

**Coal City Community Unit School District #1
Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 2, 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. 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, 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. - Commander Jim Phillips, members of the VFW Post 1336, and middle school teacher Jim Hitchcock, were in attendance and recognized this year's Patriot Pen Essay Award recipients. This year's recipients were: Dahliah Anderson, Madelyn Castle, Ethan Donnelly, Emmett Easton, Cole A. Hicks, Kielely Low, Brian Mannering, Veronica Pink, Charlotta Siatta, and Livia M. Sulzberger. There were 429 total entries, and Coal City had 10 students recognized, and Livia M. Sulzberger ranked #3. The Board of Education praised the students for their hard work and dedication to the process.
2. Co-Principal Jennifer Kenney was in attendance and recognized the following eleven (11) Illinois State Scholars: Alexis Curtis, Riley Dehler, Lauren Ferrari, Mackenzie Kraus, Shaela O'Keefe, Molly Stiles, Allison Hausman, Alma Repond, Eli Fritz, Shana Kelly, and Max Tucker. These 11 students are the top 10% of their class, and will have their photo hung in the hallway of CCHS for the 22 – 23 school year.
3. Mrs. Kenney and Jack Micetich recognized high school students Derek Carlson and Collin Dames for making the Illinois All State Musical production of Cabaret. Derek earned a spot on the production team, and Collin earned a position in the orchestra. Mr. Micetich mentioned that this is the 1st time Coal City has had a student in the orchestra. Mr. Micetich has been given the honor to design the costumes of next year's Illinois All State Musical production. Dr. Bugg and the Board of Education praised the students for their hard work on achieving this great opportunity, and Mr. Micetich for his dedication to the theatre program.
4. Board Secretary Mary Gill read a thank you received from high school student Derek Carlson.

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 request:

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

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<u>Group</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Ins.</u>	<u>Date</u>
The Cavaliers	MS	Yes	4/29/22-5/1/22
CCAYBS	ES		02/25/2022
CC Baseball & Softball	IS	Yes	3/22/22-6/30/22

MINUTES

February 2, 2022 - Regular Meeting
February 23, 2022 - Board Study Session

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

None.
February 23, 2022 - Board Study Session

FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

PERSONNEL

Resignations

- Kara Claypool – Speech Language Pathologist for the district – Mrs. Claypool’s last day will be June 2, 2022.
- Tammy Mueller-Opyd – 1:1 Special Ed Aide at the High School – Mrs. Mueller-Opyd’s last day will be March 25, 2022.
- Arica Naiden – 1st Grade Teacher at the ECC – Ms. Naiden’s last day will be June 2, 2022.
- Joe Ramos – 6 – 12 Permanent Sub – Mr. Ramos’ last day was January 21, 2022.
- Kimberly Suggs – 3-hour Cafeteria Server at the High School – Ms. Suggs’ last day will be Thursday, February 17, 2022.
- Allison Tjelle – Cross Categorical Special Ed Teacher at the Intermediate School – Ms. Tjelle’s last day of employment is August 11, 2022
- Kathy Van Duyne – Assistant Secretary at the Middle – Ms. Van Duyne’s last day will be March 11, 2022.

Employments - pending satisfactory completion of all state requirements

- Patricia Bunting – Custodian for the District - Ms. Bunting’s anticipated start date is March 15, 2022.
- Nicholas King – Groundskeeper for the District – Mr. King’s anticipated start date is March 15, 2022. Mr. King is replacing Matt Hook.
- Heather Kruszewski – IT/Data Support Staff at the Unit Office – Ms. Kruszewski’s first day will be April 4, 2022 and is replacing Leah Hajdu upon Sue Aichele’s retirement.
- Emily Nolan – Nurse PreK-3 – Ms. Nolan’s anticipated start date is April 4, 2022 – Ms. Nolan is replacing Mrs. Vigna who is retiring March 25, 2022.

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Transfers

- Zach Edgar – Special Ed Teacher at the Middle School – Mr. Edgar will transfer to the High School as the Special Ed Co-Teacher for Social Studies for the 2022 – 2023 school year. Mr. Edgar is replacing Ms. Smetana.

Leave Requests

- Amy Siefken – Art Teacher at the Middle School – Mrs. Siefken is requesting a sixty (60) day paid medical leave, with use of accumulated sick leave in accordance with the Teacher’s Negotiated Agreement, from Friday, February 25, 2022 through Wednesday, June 1, 2022. Mrs. Siefken may return sooner based on her doctor’s order.

Retirement Requests

- Melissa Vigna – Nurse PreK-3 – Mrs. Vigna amended her retirement letter to reflect her new retirement date which is now Friday, March 25, 2022. The Board approved Mrs. Vigna’s initial retirement request at the July 7, 2021 Board meeting.

Honorable Dismissals

- Kari Lukancic – 1st Grade
- Peggy Feeney – Permanent Sub
- Alicia Horrie – Permanent Sub
- Alicia Matusiak – Permanent Sub

2021 - 2022 Support Staff Reduction in Force

- Angela Bartholomew – Full-time 1:1 Special Ed Aide
- Keegan Clampitt – Full-time 1:1 Special Ed Aide
- Katie Easton – Full-time 1:1 Special Ed Aide
- Jennifer Endrst - Full-time 1:1 Special Ed Aide
- Jessica Giordano - Full-time 1:1 Special Ed Aide
- Sarah Helland - Full-time 1:1 Special Ed Aide
- Gina Hiles - Full-time 1:1 Special Ed Aide
- Samantha Hill - Full-time 1:1 Special Ed Aide
- Lisa Hootselle - Full-time 1:1 Special Ed Aide
- Destiny Horkavy - Full-time 1:1 Special Ed Aide
- Jody Jackson - Full-time 1:1 Special Ed Aide
- Lori Johnson – Full-time 1:1 Special Ed Aide
- Holly Kainz - Full-time 1:1 Special Ed Aide
- Gina Pens - Full-time 1:1 Special Ed Aide
- Nikki Planeta - Full-time 1:1 Special Ed Aide
- Dan Ripplinger - Full-time 1:1 Special Ed Aide
- Dawn Rodgers - Full-time 1:1 Special Ed Aide
- Jennifer Stroner-Rolley - Full-time 1:1 Special Ed Aide

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- Alison Gill – Full-time Health Aide
- Aislinn Jones - Full-time Health Aide (reducing to .5)
- Amie Depodesta – Full-time Assistant Secretary (reducing to .5)
- Moree Harney - Full-time Assistant Secretary (reducing to .5)

New Job Descriptions

IT Support Staff PAC

Administrative Contract Addendum

Dr. Kent Bugg – Superintendent

Roll Call.

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

Nays:

Motion: Carried.

ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS

A. EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER REPORT

Principal Davidson Reported:

Calendar of Events:

February 28th - March 4th - Read Across America Week

March 1st - A Team meeting @ 2:50 p.m.

March 2nd - Early Dismissal

March 3rd - PBS Team meeting @ 2:50 p.m.

March 7th - NO SCHOOL

March 8th - SPED Team meeting @ 2:50 p.m.

March 9th - SAP Team meeting @ 2:50 p.m.

March 15th - A Team meeting @ 2:50 p.m.

March 16th - PreK Team meeting @ 10:45 a.m.

March 16th - SAP Team meeting @ 2:50 p.m.

March 22nd - Kindergarten Team meeting @ 11:40 a.m.

March 22nd - 1st Grade Team meeting @ 12:40 p.m.

March 23rd - SAP Team meeting @ 2:50 p.m.

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

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

March 28th - April 3rd - Spring Break!

Current ECC Enrollment for 2021-2022:

PreK: 156

Kindergarten: 141

1st Grade: 145

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Total: 442 (in PowerSchool as of February 25th, 2022)

Completed Safety Drills:

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

Month-in-Review:

- February 14th - February 18th - the ECC and ES joined together to celebrate Kindness Week. The students and staff enjoyed various themed dress-up days and kindness themed activities each day. The ECC, ES, and IS will be joining together to celebrate Dr. Seuss and Read Across America Week upcoming February 28th - March 4th. Students and staff will celebrate various Dr. Seuss books with special themes each day.
- February 14th was a special day at the ECC as we celebrated Valentine's Day! Students created Valentine cards to send to the nursing home and share with others throughout the building.
- Mrs. Loughran approached me regarding National Letter to an Elder Day on February 26th. Classes participated in writing a letter to an elderly person in a nursing home and Mrs. Loughran is going to take letters to her work to distribute!
- Illinois 5Essentials Survey is currently open until March 11th Parents and Staff members will need to complete the survey.

Recognition:

- A continued recognition to the staff of the ECC for always being willing to jump in and cover in any place needed each day. It is truly appreciated beyond words.
- Thank you to Sarah Quigley for organizing Kindness Week and creating a bulletin board down the 1st grade hallway for the students to be interacting with and take pictures. Sarah also organized Dr. Seuss week! Thank you for helping to bring some fun to the long days of winter!
- Thank you to Christina McClenning and Jennifer Hall for bearing the winter weather to make sure our students are able to get outside and play, but also be safe!

B. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Trotter reported:

Calendar of Events:

February 18th: No School
February 21st: No School - President's Day
February 23rd: A Team Meeting
February 24th: Special Education Problem Solving Team
March 1st: Staff Meeting
March 2nd: Early Dismissal
March 3rd: SAP Meeting
March 7th: No School - Casimir Pulaski Day
March 8th: Special Education Meeting

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March 9th: A Team Meeting / PBS Meeting
March 10th: Culture Committee Meeting
March 15th: PLC Meeting
March 23rd: A Team Meeting
March 24th: Special Education Problem Solving Team
March 26th-April 1st: Spring Break

ES Enrollment:

2nd Grade: 134 students

3rd Grade: 132 students

Total: 266 (enrolled as of 2/17/2022)

CCES Happenings and Recognitions:

- We planned on celebrating 2-2-22 with Tutus, Ties and Tennis Shoes but we had a snow day. We will celebrate 2-22-22 with Tutus, Ties, Tennis Shoes, Tube Socks and Tie-Dye Day.
- The students had their Valentine's parties on the 11th while celebrating NFL Day in preparation for the Super Bowl.
- Kindness Week was the week of February 14th. We had Valentine Color Day, SuperKid Day, Olympic Day and of course, Pajama Day.
- Many teachers participated in student IEP meetings this month and we are beginning preparations for the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) test.
- Our entire staff has done a nice job during the COVID mandate changes. I really appreciate their flexibility and understanding.
- Tim Larson continues to maneuver the day shift well and even took on the snow like a champ. Thanks Tim!

C. INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Carlson reported:

Calendar of Events:

2/28-3/4 – Read Across America Week

2/28 – Rare Disease Day ~ Wear Blue

3/1 – Green Eggs and Ham Day ~ Wear Green

3/1 – PBS Meeting 3:00

3/2 – If I Ran the Zoo Day ~ Wear Animal Print

3/2 – Student Council Meeting 7:30 a.m.

3/2 – PBS Amazing Race Scavenger Hunt

3/2 – 11:35 Dismissal

3/3 – Fox in Socks Day ~ Wear Silly Socks

3/3 – SpEd Team Meeting 3:00

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3/3 – LLT 3:30
3/4 – Cat in the Hat Day ~ Wear Red/White and/or a Hat
3/4 – Vaping Presentation by 8th Grade WEB Leaders
3/4 – Evacuation Drill 2:30
3/7 – No School ~ Pulaski Day
3/8 – TALC Meeting 3:00
3/8 – PSO Zoom Meeting 6:30 p.m.
3/9 – Specials Team Meeting 3:00
3/11 – Freaky Friday ~ Teachers Dress as Students/Students Dress as Teachers
3/14 – Pi Day
3/14 – SAP Meeting 3:00
3/15 – PBS Meeting 3:00
3/16 – Student Council Meeting 7:30 a.m.
3/16 – 5th Grade Team Meeting 3:00
3/17 – St. Patrick’s Day ~ Wear Green
3/17 – CPI Team and SpEd Data Meeting 3:00
3/18 – Tech Day
3/21 – A Team Meeting 3:00
3/22 – TALC Meeting 3:00
3/23 – 4th Grade Team Meeting 3:00
3/24 – Custodian Meeting 3:00
3/25 – Hawaiian Day ~ Spring Break Kickoff
3/26-4/3 – Spring Break

Current Enrollment:

4th Grade 154
5th Grade 157

Total 311 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
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 got a little silly on 2/2/22 and wore Ties, Tutus, Tiaras and dressed as Twins (four T’s for the four 2’s).
- The 5th grade band performed at the Fine Arts Festival at CCHS on 2/6, and all of our students had artwork on display. The ribbon winners are listed below in the Student Recognition section.
- On February 7th we discussed another Shelter-in-Place/Storm Drill. We also covered where to go during lunch and recess. Due to social distancing guidelines, we did not actually practice the drill.

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- We celebrated Kindness Week from 2/14-2/17.
2/14 – Red/White/Pink Day for Valentine’s Day ~ “We LOVE Being Kind!”
2/15 – Terrific Tuesday: Make someone feel terrific by doing a random act of kindness ~ “We Feel Terrific when Others are Kind to Us!”
2/16 – Olympic Day: Wear Red/White/Blue or USA Gear ~ “We are Olympians at being Kind!”
2/17 – Pajama Day ~ “We are Dreaming about a Kind World!”
- We celebrated 2/22/22 and wore Tie dye, Tennis shoes, Ties, Tutus and Tiaras, (five T’s for the five 2’s).
- 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 19 students in ASAP; eleven in 4th grade and eight in 5th grade.
- We held the following additional Spirit Days this past month for Fun Fridays: Super Bowl/NFL Day and PJ/Comfy Clothes Day.

Student Recognition:

- Congratulations to the artwork ribbon winners from the Fine Arts Festival:

Koi Pond Water Color	Weaving Landscapes and Animals	Oil Pastels	Rothko Emotional Colors
B.O.S Pearl Friddle	B.O. S Reese Poeschel	B.O.S. Lenie Opyd	B.O.S. Canon Wills
1 st Nalia Castle	1 st Holly Kubina	1 st Lian Bakii	1 st Parker Williams
2 nd Caylee Lynn	2 nd Derek Maxwell	2 nd Olivia Edmonds	2 nd Leah Aldridge
3 rd Joe Smith	3 rd Kaitlyn Adams	3 rd Lila Molloy	3 rd Kaylie Mauer
4 th Victoria Burns	4 th Keegan Kerr	4 th Emma Nading	4 th Ty Gigler

Architectural Block Watercolor	Navajo Rugs	Oil Pastels
Best of Show Lauren Jacovec	Best of Show Shelby Bianchetta	Best of Show Reagan Stupak
1 st Ellie Grunwald	1 st Alyson Shelton	1 st Bella Dock
2 nd Olivia Ferrari	2 nd Parker Murphey	2 nd Audrina Nugent
3 rd Abbie Anders	3 rd Tyson Harding	3 rd Felocity Furlan
4 th Max Christensen	4 th Allyson Togliatti	4 th Jackson Hollis

Principals Choice: Shelby Bianchetta’s Architectural Block Watercolor

- Congratulations to the following Students of the Week:
Week of 1/31: Holly Kubina, Addison Peters, Phoenix Senodenos, Cyrus Simonds
Week of 2/7: Norah Minuth, Jaxen Shimp, Daisy Bell, Carter Shain
Week of 2/14: Hallie Horrie, Rylan DeMichele, Blake Jones, Brooklyn Freis
Week of 2/22: Roman Taylor, Emma D’Orazio, Ayden Swore, Mollee Offdenkamp

Staff Recognition:

- I want to recognize the following staff members who received the weekly CCIS Kudos:
 - Mr. Onsen for being here at 4:30 in the morning and weekends to clear snow
 - Mrs. Budde for being our ray of sunshine and support
 - Mrs. Gaffigan for making the 2-22-22 staff shirts

D. MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Johnson reported:

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Calendar of Events:

March 2	Board Meeting – 6:00 p.m. – Unit Office
March 7	NO SCHOOL – Pulaski Birthday
March 9	8 th Grade Gown Measurement Day
March 15	8 th Grade Parent Night – 6:00 p.m. @ 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

Personnel Report:

We have a couple staff members who will be out of school beginning in March.

- Amy Siefken will be out for a medical procedure. Marla O’Keefe will be serving as Amy’s sub while she is absent.
- Laura Dziuban is scheduled to have her second child in the month of March. Tiffany Berger will be Laura’s maternity leave sub for the remainder of the school year.

CCMS Attendance:

6 th Grade	162
7 th Grade	160
8 th Grade	181
Total	503

Month in Review

- Coal City Schools sponsored a parent education presentation, ‘Supporting Your Child’s Mental Health’ at the CCHS Auditorium on February 1. There were approximately 30 parents in attendance for the presentation. Thanks to CCMS Social Worker, Cealy DePersia, for her help in organizing this learning opportunity for the parents and families of District #1.
- Coal City Schools hosted their annual Fine Arts Festival on February 6 at CCHS. It was another great show with various pieces of CCMS student artwork. The MS Concert and Jazz Bands, along with 8th Grade Chorus performed at the event. Thanks to Amy Siefken, Bonnie McDowell and Lynnae Bontrager for their work on the event.

Below are Festival Ribbon Winners for their art work:

Principal’s Award

6th Grade **Wyatt Ricke** (6th Grade) – “What I Want to Do in the Future”

Best of Show:

8th Grade **Julian Micetich** – “Micetich’s Grill”

7th Grade **Adia Serna** – “Fairy Garden”

6th Grade **Leah Jensen** – “The Beach”

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- Coal City Schools held a Staff Development Day on February 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.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences were held on February 9 from 4:00-8:00pm. Thanks to all of the families who participated and checked on the progress of the child(ren). We held in person conferences for the spring with any parents that wanted to come to school to meet with teachers and office staff. We were able to schedule meetings with our students that are struggling most and problem solve to help improve their academic performance. Thanks to all of the CCMS Staff who worked extremely hard to prepare and discuss their concerns with the parents.
- CCMS Athletics are performing a very high level with CCMS Warrior teams having a great weekend on February 11.
- The [8th Grade Volleyball Team](#) were crowned IVC Conference Tournament Champions. The Warriors defeated Morris in 2 games on February 11 to capture the conference championship. The Warriors are 16-0 on the season and are beginning preparation for the IESA State Series. Congratulations to Coach McMurtrey on the IVC Conference Tourney Championship.
- The CCMS [Varsity Wrestling Team](#) captured 1st place at the Mid State Duals at East Peoria by going 5-0 in matches. Coal City had 11 wrestlers go 5-0 on the day and earned a spot on the all-tournament team. Wrestlers earning all-tournament honors were Ryder Gill, Jake Munsterman, Owen Petersen, Cooper Morris, Brody Widlowski, Luke Munsterman, Aiden Kenney, Trace Wilson, Brock Finch, Evan Greggain, and Brody D'Orazio. In addition, the JV Wrestlers also competed in the IVC Conference and captured 11 weight championships on February 12. Congratulations to Coach Petersen, the assistant coaches and wrestlers on their performances.
- CCMS held Winter Sports/Organization Picture Day on February 16. Thanks to Pam McMurtrey for her work with Van Gogh Photography for the event.
- CCMS students and staff members observed Presidents Day on February 21.
- CCMS 8th Graders are beginning preparation for their transition to becoming Freshmen at CCHS in the fall. CCHS will be hosting 8th Grade Parent Night on March 16. Mrs. Kempes has been meeting with 8th graders to go over class selection for their freshmen year of high school.

E. HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Spencer reported:

Calendar of Events:

March 2 – Early Dismissal

March 7 – No School

March 11-13 – High School Musical

March 15 – Incoming Freshman Parent/Student Night

March 18-20 – High School Musical

March 22 – National Honor Society Induction

March 25 – Cabaret Night Auditions

March 26 – 31 – Spring Break

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Recognition:

- Congratulations to our Speech Team on an amazing season. The team ended with 3 students receiving State recognition! Congratulations to Dylan Ludes for receiving 3rd in Prose at the State Competition. Congratulations to Dylan Ludes and Chloe Peacock for receiving 4th in Dramatic Duet Acting at the State Competition. McKenna Patten and Izzy Kostbade also competed at the competition this weekend.
- Our wrestlers had an eventful weekend with 8 attending the IHSA State Finals. Culen Lindemuth, Buddy Widlowski, John Housman, Derek Carlson, Ashton Harvey, Zach Finch, Braiden Young, and Dylan Cronk were all state qualifiers. Congratulations to Ashton Harvey for taking 3rd place. Congratulations to Buddy Widlowski and Zach Finch for placing 5th.
- Carly Ford is our female wrestler that will be heading to IHSA Girls Wrestling. She will be competing this weekend!
- Congratulations to the CCHS Wrestling Coach, Mark Master, for being named to the Illinois Coaches and Officials Association Hall of Fame.
- Congratulations to our ICE Band students

Month in Review:

- Winter Sports have wrapped up this week and we are proud of all of the accomplishments our athletes and coaches have made.
- On February 3rd and 10th, we held Pack the Place for our **girls'** and **boys'** basketball teams. Our mission of increasing school involvement is in the works!
- On February 9th, we held our Winter Parent Teacher Conferences. We had 39 total families attend.
- CCHS held an energy packed assembly for our wrestling and speech state qualifiers on February 16th. We wished them good luck while celebrating our Coal Pride! The families of the qualifiers were invited and we had a fantastic turnout
- The 2022-2023 course registration process is still underway. Students in 8th grade through 11th grade are currently choosing their courses. Mr. Kiper and Mrs. Dransfeldt are busy giving class presentations to the classes. We will be holding our 8th grade Parent and Student Night on March 15th.

Current Enrollment Figures @ CCHS as of February 24, 2022

9th- 144
10th- 132 – decrease of 2
11th- 150
12th- 162
Total= 594 – decrease of 2

Discipline Report from February 1 – February 24

Infraction Totals:

Bullying	2
General Rule Violation	2

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Vaping material/Vaping	2
Possession of Drugs	0
Lunch Room Violation	0
Bus Violation	0
Class Disruption	1
Class Cut	6
Dress Code Violation	2
Insubordination	1
<u>Fighting</u>	<u>1</u>
Totals:	17

F. SPECIAL POPULATIONS REPORT

Director Krippel reported:

High Road School of the South Suburbs:

Our district has utilized Camelot School in Custer Park as a therapeutic day school for several years. Therapeutic day schools are necessary when our district programming does not meet the needs of the student. Although this rarely happens due to our many programs within the district, we are fortunate to have a therapeutic day school within 10 miles of our district.

Camelot School recently changed ownership and therefore the new name of this facility is “High Road School of the South Suburbs.” The new ownership has asked each partnering school district to share the attached information with their boards of education.

[South Suburbs Impact Report 2021-2022 \(1\).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>
133	50	37	54	60	334
	<i>-2 since February 1st</i>	<i>+1 since February 1st</i>	<i>-3 since February 1st</i>		<i>-4 since February 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	2	10	29	51	97
			<i>-1 since February 1st</i>		<i>-1 since February 1st</i>

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<i>Coaler Academy Data</i>				
<i>Full Time</i>	<i>Hybrid</i>	<i>Intervention</i>	<i>Total Students</i>	<i>Pending Referrals</i>
1	17	0	18	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	4	7

<i>Miscellaneous Student Data</i>	
<i>ELL</i>	<i>Homeless</i>
18	8
	-3 since February 1st

<i>Preschool for All Grant (PFA)</i>		
<i>Current Students</i>	<i>Open Spots</i>	<i>Waitlist</i>
58	2	3
<i>Overall Preschool Numbers</i>		
<i>Number of Students</i>	<i>SPED Spots Open</i>	<i>Pending Evaluations</i>
165/180	13	3

Vacancies:

- Anticipated Full Time Speech Pathologist
- Full Time Special Education Co-Teacher - Coal City HS
- Full Time Special Education Teacher - Coal City Intermediate School
- Full Time 1:1 Aide - HS PATH Program

G. CURRICULUM REPORT

Director Elledge reported:

Professional Development

Early dismissals for staff development continue to focus on improving local assessments, analyzing data and having conversations about the SECA curriculum (social, emotional, career and academic).

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This collaboration time gives us time to talk between grade levels and allows teachers time to work with their department leaders and building administrators.

Spring Testing

IAR Testing Window – March 7 to April 22

*Grades 3 - 8

*Reading/Writing and Mathematics

ISA Testing Window – March 1 to April 29

*Grades 5, 8, and 11

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

*Grade 11

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

*Grades 9 and 10

Department News

We continue to have monthly meetings to work on the region's Transitional English class with Joliet Junior College. Currently we are finishing up the MOU for submission to the state for approval. We hope to have the course in place in the fall for our students. Students that successfully complete an approved Transitional English course are ready for credit bearing English courses in college.

H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Bugg reported:

1. A FOIA request was received from Julie Dustin from Data Bid, requesting the names of companies who submitted bids and their base bid amount.
2. A FOIA request was received from Preston Dedi from Chicagoland Construction, requesting bid results/tabulations or award for the mechanical project at the Early Childhood Center.
3. Torie Knibbs, a student from Illinois State University, will be completing her pre-student teaching experience with Art Teacher Mark Fiske during the fall semester of the 2022 – 2023 school year. Ms. Knibbs is getting her teaching degree in Art Education.
4. Grant Kaufman, a student teacher from Illinois State University, will be completing his pre-student teaching experience with Physics Teacher Kaitlyn Czernicki during the fall semester of the 2022 – 2023 school year. Mr. Kaufman is getting his teaching degree in Physics Education.
5. A FOIA request was received from freedom@irtaonline.org
6. Monthly student enrollment figures were available for review.

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 1 – Three Rivers Division Meeting

March 2 – Early Dismissal

March 7 – No School – Casimir Pulaski Day.

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March 11 – 13 – High School Musical
March 18 – 20 – High School Musical
March 22 – NHS Induction @ 7:00 p.m. @ CCHS
March 24 – Kindergarten Concert @ 6:30 p.m. @ CCHS
March 25 – Cabaret Night Auditions 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
March 28 – April 1 – Spring Break
March 30 – Board Study Session of the Whole Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
April 4 – Classes resume from Spring Brea

I. GRUNDY AREA VOCATIONAL CENTER REPORT

Mr. Lander reported:

1. Director Copes discussed the FY23 early enrollment projections which show over 860 students registering for GAVC courses, which would be the largest enrollment in the history of the Center. Mr. Copes is currently working on staffing solutions and a possible new course to address over-enrollment in certain courses.
2. Assistant Director Skube discussed the FY23 Master Schedule, which included the possible addition of a Fabrication & Construction course in the early bird time slot. The Board of Control instructed Director Copes to bring a formal recommendation for this new course to the March Board of Control meeting.
3. Dr. Halloran was present to discuss the progress on the development of the new GAVC Strategic Plan. The Board of Control and GAVC administration will continue working with Dr. Halloran to facilitate a final product for approval at the April Board meeting
4. Approved the FY23 GAVC calendar as presented.
5. Accepted the resignation of Jay Radke, Computer Technology Assistant effective at the end of FY22.
6. Approved the posting of a full-time Computer Technology Assistant position for FY23.
7. Approved the amended Return to School Plan for GAVC that accounts for the changes made to the Governor's COVID mitigation mandates as outlined in the February 4 Temporary Restraining Order and the recent appellate court decision.
8. Approved the resolution reducing the Foundations of Teaching and Advanced Teaching Methods instructor, Natalie Gregoire.

Dr. Bugg reported that the FY23 early enrollment projections for GAVC show over 860 students registered, with 170 of those from CCHS. This is the largest early enrollment in the history of the Center.

J. ATHLETIC DIRECTOR REPORT

Athletic Director Dan Hutchings reported:

High School

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Girls Basketball Season ended in the Regional against Reed-Custer
Overall record (16 -13) Lost in the 1st round of Regional to El Paso Gridley 46 - 43
Illinois Central 8 Record (8 - 5)
1st Place Comet Classic

Fresh/Soph Girls Basketball

Final Record: 13 - 6

ICE Record: 7 - 4

Fresh Girls 6 - 0

Wrestling - Class 1A State Placers and Qualifier

Fr. Culan Lindemuth	106lb	
Sr. Johnny Housman	113lb	
So. Brant Widlowski	120lb	5 th Place
Sr. Zach Finch	152lb	5 th Place
Jr. Derek Carlson	170lb	
Jr. Braiden Young	182lb	
Sr. Ashton Harvey	195lb	3 rd Place
Sr. Dylan Cronk	220lb	

IHSA Girls State Qualifier

Sr. Carly Ford Sectional Champ

29 - 6, 7 - 0 Dual Team Champs
ICE Tournament Champ
8th Downers Grove South Dual Team Tournament
2nd at Abes
4th at Princeton
2nd at Regionals

Boys Basketball - Lost to Pontiac in the first round of Regionals

Overall record 5 - 25

ICE record 3 - 9

Sophomore Boys:

Overall record 12 - 15

ICE record 8 - 6

Freshmen Boys:

Overall record 10 - 8

ICE record 10 - 4

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February 28 - Spring Sports begin at the High School
(Girls Soccer, Track & Field, Boys Tennis, Softball, and Baseball)

Middle School

7th Grade Volleyball
Record 3 - 14-1

8th Grade Volleyball
Record: 18 - 0
IVC tournament Champs
Bolingbrook Brooks Tournament Champs

Wrestling - Dual Team Record 23 - 0
Homer Tournament Champs
Warrior Invite Champs
Eureka Mid-State Duals Champs
East Peoria Tournament Champs

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

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

OLD BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON

The first reading took place on January 26, the second reading on February 2, the third and final reading at the Board Study Session on February 23. The School Board Policy Committee’s recommendation was for the Board to approve the policy revisions as listed.

2:20	Powers and Duties of the School Board; Indemnification
2:105	Ethics and Gift Ban
2:110	Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board Officers
2:120	Board Member Development
2:150	Committees
2:150-AP	Superintendent Committees
2:220	School Board Meeting Procedure
2:220-E1	Board Treatment of Closed Meeting Verbatim Recordings and Minutes
2:220-E3	Closed Meeting Minutes
2:220-E5	Semi-Annual Review of Closed Meeting Minutes
2:220-E6	Log of Closed Meeting Minutes
2:220-E8	School Board Records Maintenance Requirements and FAQs

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2:250-E2	Immediately Available District Public Records and Web-Posted Reports and Records
2:260	Uniform Grievance Procedure
3:40	Superintendent
3:50	Administrative Personnel Other Than the Superintendent
3:60	Administrative Responsibility of the Building Principal
4:60	Purchases and Contracts
4:60-AP1	Purchases
4:60-AP4	Federal and State Award Procurement Procedures
4:80	Accounting and Audits
4:110	Transportation
4:120	Food Services
4:150	Facility Management and Building Programs
4:160	Environmental Quality of Buildings and Grounds
4:165	Awareness and Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Grooming Behaviors
4:170	Safety
4:170-AP1	Comprehensive Safety and Security Plan
4:170-AP2	Routine Communications Concerning Safety and Security
4:170-AP2, E5	Notice to Parents/Guardians of Lockdown Drill; Opt-out
4:175	Convicted Child Sex Offender; Screening; Notifications
4:175-AP1	Criminal Offender Notification Laws; Screening
5:10	Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment
5:20	Workplace Harassment Prohibited
5:20-AP	Sample Questions and Considerations for Conducting the Internal Harassment in the Workplace Investigation
5:30	Hiring Process and Criteria
5:30-AP1	Interview Questions
5:30-AP2	Investigations
5:30-AP2, E1	Notice of Preliminary Hiring Decision Based on Conviction Record
5:30-AP, E2	Notice of Final Hiring Decision Based on Conviction Record
5:50	Drug- and Alcohol-Free Workplace; E-Cigarette, Tobacco, and Cannabis Prohibition
5:90	Abused and Neglected Child Reporting
5:90-AP	Coordination with Children's Advocacy Center
5:100	Staff Development Program
5:100-AP	Staff Development Program
5:120	Employee Ethics; Conduct; and Conflict of Interest
5:120-AP2	Employee Conduct Standards
5:120-AP2, E	Expectations and Guidelines for Employee-Student Boundaries
5:125	Personal Technology and Social Media; Usage and Conduct

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5:150	Personnel Records
5:185	Family and Medical Leave
5:185-AP	Resource Guide for Family and Medical Leave
5:200	Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal
5:210	Resignations
5:220	Substitute Teachers
5:220-AP	Substitute Teachers
5:250	Leaves of Absence
5:260	Student Teachers
5:330	Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves
6:15	School Accountability
6:20	School Year Calendar and Day
6:50	School Wellness
6:60	Curriculum Content
6:60-AP ₁	Comprehensive Health Education Program
6:60-AP ₁ , E1	Notice to Parents/Guardians of <u>Sexual Abuse and Assault Awareness and Prevention Education; Requests to Examine Materials; Written Objection(s) and/or Opt-outs</u> Students Enrolled in Family Life and Sex Education Class
6:60-AP ₁ , E2	Resources for Biking and Walking Safety Education
6:60-AP2	Comprehensive Personal Health and Safety and Sexual Health Education Program (National Sex Education Standards (NSES))
6:60-AP3	Developmentally Appropriate Consent Education
6:100-AP	Dissection of Animals
6:120	Education of Children with Disabilities
6:130	Program for the Gifted
6:135	Accelerated Placement Program
6:135-AP	Accelerated Placement Program Procedures
6:180	Extended Instructional Programs
6:220	Bring Your Own Technology (BYOT) Program; Responsible Use and Conduct
6:300	Graduation Requirements
6:300-E2	State Law Graduation Requirements
6:300-E3	Form for Exemption from Financial Aid Application Completion
6:310	High School Credit for Non-District Experiences; Course Substitutions; Re-Entering Students
6:320	High School Credit for Proficiency
6:340	Student Testing and Assessment Program
7:10	Equal Educational Opportunities
7:20	Harassment of Students Prohibited
7:20-AP	Harassment of Students Prohibited

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7:30	Student Assignment of Intra-District Transfer
7:50	School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools
7:60	Residence
7:60-AP1	Challenging a Student's Residency Status
7:60-AP2, E1	Letter of Residence from Landlord in Lieu of Lease
7:60-AP2, E2	Letter of Residence to Be Used When the Person Seeking to Enroll a Student Is Living with a District Resident
7:60-AP2, E3	Evidence of Non-Parent's Custody, Control, and Responsibility of a Student
7:70	Attendance and Truancy
7:80	Release Time for Religious Instruction/Observance
7:150	Agency and Police Interviews
7:160	Student Appearance
7:165	School Uniforms
7:180	Prevention of and Response to Bullying Intimidation, and Harassment
7:190	Student Behavior
7:190-AP3	Guidelines for Reciprocal Reporting for Criminal Offenses Committed by Students
7:190-AP4	Use of Isolated Time Out, Time Out, and Physical Restraint
7:190-AP5	Student Handbook – Electronic Devices
7:190-AP6	Guidelines for Investigating Sexting Allegations
7:190-E1	Aggressive Behavior Letter and Form
7:190-E2	Student Handbook Checklist
7:190-E3	Memorandum of Understanding
7:190-E4	Acknowledgement of Receiving Student Behavior Policy and Student Conduct Code
7:200	Suspension Procedures
7:200-E1	Short Term Out-of-School Suspension (1-3 Days) Reporting Form
7:200-E2	Long Term Out-of-School Suspension (4-10 Days) Reporting Form
7:210	Expulsion Procedures
7:210-E1	Notice of Expulsion Hearing
7:240	Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities
7:240-AP1	Code of Conduct for Extracurricular Activities
7:250	Student Support Services
7:250-AP2	Protocol for Responding to Students with Social, Emotional or Mental Health Needs
7:260	Exemption from Physical Education
7:280-E2	Reporting and Exclusion Requirements for Common Communicable Diseases
7:290	Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention

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7:290-AP	Resource Guide for Implementation of Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention Program
7:310	Restrictions on Publications; Elementary Schools
7:310-AP	Guidelines for Student Distribution of Non-School Sponsored Publications: Elementary Schools
7:315	Restrictions on Publications; High Schools
7:315-AP	Guidelines for Student Distribution of Non-School Sponsored Publications; High Schools
7:340	Student Records
7:340-AP1	School Student Records
7:340-AP1, E1	Notice to Parents/Guardians and Students of Their Rights Concerning a Student’s School Records
7:345	Use of Educational Technologies; Student Data Privacy and Security
7:345-AP	Use of Educational Technologies; Student Data Privacy and Security
7:345-AP, E4	Notice of Parent Rights Regarding Student Covered Information
7:345-AP, E5	Parent Request Form for Student Covered Information
7:345-AP, E6	Parent Request Form for Correction of Student Covered Information
8:70	Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities
8:95-AP	Parental Involvement
8:100	Relations with Other Organizations and Agencies

Mr. Bianchetta moved and Mr. Hamilton seconded to approve the revised District Policies as presented.

Roll Call.

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

B. DISCUSSION ON PROPERTY TAX NEGOTIATIONS WITH EXELON

Dr. Bugg updated the Board on the status of the ongoing property tax negotiations with Exelon in regards to the Dresden Nuclear Power Station. Dr. Bugg reported that the taxing districts have reached a tentative long term property tax agreement with Constellation (Exelon) in regards to the Dresden Station. Details of the agreement will be released once legal counsel for Constellation approves the tentative agreement.

C. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON AMENDED RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN MAINTAINING MASK OPTIONAL STATUS IF SUPPORTED BY LOCAL HEALTH DATA

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On February 4, Judge Grischow issued a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) declaring IDPH's Emergency Rules void. The State of Illinois appealed this decision and on Thursday, February 17 the appellate court issued an opinion that kept the TRO in place. The Board of Education leadership asked Dr. Bugg to work in collaboration with his administrative team and the teacher's union to develop an amended Return to School Plan. The Board also requested that the plan include layered mitigation strategies dependent on local COVID data. The Board approved the amended Return to School Plan as presented that among other changes, maintains the current school district policy that masks are highly recommended, but optional if supported by local health data. The amended plan was based on recent court decisions at the Circuit, Appellate and Illinois Supreme Courts. The plan is also based upon the most recent JCAR rulings in regards to the Governor's Executive Order request mandating certain COVID mitigations in schools. The amended plan is also based on last Friday's announcement from the CDC and the Governor that masking and other COVID mitigations such as mandatory vaccines for staff/weekly COVID testing, and mandatory exclusions for close contacts and symptomatic students were no longer required. The amended plan can be found at https://www.coalcityschools.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=1814978&type=d&pREC_ID=1977665

Mr. Bianchetta moved and Mr. Lander moved to approve the amended Return to School Plan as presented that among other changes, maintains the current school district policy that masks are highly recommended, but optional if supported by local health data.

Roll Call.

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

Nays:

Motion: Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON ACCEPTANCE OF THEATER DEPARTMENT DONATION

A donation of \$150 was received from Ali D'Orazio for the theater department. A cash donation in the amount of \$534 was received from the public from the Miscast Cabaret performance at the high school. The donations received will go towards enhancing the theater program for the students.

Mr. Lander moved and Mr. Rogers seconded to approve the donation of \$150 from Ali D'Orazio and the donation from the public in the amount of \$534 for the theater department.

Roll Call.

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

Nays:

Motion: Carried.

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON SCHOOL SITE DONATION FROM THE VILLAGE OF COAL CITY

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A School Site Donation in the amount of \$44,223.00 was received from the Village of Coal City. A resolution was prepared for acceptance of the school site donation.

Mr. Harmon moved and Mrs. Gill seconded to approve the resolution to accept the School Site Donation of \$44,223.00 from the Village of Coal City, and to waive the reading of the resolution.

Roll Call.

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

Nays:

Motion: Carried.

C. DISCUSSION ON THE 2022 DISTRICT FINANCIAL DESIGNATION

Annually the ISBE provides school districts with their Financial Designation score, which is a measure of the financial strength of the school district. Coal City School District's 2022 score was a perfect 4.0. Dr. Bugg was pleased to see the district back to a perfect score, and Dr. Bugg thanked the Board of Education for their proactive planning with the district financials.

D. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON APPROVAL OF LIBRARY MEDIA GRANT

Allison Peterson, Librarian at the High School, was awarded the Library Media Grant from the Secretary of State in the amount of \$1,671.77. The grant funds provide supplementary support to the school's library media program. Dr. Bugg thanked Mrs. Peterson for completing the grant application.

Mr. Bianchetta moved and Mr. Lander moved to approve the Library Media Grant from the Secretary of State, in the amount of \$1,671.77.

Roll Call.

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

Nays:

Motion: Carried.

E. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON ARP/ESSER III FUNDS

Directors Elledge and Smith presented the ARP (ESSER III) plan for the district. Directors Elledge and Smith provided the Board with a summary of the current programs in place to address learning loss along with social and emotional issues with students. Another part of the ESSER III grant is to address air quality issues, and the second phase of work will take place over the summer at the ECC; the funds have to be utilized by 2024. The Board thanked Mr. Smith and Mrs. Elledge along with the administrators for all their hard work and dedication to the students in the district.

Mr. Hamilton moved and Mr. Lander seconded to approve the ARP ESSER III plan as presented.

Roll Call.

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Ayes: Shawn Hamilton, Chuck Lander, Robert Bianchetta, Mary Gill, Quint Harmon, Steve Rogers, 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.) Board member Robert Bianchetta reminded the Board that Coal City Community Unit School District #1 will sponsor the Three Rivers meeting on June 9, 2022.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Lander moved and Mr. Harmon seconded to go to closed session at 6:53 p.m. for the purpose of considering information regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, student 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 6:53 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.

ACTION AS A RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Lander moved and Mr. Harmon seconded to approve an Agreement in Lieu of Expulsion for Student #2024159 as discussed in closed session.

Roll Call.

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

**BOARD STUDY SESSION OF THE WHOLE DATE: MARCH 30, 2022 @ 6:00 P.M.
In Coal City CUSD #1 Administrative Center Boardroom**

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

Kenneth P. Miller, President

Mary Gill, Secretary