and being willing to always try new ideas to keep our students engaged and become productive learners

C. INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Carlson reported:

Calendar of Events:

3/26-4/3 - Spring Break
4/4 - School Resumes
4/4 - SAP Team 3:00 p.m.
4/5 - PBS Meeting 3:00 p.m.
4/6 - Student Council Meeting 7:30 a.m.
4/6 - 11:35 a.m. Dismissal
4/7 - Lockdown Drill
4/7 - SpEd Team 3:00 p.m.
4/8 - Spring, Classroom, and All-School Picture Day
4/11 - A Team 3:00 p.m.
4/12-4/14 - IAR Testing
4/12 - TALC 3:00 p.m.
4/12 - PSO Zoom Meeting 6:30 p.m.
4/13 - 5th Grade Team 3:00 p.m.
4/14 - Specials Team 3:00 p.m.
4/15-4/18 - No School ~ Easter Weekend
4/20 - Student Council Meeting 7:30 a.m.
4/20 - 4th Grade Team 3:00 p.m.

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4/21 - CPI Team/SpEd
4/26 – 4th Grade Music Program 7:00 p.m. at CCHS
4/29 - Footnotes Performance at CCIS

Current Enrollment:

4th Grade 155
5th Grade 157
Total 312 This includes one 4th grade students enrolled in other special education programs outside of CCIS.

Emergency/Crisis Drills Completed:

Evacuation/Fire 8/19/21; 10/20/21; 3/4/22
Shelter-in-Place/Storm 8/18/21; 2/7/22
Lockdown 8/20/21; 1/12/22
Bus Evacuation 9/13/21

Previous Month in Review:

- We had a fun week of spirit/dress up days for Dr. Seuss/Read Across America Week from 2/28 - 3/4.
 - Monday – **One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish** ~ Wear Blue for Rare Disease Day
 - Tuesday – **Green Eggs and Ham** ~ Wear Green
 - Wednesday – **If I Ran the Zoo** ~ Wear Animal Print
 - Thursday – **Fox in Socks**~ Wear Silly Socks or Favorite Socks
 - Friday – **Cat in the Hat** ~ Wear Red/White and/or a Hat
 - On March 2nd we had a PBS Amazing Race Scavenger Hunt for students who had positive behavior at least 80% of school days in January and February.
 - On March 4th we practiced an Evacuation Drill.
 - CCMS 8th grade WEB (Where Everyone Belongs) Leaders came to CCIS on March 4th to give homeroom presentations about the peer pressure and dangers of vaping.
 - 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 candy and a small prize. The student in each grade level, who memorized the most digits of Pi, was also given a small pie. These students are noted below in the Student Recognition section.
 - On March 14th - 18th, CCIS joined the ECC and CCES along with many area schools in Grundy County to honor Megan Bugg and her legacy. The students participated in *Be the Change Week*. Students and staff participated in spirit/dress up days and brought coins all week to help raise money for The Megan Bugg Global Rhabdomyosarcoma Research Laboratory.
 - Monday – **Plaid Day & Donate Pennies**
 - Tuesday – **Neon Day & Donate Nickels**
 - Wednesday – **Disney Day & Donate Dimes**
 - Thursday – **Leprechaun/Green Day & Donate Quarters**
 - Friday – **Dollars for Dreams Day ~ Wear Pajama Pants & Donate Dollars**
- CCIS staff and students proudly helped to raise \$3322.16. Totals from all surrounding schools will be combined with an anonymous donor willing to match up to \$25,000!
- CCIS students and staff walked to CCHS on March 17 to see Act 1 of their musical “The Phantom of the Opera”. It was a beautiful day for the walk. Parents/guardians were given the

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option to opt-out their child if they didn't want their child to see it.

- During ASAP (After School Assistance Program) students receive homework help from 3:00-4:00 three days a week from Mrs. Cowherd or Mrs. Rink. We currently have 17 students in ASAP; ten in 4th grade and seven in 5th grade.
- We held the following *additional* Spirit Days this past month for Fun Fridays: Freaky Friday, Tech/Zoom Day and Hawaiian Day.

Student Recognition:

- Congratulations to Ryder Gill for making it to the IESA State Wrestling Tournament. Ryder placed 2nd at the State Tournament!
- Congratulations to our Pi Day Winners:
5th Grade: Jackson Hollis - 3rd place, Dominic Zuccarello - 2nd place and Michael Pershey – 1st place with 50 digits!
4th Grade: Ty Gigler - 3rd place, Brantley Brooks and Alena Dodge - 2nd place and Eathyn Rivera – 1st place with 44 digits!
- Congratulations to our Yearbook Cover Contest Winners:
Front cover - Jaycee Chase
Back cover - Alex Duran and Kinsley Nowak/Ella Sage
Inside page - Rylie Peters, Kenslee Baldauf, Damion Libner, Kennedy Loughran, Hallie Horrie and Abbie Anders
- Congratulations to the following Students of the Week:
Week of 2/28: Cash Wetenkamp, Henry Fritz, Giavella Carver, Melody Leman
Week of 3/08: Alondra Rodriguez and Aiden Carrigan
Week of 3/14: Ivan Pantoja, Danielle Greene, Tori Harrington, Aidan Middleton
Week of 3/21: Gavin Gibson, Cora Bill, Jacob Moore, Calimarie Ness

Staff Recognition:

- I want to recognize the following staff members who received the weekly CCIS Kudos:
 - Miss O'Donnell for helping with the Smartboard at our meeting
 - Mr. McCleary for organizing our PBS Amazing Race Scavenger Hunt
 - Miss Marsala for all the additional help and support she's provided for students and staff.

D. MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Johnson reported:

Calendar of Events:

Mar. 26-Apr. 3 NO SCHOOL – Spring Break
April 4 School Resumes
April 5 – 7 IAR Math Testing @ CCMS
April 7 1st CCMS Track and Field Meet @ Minooka
April 6 12:00pm EARLY DISMISSAL – Staff Development Day
Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – Unit Office

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| April 11 | First Home Track and Field Meet vs. Channahon Music Booster Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – CCMS |
| April 13 | Track and Field Pictures |
| April 15-18 | Easter Break |
| April 25 | Athletic Booster Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – CCHS |
| April 25-29 | CCMS Book Fair |
| April 27 | Board Study Session – 6:00 p.m. – Unit Office |
| April 28 | 7 th Grade Chorus Concert – 7:00 p.m. – CCHS |

Personnel Report:

CCMS had two new hires in the month of March:

- Michael Kren will be joining the district as the 6 - 12 Vocal Music teacher. Michael is replacing Bonnie McDowell who is retiring at the end of the year. Michael is an Olivet Nazarene University graduate and we look forward to him joining the CCHS/CCMS teams.
- Allison Gill was hired as an Assistant Secretary for CCMS. She is replacing Kathy Van Duyne who recently accepted a position at Joliet Junior College. Allison is splitting time the rest of the year between the MS and ES where she works as a health aide. She has been a good addition to the office staff.

CCMS Attendance:

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| 6 th Grade | 162 |
| 7 th Grade | 160 |
| 8 th Grade | 180 |
| Total | 502 |

Month in Review:

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| March 2 | Board Meeting – 6:00pm – Unit Office |
| March 7 | NO SCHOOL – Pulaski Birthday |
| March 9 | 8 th Grade Gown Measurement Day |
| March 15 | 8 th Grade Parent Night – 6:00m – CCHS |
| March 16 | End of 3 rd Quarter – Changed due to Snow Days |
| Mar. 21-April 7 | IAR Testing @ CCMS |
| Mar. 28-April 3 | NO SCHOOL – Spring Break |
| April 4 | School Resumes |

- Coal City Schools observed Casmir Pulaski’s birthday on March 7.
- Coal City Schools held a Staff Development Day on March 9. 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 9. Thanks to Ryan Bunton, Kerry Yedinak, and Mercedis Neal for their help with the students.

CCMS WRESTLERS ARE IESA STATE CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to Coach Petersen and the CCMS Wrestling Warriors as they captured the 2022

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IESA State Championship. The Warriors scored a state record 316.5 points during the State Finals besting the previous record by 76 points.

CCMS had four individual state champions:

- Cooper Morris - 85 pounds
- Brody Widlowski - 90 pounds
- Aiden Kenny - 100 pounds
- Cade Poyner - 155 pounds

We also had 5 runner-up performances:

- Ryder Gill – 65
- Jake Munsterman – 70
- Owen Petersen -80
- Luke Munsterman – 95
- Brock Finch – 119

Third place finishers were:

- Noah Houston - 105 and Evan Greggain – 126
- Trace Wilson - 105 finished 4th
- Mason Garner -135 took 5th place
- Payton Vigna - 275 placed 6th

Other wrestlers who competed at the State Finals were:

- Landon Bomba, Jason Piatak, Tyson Price, and Brody D’Orazio

The state championship concluded a truly dominant season by the Warriors. Best of luck to all the 8th wrestlers who are moving onto high school.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CCMS 8TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL TEAM

They completed their season at IESA Sectionals. The Lady Warriors finished the regular season undefeated and captured the Manteno Regional Championship. The Warriors played Frankfort Summit Hill for the Sectional Championship and were defeated 8-15 and 10-25. It was a great season by the Lady Warriors and they finished with a record of 20-1. It was great to see the girls work as a team throughout the year and achieve both the IVC Conference Championship and Regional Championship. Congratulations to the girls on a great season and representing CCMS positively during their postseason run. Excellent work by Coach Pam McMurtrey in helping the girls improve throughout the school year and earn a trip to sectionals. Best of luck to these volleyball players as they move onto Coal City High School.

- CCMS 8th Grade Parent Night was held on March 15. 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, Erin Dransfeldt and Keith Kiper for their work in getting this event planned for the incoming freshmen
- March 16 marked the end of the third quarter of the school year.

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E. HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Kenney reported:

Calendar of Events:

April 4 – Illinois Youth Survey Administration
April 6 – Early Dismissal
April 9 – Cultural Competition at CCHS
April 13 – PSAT/SAT Administration
April 15 – No School
April 18 – No School
April 21 – Certificate of Employability – Culminating Event
April 21 – Acclaimed Coaler Induction Ceremony
April 22 – Cabaret Night
April 25-29 – Spring Week
April 27 – Spirit Night
April 28-29 – Broadway Review
April 30 - Prom

Recognition:

- Congratulations to Elaina Patten for being nominated for the HOBY Youth Leadership Conference. This conference is an excellent leadership opportunity for our students to learn about their personal capabilities as a leader and apply them to their school environment.
- Congratulations to Trey Buck for being nominated to attend the Illinois Leadership Seminar. Trey will meet with other students throughout Illinois to learn about leadership.
- Congratulations to Jack Micetich, Celeste Sheridan, Shannan D’Agostino, Ann Gill, Hope Connelly, and the rest of the creative team on their production of Phantom of the Opera. Reviews of the show were nothing short of spectacular!
- Congratulations to our state speech placers. Dylan Ludes placed in two state categories. He was 3rd in Prose. Dylan and Chloe Peacock also secured the 4th place title in Dramatic Duo Acting.
- Congratulations to our wrestling state placers! Landin Benson placed 3rd in the state at the JV state tournament. Buddy Widlowski and Zach Finch both placed 5th at state. Ashton Harvey finished in 3rd place.

Month in Review:

- Spring sports are underway! Our baseball and softball home openers occurred on March 17th. Soccer and track home openings to come. We look forward to a great spring season.
- We welcomed back the Incoming Freshman Parent/Student Night on March 15th. Over 8th grade students and their parents attended. Students were exposed to all of our clubs and organizations in the competition gym. Mrs. Kenney help a brief session on AP courses. Student Ambassadors gave tours through the building, and Mr. Kiper and Mrs. Dransfedlt discussed courses and what freshman year will look like. We were excited to have them here!
- On March 21st, we held our March PBS assembly, along with recognizing our state placers. Students competed across grade levels and against teachers in various Minute to Win It games. Students and staff had a great time, with lots of laughs!

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- On March 22nd, Mrs. Lyons hosted our annual National Honor Society induction ceremony. Congratulations to the following Derek Carlson, Gavin Cherneski, Karigan Copes, Lucas Crater, Collin Dames, Brady Ehman, Logan Hawkins, Luke Hawkins, Joey Hutchings, Brecken Johnson, Izzy Kostbade, Heather Kroeger, Christian Micetich, Carley Morris, Ryne Phelan, Jacob Piatak, Josh Ritchie, Megan Steffes, Amelia Walsh, Jackson Wilcock, and Braiden Young.
- Mr. Kiper and Mrs. Dransfeldt are busy working on the master schedule for 2022-2023. We are excited to provide our students with many opportunities for the upcoming school year!

Current Enrollment:

9th- 145
10th- 135
11th- 151
12th- 162
Total= 593

Discipline Report from February 25 – March 23

Infraction Totals:

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| Bullying | 7 |
| General Rule Violation | 5 |
| Vaping material/Vaping | 1 |
| Possession of Drugs | 0 |
| Lunch Room Violation | 1 |
| Bus Violation | 1 |
| Class Disruption | 0 |
| Class Cut | 3 |
| Dress Code Violation | 0 |
| Insubordination | 2 |
| Fighting | 1 |
| <u>Public Display of Affection</u> | <u>1</u> |
| Totals: | 22 |

F. SPECIAL POPULATIONS REPORT

Director Krippel reported:

Hillman Pediatric Therapy:

Hillman Pediatric Therapy is currently being utilized by the district to provide Physical Therapy services to students who require this service according to their Individual Education Plans (IEP's). Hillman has provided excellent physical therapy services for our district since leaving the cooperative. The district's contact is up for renewal prior to the 2022-2023 school year. Attached you will find a new contract for your approval.

[Contract22-24.pdf](#)

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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. A snapshot of this data below shows that our numbers have remained relatively consistent the past three years. The most significant change this year was our reduction of our students in “Early Childhood - Separate Class (23)” which was reduced by 27 students. As you may recall, reducing this number has been a goal of our preschool program the last two school years as we have not met the state’s “Indicator 6b.” Based on these numbers, we anticipate meeting this indicator in the future.

A further breakdown of the district’s Child Count data can be viewed in the attachment below:
[Child Count District Details.pdf](#)

Special Populations Data:

| <i>Coal City Schools IEP Data</i> | | | | | |
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| <i>ECC</i> | <i>ES</i> | <i>IS</i> | <i>MS</i> | <i>HS</i> | <i>District</i> |
| 137 | 48 | 38 | 51 | 61 | 335 |
| <i>+4 since March 1st</i> | <i>-2 since March 1st</i> | <i>+1 since March 1st</i> | <i>-3 since March 1st</i> | <i>+1 since March 1st</i> | <i>+1 since March 1st</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> |
| 4 | 3 | 11 | 30 | 50 | 98 |
| | <i>+1 since March 1st</i> | <i>+1 since March 1st</i> | <i>+1 since March 1st</i> | <i>-1 since March 1st</i> | <i>+2 since March 1st</i> |

| <i>Coaler Academy Data</i> | | | | |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| <i>Full Time</i> | <i>Hybrid</i> | <i>Intervention</i> | <i>Total Students</i> | <i>Pending Referrals</i> |
| 2 | 14 | 0 | 16 | 1 |

| <i>Out of District Placements</i> | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| <i>Elim</i> | <i>Morris HS (ELL)</i> | <i>Oswego SD308</i> | <i>High Road</i> | <i>Total Students</i> |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 8 |
| | | | <i>+1 since March 1st</i> | |

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| <i>Miscellaneous Student Data</i> | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| <i>ELL</i> | <i>Homeless</i> |
| 18 | 8 |

| <i>Preschool for All Grant (PFA)</i> | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| <i>Current Students</i> | <i>Open Spots</i> |
| 58 | 2 |

| <i>Overall Preschool Numbers</i> | | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| <i>Current Students</i> | <i>IEP Openings</i> | <i>At-Risk Openings</i> | <i>Waitlist</i> |
| 172/180 | 8 | 0 | 10 |

Vacancies:

- Full Time Speech Pathologist - Candidate pending board approval
- Full Time Special Education Co-Teacher - Coal City Intermediate School
- Full Time Special Education Teacher - Coal City Intermediate School - Candidate pending board approval
- Full Time 1:1 Aide - HS PATH Program

G. CURRICULUM REPORT

Director Elledge reported:

Professional Development

The final two professional development afternoons will be spent working on curriculum, assessments and data analysis.

Spring Testing

State testing has begun!

IAR Testing Window – Opened March 7 and closes April 22

*Grades 3 - 8

*Reading/Writing and Mathematics

ISA Testing Window – Opened March 1 and closes April 29

*Grades 5, 8 and 11

SAT with Essay – April 13 (change from school calendar)

*Grade 11

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PSAT 10 and PSAT 8/9 – April 13 (change from school calendar)
*Grades 9 and 10

Department News

Plan to increase the number of students meeting standards.

The department chairs and high school administration have created and reviewed the plan for improvement for the areas of concern. As always, the department chairs have worked hard to determine causes behind the concerns and created this plan to implement.

Curriculum Director Tammy Elledge discussed the ELA and Math Standards Improvement Plan that was requested by the Board after they reviewed the 2021 State testing results for the school district. The direction from the Board was for the administration to assure, now that the pandemic has ended, that the school district's Board approved district curriculum and assessment system is implemented with fidelity.

H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Spencer will provide the Superintendent's Report:

1. Kindergarten numbers for the 2022 - 2023 school year are close to 130 students. We currently have 6 sections, so we may need to ask for a 7th section of Kindergarten for FY23. More information will be provided to the Board at the April Board Study Session.
2. The district will be hosting the IASB Three Rivers Governing Board Meeting/Dinner on June 9 at Coal City High School in the cafeteria. We will be offering tours of the building before the meeting. All board members are invited to the meeting and dinner. The Board thanked Board member Robert Bianchetta for providing this opportunity to our school district.
3. Christopher Spencer discussed the passing of HB1167 into law, which provides school employees who are fully vaccinated paid administrative leave for any days they missed this school year due to COVID-related reasons. Since the Governor signed this bill on Tuesday, there are still many details to be worked out. The district administration will be participating in legal webinars and seeking school district legal opinions on the implementation of this new law. There will be more information provided to the Board at the April Study Session.
4. Monthly student enrollment figures were available for review.

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 28 – April 1 – Spring Break

April 4 – Classes Resume

April 6 – Early Dismissal

April 6 – Kindergarten Round-Up @ ECC

April 7 – 1st Grade Concert @ CCHS @ 6:30 p.m.

April 12 – ECC Spring Pictures

April 13 – ES Spring Pictures/MS Track Pictures

April 15 – 18 – No School

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April 20 – 2nd Grade Concert @ CCHS @ 7:00 p.m.
April 22 – Cabaret Night @ 7:00 p.m.
April 26 – 4th Grade Concert @ CCHS
April 27 – Board Study Session of the Whole Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
April – 28 – 7th Grade Chorus Concert @ 7:00 p.m.
April 30 – Prom
May 4 – Board Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.

I. GRUNDY AREA VOCATIONAL CENTER REPORT

Mr. Lander reported:

1. Director Copes provided an update on Project House 26 stating that the house was getting back on schedule after falling behind during the winter months.
2. GAVC is once coordinating the paper order bid for any not-for-profit in the County.
3. Due to increased enrollment in Building Trades and Health Occupations, the Board approved the posting of another Building Trades Instructor, Health Occupations Instructor, and Health Occupations Nursing Assistant.
4. Approved the hiring of Bryan Percy as Building Trades Instructor effective April 4, 2022. This hire replaces the teacher who resigned during the first semester.
5. Approved a three-year lease extension with T-Branch Leasing LLC for the use of the property for the GAVC Agriculture Program.
6. Approved the GAVC. 2022 four-year Strategic Plan as presented.

J. ATHLETIC DIRECTOR REPORT

Athletic Director Dan Hutchings reported:

Calendar of Events:

Feb 28 - Spring Sports practice started (Baseball, Softball, Track & Field, Boys Tennis, Girls Soccer)

March 16 – Middle School Track and Field

Middle School Athletics

- 8th Grade Volleyball lost in the Sectional Championship

Wrestling IESA Class, A Team Champions

Wrestling - IESA State Qualifiers

- 65- Landon Bomba
- 65- Ryder Gill 2nd
- 70- Jake Munsterman 2nd

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- 75- Jake Piatak
- 80- Owen Petersen 2nd
- 85- Cooper Morris 1st
- 85- Tyson Price
- 90 - Brody Widlowski 1st
- 95- Luke Munsterman 2nd
- 100- Aiden Kenney 1st
- 105- Noah Houston 3rd
- 105- Trace Wilson 4th
- 119- Brock Finch 2nd
- 126 - Evan Greggain 3rd
- 135- Mason Garner 5th
- 155- Brody D’Orazio
- 155- Cade Poyner 1st
- 275-Payton Vigna 6th

High School Spring Sports Numbers:

| Baseball | Girls Soccer | Girls Track | Boys Track | Softball | Boys Tennis |
|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| 5- Freshmen | 14- Freshmen | 3- Freshmen | 7 Freshmen | 17 Freshmen | 1 Freshman |
| 13 Sophomores | 8 Sophomores | 1 Sophomores | 6 Sophomores | 7 Sophomores | 6 Sophomores |
| 10- Juniors | 10- Juniors | 3 Juniors | 7 Juniors | 5 Juniors | 2 Juniors |
| 8- Seniors | 8- Seniors | 2 Seniors | 4 Seniors | 1 Senior | 10 Seniors |

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 PROPERTY TAX NEGOTIATIONS WITH EXELON

Dr. Bugg updated the Board of Education on the status of the ongoing property tax negotiations with Exelon in regards to the Dresden Nuclear Power Station. Although a tentative agreement has been reached, there are still legal issues to be worked out. Dr. Bugg believes the agreement will be finalized by the June Board meeting, and will provide an update at that time.

NEW BUSINESS

A. 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 was attached for review.

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Mr. Lander moved and Mr. Harmon seconded to accept the proposal from Raymond James & Associates, Inc. to provide the District with the annual Continuing Disclosure as presented.

Roll Call.

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

B. 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 in their district, 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 2022-2023 school year.

Mrs. Gill moved and Mr. Rogers seconded 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.

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

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

The Quarterly Drop Out Report for the quarter ending March 11, 2022 was prepared and was 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.

Mr. Harmon moved and Mr. Lander seconded to approve filing the Quarterly Drop Out Report with the Regional Office of Education for the quarter ending March 11, 2022.

Roll Call.

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

D. 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 2022-2023 school term.

Mr. Lander moved and Mrs. Gill seconded to renew membership for the 2022 – 2023 school year, 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.

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Roll Call.

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

E. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON SUPERINTENDENT EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION

Due to the current candidate shortage in certain employment areas, it has been a challenge for the school district to attract and hire candidates. In order to secure employment contracts in a timely manner, the Superintendent requested the authority to offer such contracts after consultation with the School Board President and Vice President. This authority would sunset on July 6, 2022.

Mr. Harmon moved and Mr. Rogers seconded to approve authorizing the Superintendent, following consultation with the Board President and Vice President, to offer employment contracts for any such shortage positions until July 6, 2022.

Roll Call.

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

OPEN FOR ITEMS NOT KNOWN AT AGENDA PREPARATION TIME

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

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

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Lander moved and Mr. Harmon seconded to go to closed session at 6:58 p.m. for the purpose of considering information regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, dismissal of specific employees, and collective bargaining matters.

Roll Call.

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

When the Board returned to open session, President Miller called the regular meeting to order at 7:21 p.m. with the board members answering roll call present: Chuck Lander, Quint Harmon, Robert Bianchetta, Mary Gill, Shawn Hamilton, Steve Rogers, and Ken Miller.

Roll Call.

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

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**BOARD STUDY SESSION OF THE WHOLE DATE: APRIL 27, 2022 @ 6:00 P.M.
In Coal City CUSD #1 Administrative Center Boardroom**

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE: MAY 4, 2022 @ 6:00 P.M.
In Coal City CUSD #1 Administrative Center Boardroom**

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Lander moved and Mr. Harmon seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 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