

**Coal City Community Unit School District #1  
Board of Education Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, January 5, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Miller called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 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. Superintendent Kent Bugg, CSBO Jason Smith, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Tammy Elledge, Director of Special Populations Luke Krippel, High School Principal Christopher Spencer, and Board Secretary LaWanda Gagliardo were also in attendance.

**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.

Band Teacher Hope Connelly, was in attendance to recognize high school senior, Aidan Kostbade for making the Illinois Music Education Association All State Choir.

2. Pam Vigna was in attendance to recognize Devin Esparza on achieving her National Board Certification. This is a challenging, but very rewarding, professional development experience for educators. Thank you to Mrs. Vigna for her leadership and guidance as the facilitator for the school district's National Board Certification experience. Mrs. Vigna thanked Dr. Bugg and the Board of Education for their continued support for the program.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR**

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

Emily McNabb, and Michelle both from Morris addressed the Board of Education regarding vaccines and masks in schools.

Two members of the public spoke about vaccine mandates in schools. Dr. Bugg corrected the record to state that there is no vaccine mandate for our school district for either staff or students. Our Board of Education neither promotes nor discourages the vaccine for students and staff as they believe that is a personal choice.

One member of the public spoke about Public 102-0522 which is a new law that requires all school districts offering a stand-alone sex education course to incorporate new sex education standards. Dr. Bugg once again reiterated that our school district does not offer a stand-alone sex education course as our sex education standards are taught within our health curriculum. Therefore, the new law does not apply to our school district. We have made no changes to our sex education curriculum as a result of this new law, and our Health curriculum is available for public review on our school district website.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

President Miller asked if there were any items that the Board would like to remove from the consent

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agenda. Hearing none, President Miller asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda, and the following building usage request:

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

<u>Group</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Ins.</u>	<u>Date</u>
EF Tours – World Travel Group	HS		1/19, 2/23, 3/23, 4/20, 5/18, 6/22/2022

**MINUTES**

December 1, 2021 - Regular Meeting

**CLOSED SESSION MINUTES**

December 1, 2021 - Regular Meeting

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Activity Fund Reports – November 2021  
Treasurer’s Report – November 2021  
Monthly Manual Check Report – December 2021  
Payroll Report – December 2021  
Accounts Payable Report – January 2022

**PERSONNEL**

**Resignations**

- Tricia Smith – 6 – 12 Permanent Sub for the District – Mrs. Smith’s last day will be Monday, December 6, 2021.
- Cynthia Valencik – 3-hour Cafeteria Server at the High School – Ms. Valencik’s last day will be Friday, December 3, 2021.
- Trisha Dennis – 3-hour Cafeteria Server at the High School – Ms. Dennis was hired at the December 1, 2020 Board meeting, and her resignation is effective immediately.
- Elizabeth Smetana – Special Ed Teacher at the High School – Ms. Smetana’s last day will be December 10, 2021.
- Vickie Eaton – 3-hour Cafeteria Server at the High School – Ms. Eaton’s last day will be December 22, 2021.
- Mia Kuchar – Voluntarily resigned from her position as a Custodian at the High School.
- Sabrina Swearingen – 3-hour Cafeteria Server at the Middle School – Ms. Swearingen’s last day was December 16, 2021.

**Employments** - pending satisfactory completion of all state requirements

- Joe Ramos – 6 – 12 Permanent Sub for the District – Mr. Ramos is replacing Tricia Smith.
- Jeff Vanderhoff – Full-time Custodian at the Middle School – Mr. Vanderhoff is replacing Michael Rivera.
- Holly Kainz – 1:1 Aide at the Intermediate School.
- Alicia Horrie – K-5 Permanent Sub
- Tammy Norris – Social Studies Special Education Teacher at the High School – Ms. Norris will sub for the remainder of the 21 – 22 school year for the position left vacant by Ms. Smetana.

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**Leave Requests**

- Laura Dzuiban – STEM Teacher at the Middle School – Mrs. Dzubian is requesting a forty-five (45) paid maternity leave, with use of accumulated sick leave in accordance with the Teacher’s Negotiated Agreement, from, approximately March 17, 2022 through May 27, 2022. Which is the anticipated last contractual day for certified staff.
- Julie Roeglin – Day Lead Custodian at the Elementary School – Ms. Roeglin is requesting a twenty (20) day paid sick leave, with us of accumulated sick leave in accordance with the SEIU Local #73, from Wednesday, January 5, 2022 through Wednesday, February 2, 2022.

**Extra-Curricular Assignments**

- Principal Travis Johnson is recommending Jean Krippel for Math Contest Sponsor at the Middle School.

**Administrative Contracts**

Luke Krippel – Director of Special Populations  
Rodney Monbrum – Assistant Principal at the High School  
Corey Mikula – Assistant Principal at the Middle School  
Tracy Carlson – Principal at the Intermediate School  
LaWanda Gagliardo – Administrative Assistant  
Amanda Herrera-Ford – Human Resources  
Jennifer Kenney – Principal of the High School – salary for 22 – 23 school year

**Roll Call.**

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

**ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS**

**A. EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER REPORT**

Principal Davidson Reported:

**Calendar of Events:**

December 21st - A Team Meeting @ 2:50pm  
December 23rd - January 4th - Winter Break  
January 5th - Teacher’s Institute  
January 6th - Students Return  
January 11th - A Team Meeting @ 2:50pm  
January 12th - SAP Team Meeting @ 2:50pm  
January 13th - PBS Team Meeting @ 2:50pm  
January 17th - NO SCHOOL  
January 18th - Kindergarten Team Meeting @ 11:10am  
January 18th - 1st Grade Team Meeting @ 12:40pm

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January 18th - SPED Team Meeting @ 2:50pm  
January 19th - PreK Team Meeting @ 10:45am  
January 19th - SAP Team Meeting @ 2:50pm  
January 20th - Specials Team Meeting @ 2:50pm  
January 25th - A Team @ 2:50pm  
January 26th - Early Dismissal

**Current ECC Enrollment for 2021-2022:**

PreK:	136
Kindergarten:	143
1st Grade:	144
<b>Total:</b>	<b>423 (in PowerSchool as of December 21, 2021)</b>

**Completed Safety Drills:**

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

**Month-in-Review:**

- The ECC staff and students participated in the hugely successful district-wide toy drive December 6th-17th. The hallways were lined with many, many toys to donate back to the community. At the same time, the teacher's union hosted a wrapping paper drive. The toy drive was very successful!
- The staff and students of the ECC have been having fun with the ECC 12 Days of Christmas. We have played a whole school Christmas carol BINGO game, enjoyed candy canes and hot chocolate, and participated in many holiday themed dress-up days. Everyone is excited as Christmas time is a very special time at the ECC!
- Mrs. Esparza joined the distinguished group of administrators named National Board-Certified Teachers in the month of December! Mrs. Esparza is one of our Kindergarten teachers and we are very excited for her and her students!
- The ECC staff and students also participated in the Winter Clothes drive for CCHS student council. We will be able to provide bags of NEW winter clothing to support the cause.

**Recognition:**

- A HUGE congratulations to Mrs. Esparza as she was recently named a National Board-Certified teacher and a Master Teacher recognition on her Professional Educator License. We are so proud! Thank you to Mrs. Vigna for continuing to lead our teachers through this process.
- Congratulations to Mrs. Owensby on the birth of her 3rd baby boy! Huxtin Alexander Owensby was born on December 13th and weighed 7lbs 8oz and was 19" long. He was welcomed home by his two big brothers, Croix and Brexton. Congratulations to Brea and Kyle! Mrs. Feeney will be the maternity sub for Mrs. Owensby as she is on maternity leave until the Spring.
- Thank you to all the staff willing to jump in and help with coverage whenever and wherever needed!

**B. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPORT**

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Principal Trotter reported:

**Calendar of Events:**

December 23rd-January 4th: Winter Break

January 5th: Teacher Institute Day

January 6th: Students Return

January 6th: PBS Committee

January 11th: Special Ed. Meeting

January 12th: A Team Meeting

January 13th: SAP Meeting

January 20th: Culture Committee

January 25th: PLC Committee

January 26th: A Team Meeting

January 27th: Special Ed. Meeting

**ES Enrollment:**

2nd Grade: 134 students

3rd Grade: 131 students

**Total: 265 (enrolled as of 12/21/21)**

**CCES Happenings and Recognitions:**

*December is always a lot of fun at the Elementary School!!*

- The teachers celebrated the 12 Days of Christmas with different spirit days and activities such as Christmas Character Day and Christmas Trivia.
- The students also participated in many spirit days - Candy Cane Day, Hot Chocolate Day, Christmas Character Day, Grinch/Elf Day and Ugly Sweater/Holiday Attire Day.
- I want to recognize our entire staff. Everyone stepped up and helped out when needing to cover classes or supervision in the lunch rooms. The CCES staff members truly work as a team to give our students the best possible learning experiences.
- Once again, our office staff, Anne Watson, Amiee DePodesta and Alison Gill are so beneficial and helpful to us all. They make a great team and I am so thankful for them!!

**C. INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL REPORT**

Principal Carlson reported:

**Calendar of Events:**

1/5 - Teacher Institute Day

1/6 - School Resumes

1/10 - SAP 3:00

1/11 - TALC 3:00

1/11 - PSO Zoom Meeting 6:30 p.m.

1/12 - Lockdown Drill

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1/12 - 5th Grade Team 3:00  
1/13 - LLT 8:00-11:00  
1/13 - Specials Team 3:00  
1/17 - No School ~ MLK Jr. Day  
1/18 - PBS Meeting 3:00  
1/18-1/28 - Winter AIMSweb Benchmarking  
1/19 - 4th Grade Team 3:00  
1/20 - SpEd Team 3:00  
1/24 - A Team Meeting 3:00  
1/25 - TALC 3:00  
1/26 - 11:35 Dismissal  
1/27 - Custodian Meeting 3:00  
1/31 - SAP 3:00

**Current Enrollment:**

4<sup>th</sup> Grade 152

5<sup>th</sup> Grade 160

**Total 312** This includes two 4<sup>th</sup> grade students enrolled in other special education programs outside of CCIS.

**Emergency/Crisis Drills Completed:**

Evacuation/Fire 8/19/21; 10/20/21  
Shelter-in-Place/Storm 8/18/21  
Lockdown 8/20/21  
Bus Evacuation 9/13/21

**Previous Month in Review:**

- 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 13 students in ASAP; six in 4<sup>th</sup> grade and seven in 5<sup>th</sup> grade.
- The first band concert for our 5<sup>th</sup> graders was held at CCHS on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and it was very impressive. Many CCIS staff members attended to show their support.
- On December 3<sup>rd</sup> the CCHS Madrigals came to CCIS to sing for the socially-distanced 5<sup>th</sup> graders in two sessions in the North gym. The 4<sup>th</sup> graders were able to watch the performance virtually.
- CCIS participated in the annual Toy Drive from December 6<sup>th</sup> – December 17<sup>th</sup>. All toys were donated to Help for Hope.
- On December 8<sup>th</sup> (5<sup>th</sup> grade) and December 16<sup>th</sup> (4<sup>th</sup> grade) Erin’s Law was presented and discussed virtually over Google meets by Guardian Angel Community Services.
- We sold hot cocoa during recess on the last 3 school days in December. All profits will be donated to Help for Hope.
- Peppermint the Elf came to CCIS in December, and the students loved searching for it each day.
- We held the following Spirit Days this month: Holiday Hat Day; Favorite Holiday Character Day; Holiday Sweater Day (silly or cute); Holiday PJ Day; Grinch Day; Over the Top Holiday Day.

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**Student Recognition:**

- Congratulations to our coloring contest winners: Derek Maxwell, Daisy Bell, Mitchell Jessen, Mariah Krand, Jaycee Chase, and Lilly Miotk.
- Congratulations to the following Students of the Week:
  - Week of 11/29: Emmy Vigna, Mitchell Jessen, Darcie Ladas, Maddox Meents
  - Week of 12/6: Nina Olson, Emmitt Liebermann, Gabby Byers, Wyatt Janczak
  - Week of 12/13: Cele Gordon, Alena Dodge, Abbie Anders, Ethan Lanphier
  - Week of 12/20: Ryder Meyer, Penny D’Arcy, Olivia Edmonds, Logan Marshall

**Staff Recognition:**

- I want to recognize Mrs. Bontrager for teaching and conducting our beginning band students at their first, very successful winter concert.
- I want to recognize Miss Bajt for organizing the CCIS Secret Santa for our staff.
- I want to recognize the following staff members who received the weekly CCIS Kudos:
  - Mr. Leve for fixing the copy machine
  - Mrs. Chernesky for always helping out...especially in the office...when she has a spare minute
  - Mrs. Anderson for sharing how to share lessons on IXL

**D. MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT**

Principal Johnson reported:

**Calendar of Events:**

December 22	End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter
Dec. 23 - Jan. 4	NO SCHOOL – Winter Break
January 5	Teacher Institute Board of Education – 6:00 p.m. – Unit Office
January 6	Classes Resume
January 8	Warrior Wrestling Invite – CCHS
January 10	Music Boosters – 7:00 p.m. – CCMS
January 11	PSO Meeting – 6:30 p.m. – Unit Office
January 17	NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King’s Birthday
January 24	Athletic Boosters Meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Unit Office
January 25	BLT Meeting
January 26	12:00 p.m. EARLY DISMISSAL – PD Day Board Study Session – 6:00 p.m. – Unit Office

**Personnel Report:**

Nick Ingalls will be completing his Student Teaching Practicum in the spring 2022 at CCMS. Nick is completing his certification in education from North Park University in Chicago. Jim Hitchcock (7<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies) will serve as his supervising teacher.

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**CCMS Attendance**

6<sup>th</sup> Grade 164

7<sup>th</sup> Grade 160

8<sup>th</sup> Grade 183

**Total 507**

**Month in Review:**

- Our two final Winter Sports Volleyball and Wrestling have started at CCMS. Volleyball coaches for 2022 are Pam McMurtrey (8<sup>th</sup>) and Gina Horrie (7<sup>th</sup>) and Michelle Painter(6<sup>th</sup>). Wrestling coaches for 2020 are Branden Petersen, Joe Widlowski, Clinton Poyner, and Vince Piatak.
- In addition to our athletic teams, our academic teams will be getting ready to compete when we return to school in January. The CCMS Scholastic Bowl team and CCMS Math teams will be competing in person again this year. Scholastic Bowl coaches are Jim Hitchcock and Jen Munsterman and our CCMS Math coaches are Tommy Fatigante, Ashley Matsko and Jean Krippel. We will also be participating in the IVC Conference Spelling Bee. Sponsors for the Spelling Bee are Jen Munsterman and Tara Sweeney.
- Best of luck to all of the coaches, athletes and participants and wishing them success in the 2022 season.
- Coal City Schools held a Staff Development Day on December 1 at CCHS. CCMS teachers and staff members attended various trainings facilitated by Coal City District staff.
- The 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Band Concert was held on December 2. Mrs. Bontrager did an outstanding job with his students and the students played outstanding for their first middle school concert. The 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade MS Band Concert was then held on December 7. Both the CCMS Concert Band and Jazz Band performed at the concert. Once again, congratulations to Mrs. Bontrager and all of the band students who participated in the concert.
- The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus Concert was held on December 17. Congratulations to Mrs. McDowell and the 8<sup>th</sup> graders on their performance.
- December 23 marked the end of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter for CCMS students. Students will move into the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter when they return from winter break. Students will also move to a new Encore class on Thursday, January 6.

**E. HIGH SCHOOL REPORT**

Principal Spencer reported:

**Calendar of Events:**

January 5<sup>th</sup> - Teacher Institute

January 6<sup>th</sup> - Classes Resume

January 14<sup>th</sup> – Certificate of Employability Presentation

January 17<sup>th</sup> – No School – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**Recognition:**

- Illinois State Scholars recognition are awarded to high school seniors based on class rank, GPA, and SAT score. Congratulations to our Illinois State Scholars:

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- Alexis Curtis, Riley Dehler, Lauren Ferrari, Eli Fritz, Ali Hausman, Shana Kelly, Mackenzie Kraus, Shaela O’Keefe, Alma Repond, Molly Stiles, and Max Tucker
- Congratulations to Mr. Wurster for completing his master’s degree!
- Mr. Boresi and the Coalers with Character for holding the Coalers Garage Sale, where Coaler items were offered to the community.
- Congratulations to Ms. Connelly and the Coaler band and jazz band for their wonderful performance at their concert.
- Thank you to Mrs. Sthay for organizing our staff Christmas activities!

**Month in Review:**

- Final Exams were completed on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Taking into account the pandemic and student emotional needs, we changed our finals policy. All final exams were worth a regular test score as opposed to 20% of their overall grade. We felt this was necessary to take some of the pressures off of our students during this difficult time.
- Staff and students participated in several holiday themed activities and dress-up days during the month of December. One favorite was the Christmas Carol Bingo that was held during CCT.
- The Girls Varsity Basketball team won the Reed Custer Tournament at the end of November.

**Current Enrollment as of December 27, 2021**

9th- 143  
10th- 140  
11th- 150  
12th- 162  
**Total= 595**

**Discipline Report from December 1 – December 22**

Infraction Totals:

General Rule Violation	6
Vaping material/Vaping	5
Possession of Drugs	1
Lunch Room Violation	1
Bus Violation	1
Class Disruption	4
Class Cut	1
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>19</b>

**F. SPECIAL POPULATIONS REPORT**

Director Krippel reported:

**Special Populations Data:**

*Coal City Schools IEP Data*

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<i>ECC</i>	<i>ES</i>	<i>IS</i>	<i>MS</i>	<i>HS</i>	<i>District</i>
<b>133</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>337</b>
<i>+2 since December 1st</i>	<i>-2 since December 1st</i>		<i>-1 since December 1st</i>	<i>-1 since December 1st</i>	<i>-2 since December 1</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>
<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>96</b>
				<i>+1 since December 1st</i>	<i>+1 since December 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>
<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>

<i>Out of District Placements</i>				
<i>Elim</i>	<i>Morris HS (ELL)</i>	<i>Oswego SD308</i>	<i>Camelot</i>	<i>Total Students</i>
<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>
			<i>+1 since Dec. 1st</i>	<i>+1 since Dec. 1st</i>

<i>Miscellaneous Student Data</i>	
<i>ELL</i>	<i>Homeless</i>
<b>17</b>	<b>8</b>
	<i>+1 Since December 1st</i>

<i>Preschool for All Grant (PFA)</i>		
<i>Current Students</i>	<i>Open Spots</i>	<i>Waitlist</i>
<b>56</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>
<i>Overall Preschool Numbers</i>		
<i>Number of Students</i>	<i>SPED Spots Open</i>	<i>Pending Evaluations</i>
<b>152/180</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>2</b>

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**Vacancies:**

Full Time Special Education Teacher - Coal City HS (candidate pending board approval)  
Reading Aide at Coal City Intermediate School (3 hours)  
Reading Aide at Coal City Early Childhood Center (3 hours)

**G. CURRICULUM REPORT**

Director Elledge reported:

**Professional Development**

For the January Teacher Institute, we hosted Dr. Clayton Cook from the University of Minnesota. He is a professor in the department of educational psychology. He delivered a keynote address on cultivating a positive school culture. He then led breakout sessions focusing on students and behavior. Descriptions are listed below. Teachers were able to select his sessions or various other options. The day concluded at 1:00 to allow teachers time to return to their buildings and prepare for students return to the classroom

**Keynote**

**Internal Locus of Control to Cultivate a Positive School Culture that is Good for Educators and Students**

This keynote presentation will focus on how educators can develop resilience in the face of adversity and strive to focus on the behaviors and practices under their control that can make a meaningful difference in the lives and outcomes of students. More than ever, there is a need for educators to work together to maintain an internal locus of control to focus on the behaviors and practices under their control that will create and/or preserve a positive school culture. A positive school culture is characterized by the repeated and habitual behaviors of educators that lead to a climate that is conducive to promoting their own well-being and the outcomes of students. This presentation will dive into how educators can work together to cultivate a positive school culture and climate that promotes the well-being and resilience among the adults in the service of improving outcomes for students.

**Breakout Session**

It is True We Can't Make Students Do Anything *But* We Can Influence Their Behavior and Engagement

This breakout session will dive into specific practices that educators have control over to implement that have a significant influence on student behavior and engagement. Specifically, this breakout session will go into four categories of high impact and low burden practices (teaching practices, relational practices, proactive practices, and responsive practices) that can have a significant impact on student behavior and engagement despite everything going on in their lives.

**Breakout Session**

Giving Ourselves the Permission to Get Back to the Basics and Teach Students How to Behave in School and Relate to One Another

This breakout session will share proven practices that help get student behavior back on track so they

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interact more positively with one another and decrease behaviors that interfere with their learning or other students. Specifically, this breakout will discuss how school can intentionally implement certain practices to increase students' behavioral success in school as a necessary ingredient to learning (teaching behaviors, modeling behaviors, prompting and reminding, active supervision, acknowledging and recognizing desired behavior, and responding to behavior with empathy and by teaching to it).

**Department News**

The science department is continuing work on the selection of new science materials. A couple of companies shared their materials during the January institute day.

**Illinois School Report Card**

Comparison data are now available on the school report card.

**H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Bugg reported:

1. Dr. Bugg informed the Board that the CDC recently announced a reduction in the isolation periods for persons with COVID-19 and a reduction in the quarantine period for those who are close contacts to someone with COVID-19. School districts were informed by the ISBE that the IDPH has not yet adopted the reduced exclusions for PreK-12 schools.
2. A FOIA request was received from Zoe Yalcin from SmartProcure requesting any/all purchasing records from Sept 14, 2021 to present.
3. Monthly student enrollment figures were available for review.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

December 23 – January 4 Winter Break – No Student Attendance  
January 5 – Teacher Institute – No Student Attendance  
January 6 – Classes Resume  
January 17 – Martin Luther King Day – No School  
January 26 – Early Dismissal  
January 26 – Board Study Session of the Whole Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.  
February 2 – Board Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.

**I. GRUNDY AREA VOCATIONAL CENTER REPORT**

Mr. Lander reported:

1. Discussed the FY23 GAVC School calendar. The Board asked for the member districts to have their final calendars for the January 27 Board of Control meeting.
2. Accepted the resignation of Jim Cebulski, Welding Instructor, effective January 4, 2022. Mr. Cebulski was present at the meeting to thank the Board and GAVC administration for their

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support over his 17-year career at GAVC. Board of Control President, Dr. Kent Bugg, thanked Mr. Cebulski for his exemplary service to the students of GAVC. Mr. Cebulski will be moving to a new position at Joliet Junior College.

3. Approved Tom Nelson as the Welding Instructor effective January 5, 2022.
4. Approved the posting of the Welding Teaching Assistant position.
5. Approved Mary Lopez as the Building Trades Teaching Assistant.
6. Approved the resignation of Tiffany Larsen, Health Occupations Assistant, effective immediately.
7. Approved the posting of the Health Occupations Assistant position.
8. Approved authorizing the GAVC Director to pay any remaining bills for the month of December.

**J. ATHLETIC DIRECTOR REPORT**

Athletic Director Dan Hutchings reported:

**Calendar of Events:**

December 27-30	VBBKB at Plano Christmas Classic
December 27-30	FSBBKB at Plano JV Christmas Classic
December 27-30	VGBKB at Lisle Holiday Classic
December 27-30	FSGBKB at Lisle Holiday Classic (1st year attending)
December 27-30	FRBBKB at Morris Freshman Invitational
December 29 & 30	Wrestlers at Abe's Rumble Dual Tournament at Springfield Capital Convention Center
January 7 & 8	HS Wrestling at Princeton Invitational
January 8, 2021	MS Wrestling Hosting Warrior Invitational at High School
January 10, 12, 14	MS 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade BBKB IVC Tournament at Wilmington MS
January 8, 11, 13	MS 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade BBKB IVC Tournament at Coal City MS

**Middle School Volleyball Numbers**

8th Grade had 24 tryouts with 9 cuts  
7th Grade had 28 tryout and cut 13  
6th Grade had 32 and cut 14

**Middle School Wrestling Numbers**

47 kids started wrestling: (3 females)  
5th Grade - 8  
6th Grade- 10  
7th Grade -9  
8th Grade - 20

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**High School Winter Athletics**

- Paused Varsity Boys Basketball December 10-20 due to COVID cases
- Paused Fresh/Soph Girls Basketball December 24 - January 2 due to COVID cases

**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 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Christopher Spencer discussed the development of the FY23 school calendar. Discussions will continue with the teachers' union to gather their input on the final calendar. GAVC will be approving its final calendar at its January Board meeting. A final draft of the FY23 school calendar will be presented at the February Board meeting for action.

**B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON ILLINOIS MUSIC HONORS SOCIETY COAL CITY CHAPTER PROPOSAL**

At the December Board meeting, the Coal City Music Boosters presented a proposal to start an Illinois Music Honors Society Coal City Chapter. The Music Honors Society Coal City Chapter will be at no cost to the school district as it is presented. The Board thanked the Coal City Music Boosters for financially supporting this program. Hope Connelly will serve at the organization's sponsor.

Mr. Lander moved and Mr. Rogers seconded to approve the Illinois Music Honors Society Coal City Chapter proposal at no cost to the school district as presented.

**Roll Call.**

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

Nays:

Motion: Carried.

**C. DISCUSSION ON PROPERTY TAX OBJECTIONS**

Dr. Bugg discussed the current Grundy County Board of Review hearings involving Hoffman Property Holding, LLC; Ferrari Properties, LLC; and General Electric-Hitachi. The school district should receive the decisions of the Board of Review on these properties by the end of January.

**D. DISCUSSION ON STATUS OF PROPERTY TAX NEGOTIATIONS WITH EXELON**

Dr. Bugg discussed the status of property tax negotiations with Exelon regarding the taxable value of the Dresden Station. The FY21 levy marked the final year of the current tax agreement.

**E. DISCUSSION ON BOARD RESOLUTION REGARDING THE BUDGET EFFICIENCY**

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Dr. Bugg discussed the Board Resolution regarding the Budget Efficiency Committee Recommendations that was previously passed by the Board. Dr. Bugg recommended that following the Board of Review Hearings and the completion of tax negotiations with Exelon that the Board review the current Resolution and determine if it is still in the best interest of the school district.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. DISCUSSION ON FY21 STANDARDIZED TEST SCORES**

Director of Curriculum and Instruction Tammy Elledge presented the FY21 standardized test scores, including comparison data with similar districts. More information will be shared as building principals and department leaders determine a continuous improvement plan. There were many areas to celebrate successes, but also areas that will be the focus of future improvement efforts.

**B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON APPOINTMENT OF THE DISTRICT'S FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT OFFICER**

The Freedom of Information Act, Public Act 096-0542, states that "The General Assembly hereby declares that it is the public policy of the State of Illinois that access by all persons to public records promotes the transparency and accountability of public bodies at all levels of government. It is a fundamental obligation of government to operate openly and provide public records as expediently and efficiently as possible in compliance with the Act." It is a requirement of this act to appoint a FOIA officer.

Mr. Hamilton moved and Mr. Harmon seconded to appoint Jason Smith as the Freedom of Information Act Officer and Open Meetings Act Officer for Coal City Community Unit School District #1 for calendar year 2022.

**Roll Call.**

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

Nays:

Motion: Carried.

**C. DISCUSSION ON SENIORITY RANKING FOR CERTIFIED AND EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT STAFF**

Each year prior to February 1, the school district is required to post a certified employee and educational support staff seniority listing. The list indicates the length of employment in the district as of June 2022, and also the areas in which the teachers are certified to teach.

**D. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL OF THE THREE RIVERS EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP**

Annual dues for membership in the Three Rivers Education Partnership from December 1, 2021 through November 30, 2022 were presented for renewal. This organization provides programs that

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address the critical issues facing education and the belief that educational opportunities are imperative for preparing today's youth to be tomorrow's leaders.

Mr. Lander moved and Mr. Bianchetta seconded to approve the annual membership in the Three Rivers Education Partnership, for 2022-2023, in the amount of \$650.

Roll Call.

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

Nays:

Motion: Carried.

**E. DISCUSSION/ACTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN THE IMEA ALL-STATE CHOIR**

Coal City High School Senior, Aidan Kostbade has earned a spot in the IMEA All-State Choir. Principal Christopher Spencer is recommending assisting Aidan Kostbade with the All-State Choir fees. The Board has a past practice of contributing \$250 per student to help defray costs of these types of school related activities.

Mr. Hamilton moved and Mr. Rogers seconded to approve the contribution of \$250 for Aidan Kostbade to help defray the cost of participation in the IMEA All-State Choir.

Roll Call.

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

Nays:

Motion: Carried.

**F. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON FAIRCOM SPECIAL ASSESSMENT**

The fall legislative session required significant allocation of resources from FAIRCOM. The FAIRCOM Executive Committee has asked member school districts for a special assessment of \$10,000 to allow the organization to remain financially solvent for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Mr. Lander moved and Mr. Harmon seconded to approve the FAIRCOM Special Assessment payment of \$10,000 as presented.

Roll Call.

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

