

**Coal City Community Unit School District #1  
Board of Education Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, March 3, 2021**

**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, Dan Engelhardt, Mary Gill, Shawn Hamilton, Quint Harmon, Chuck Lander, and Ken Miller. Superintendent Kent Bugg, CSBO Jason Smith, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Tammy Elledge, Director of Special Populations Sandy Rakes, High School Principal Chris Spencer, Assistant Principal Luke Krippel, 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**

Introduction/acknowledgement of guests.

Principal Jennifer Kenney was in attendance to congratulate Amy Foley for being chosen as one of 32 finalists for the Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching. Principal Kenney provided the Board with a summary of Amy's application process to becoming a finalist. Amy was chosen as a finalist from over 700 educators who were nominated for this prestigious honor. Amy thanked and acknowledged her peers, administration, and her students. Board President Miller and Dr. Bugg wished Amy all the best as she continues the process to hopefully become a Golden Apple Award recipient.

**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 removed from the consent agenda. Hearing none, President Miller asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda, and the following building requests.

**Roll Call.**

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

<u>Group</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Ins.</u>	<u>Date</u>
Promfest	HS	Yes	5/1/21
Lil Coalers Wrestling	HS	Yes	2/18-3/25

**MINUTES**

February 3, 2021 - Regular Meeting  
February 24, 2021- Board Study Session

**CLOSED SESSION MINUTES**

February 3, 2021 - Regular Meeting  
February 24, 2021 - Board Study Session

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Activity Fund Reports – January 2021

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Treasurer's Report – January 2021  
Monthly Manual Check Report – February 2021  
Payroll Report – February 2021  
Accounts Payable Report – March 2021

**PERSONNEL**

**Resignations**

-  Hannah Kochenberger – Temporary Custodian at the Elementary School – Ms. Kochenberger's last day will be February 26, 2021.
-  Alan Oder – Custodian at the Middle School – Mr. Oder's last day will be February 19, 2021.
-  Colleen Wagner – Math Teacher at the High School – Ms. Wagner's last day will be June 2, 2021, which is the anticipated last day of staff attendance.

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

-  Erin Christopher Cafeteria Manager is recommending Mary Macaluso for a 3hr Server at the Elementary School, and Erica Rich for a 3hr Server at the High School.
-  Michael Rivera – Full-time Custodian at the Middle School, and Matthew Ramirez - Temporary Custodian at the Elementary School.

**Transfers**

-  Lisa Hootselle – 1:1 Full-time Aide at the Middle School to 1:1 Full-time Aide at the Elementary School.

**Leave Requests**

-  Cassie Spicer – Special Ed Teacher/Speech Pathologist at the Early Childhood Center – Ms. Spicer is requesting a twenty-eight (28) day paid sick leave, with use of accumulated sick leave in accordance with the Teacher's Negotiated Agreement, from February 17, 2020 through April 6, 2021. Ms. Spicer is also requesting an eight (8) day unpaid FMLA leave from April 7, 2020 through April 16, 2021. She is planning to return to work Monday, April 19, 2021 based on her doctor's recommendation.
-  Melissa Smith – Cafeteria Server at the Middle School – Ms. Smith is requesting a three (3) day paid sick leave from February 23, 2021 through February 25, 2021. Ms. Smith is also requesting a fourteen (14) day unpaid FMLA leave from February 26, 2021 through March 18, 2021. Ms. Smith plans to return to work Friday, March 19, 2021.

**Retirement Requests**

-  Celeste Sheridan – Curriculum & Assessment Secretary at the Unit Office – Mrs. Sheridan will retire Friday, October 1, 2021.

**Extra-Curricular Assignments**

Athletic Director Dan Hutchings is recommending the following individuals for:

-  Taylor Meents – Sophomore Softball Coach
-  Zach Edgar – Volunteer Football Coach

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 Bob McGuinn – Volunteer Wrestling and Freshman Football Coach

**ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS**

**A. EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER REPORT**

Principal Davidson Reported:

**Calendar of Events:**

February 26th - A Team Meeting @ 1:30pm  
March 1st - NO SCHOOL  
March 1st - 5th - Dr. Seuss Read Across America Week  
March 2nd - Kindergarten Team Meeting @ 12:00pm  
March 2nd - 1st Grade Team Meeting @ 12:45pm  
March 5th - A Team Meeting @ 1:30pm  
March 8th - March 12th - Parent Advisory Committee Meetings  
March 9th and 10th - Transition Meetings with grade level teams  
March 12th - Problem-Solving Meeting @ 2:30pm  
March 10th - End of Trimester Two  
March 11th - First Day of FULL day  
March 11th - Trimester Three begins  
March 17th - Wear GREEN!  
March 27th - April 5th - SPRING BREAK

**Current ECC Enrollment for 2020-2021:**

PreK:	128
Kindergarten:	150
1st Grade:	128
<b>Total:</b>	<b>406 (in PowerSchool as of February 25th, 2021)</b>

**Current ECC Full-Time Remote Learners (PreK/K/1) for 2020-2021:**

Total: 39 (full-time remote learners) + 9 students currently excluded due to COVID participating in remote learning on February 25th, 2021 (48 students total).

**Current breakdown of the number of remote learners:**

PreK =	16
Kindergarten =	12
1st Grade =	11

**Required Safety Drills Completed:**

September 1st - Tornado Drill  
September 4th - Fire Drill  
September 8th - Bus Evacuation Drills  
September 9th - Bus Evacuation Drills

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September 15th - Armed Intruder Drill

**Month-in-Review:**

-  February has been a month of preparation for the transition to a full day in a few short weeks. The staff have been involved in weekly meetings and problem-solving to develop the best plan possible within parameters set to do what is best for the students in the building.
-  Students enjoyed celebrating Valentine's Day on February 11th with classmates. Valentine's Day looked different this year as students brought in their Valentine cards a few weeks earlier to be able to safely pass out to friends on February 11th.
-  Students participated in Heart Warrior Week February 8th - 11th in honor of our 1st grade student currently at Lurie Children's Hospital waiting for a new heart. Students had different dress-up days during the week and collected money to donate to Lurie Children's Hospital. Students at the ECC collected over \$400 to donate to the hospital and area of choice for our hospitalized student.

**Recognition:**

-  I would like to acknowledge my A Team members - Kailee Marketti, Cassie Spicer, and Abby Wilkinson. The transition to a full day of school has definitely not been an easy transition. This team of ladies takes on the feedback from staff and discusses at weekly meetings scheduled with myself. We problem-solve and they help communicate process and solutions with the staff weekly. It has not been easy and the process has been stressful. I am grateful for this team taking on the task of helping make the transition as smooth as possible.
-  Welcome to Taylor Speed and Allison Scudieri! Both are Speech therapist interns working in our building with Cassie Spicer and Kara Claypool.
-  Thank you to Kara Claypool and Margaret Marsaglia for developing a plan to cover for a fellow Speech Path out on a medical emergency. Both are taking on the supervision duties of the Speech Intern and sharing the caseload to cover IEP minutes.

**B. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPORT**

Principal Kenney reported:

**Calendar of Events:**

- 3/1 – No School
- 3/2 - PBS Meeting
- 3/2 – Staff Meeting
- 3/9 – Staff Meeting
- 3/10 – A-Team
- 3/11 – Students Return!
- 3/18 – Culture Meeting
- 3/23 – School Improvement Committee Meeting
- 3/24 – A-Team
- 3/27 – Spring Break

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**ES Enrollment:**

2nd Grade: 132 – same

3rd Grade: 146 – lost 2 students

Total: 278 (registered as of 2/24/21)

**Remote Learners:**

2nd Grade: 11 – same

3rd Grade: 10 – same

Total: 21 (as of 2/24/21)

**Personnel:**

 Thank you to Hannah Kochenberg for her time at CCES as the assistant day custodian. Friday, February 26th was her last day with us, as she accepted a position at Amazon.

**CCES Happenings and Recognitions:**

-  Students and staff honored Congenital Heart Disease week with various dress up days to raise awareness in honor of 3rd grade student, Myla Kramer. On Wednesday of that week, we also had a dress up day in honor of CCECC student, Kaysen VanDerWerken. On Thursday, we had a hat day that raised \$577 for Myla’s cardiac unit at the Children’s Hospital of Illinois in Peoria.
-  Our teams have been extremely busy planning, revising and making recommendations for our return to school on March 11th (if passed). I couldn’t be prouder of our team, as they navigate through these times with professionalism. They truly are dedicated to what is best for our students. We appreciate the staff at CCES!
-  Congratulations to Amy Foley on being a finalist for the 2021 Golden Apple for Excellence in Teaching Award. She is one of 32 finalists in the state of Illinois out of 708 nominated teachers. We are extremely proud of her and her accomplishment and for being recognized for such a prestigious award!

**C. INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL REPORT**

Principal Carlson reported:

**Calendar of Upcoming Events:**

3/1 - No School ~ Pulaski Day

3/2-3/5 - Read Across America Week

3/2 - Evacuation Drill 11:00

3/2 - PBS Meeting 2:45

3/3 - BLT Meeting 3:00

3/4 - LLT Meeting 2:00-3:30

3/5 - 5th Grade Team Meeting 12:40

3/8 - Student Services Meeting 10:30

3/8 - SAP Meeting 2:45

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3/9 - TALC Meeting 2:45  
3/9 - PSO Meeting 6:30 via Zoom  
3/10 - Student Council Meeting 1:00  
3/10 - End of Trimester 2  
3/11 - Full School Days Begin 8:00-2:50  
3/12 - 4th Grade Team Meeting 3:00  
3/12 - Staff Trivia 3:00  
3/15 - Student Services Meeting 10:30  
3/15 - SAP Meeting 3:00  
3/16 - PBS Meeting 3:00  
3/17 - Green Day  
3/18 - CCIS Virtual Art Fair Release Date  
3/19 - SpEd Team Meeting 3:00  
3/22 - Student Services Meeting 10:30  
3/22 - SAP Meeting 3:00  
3/23 - TALC Meeting 3:00  
3/24 - Student Council Meeting  
3/25 - Custodian Meeting 2:00  
3/25 - A Team Meeting 3:00  
3/26 - Specials Team Meeting 3:00  
3/26 - Staff Trivia 3:00  
3/27-4/5 - Spring Break

**Current Enrollment:**

4th Grade 162

5th Grade 165

**Total 327** - This includes two 4th grade students and one 5th grade student, who are enrolled in other special education programs outside of CCIS.

As of 2/19/21:

Full Remote Learning Students (non-COVID related) = 33

**Emergency/Crisis Drills Completed:**

Evacuation/Fire	8/20/20
Shelter-in-Place/Storm	8/21/20; 11/23/20; 2/3/21
Lockdown	8/24/20; 9/24/20; 1/12/21
Bus Evacuation	9/2/20; 9/3/20

**Previous Month in Review:**

 On January 29th we celebrated the 100th Day of School. Students and Staff were encouraged to dress like a 100-year-old. Students who read 100 minutes that week received a Pizza Hut pass good for a free personal pan pizza.

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- 🐼 On February 3rd we discussed another Storm Drill. Due to social distancing guidelines, we did not actually practice the drill, but teachers discussed the procedures with their students and showed them their sheltering location
- 🐼 February 8th – 11th was “Love Yourself and Each Other Week”.
  - ❖ Monday, 2/8 - Musical Monday: We played Name That Tune over the PA System and it was Red Day.
  - ❖ Tuesday, 2/9 - Treats & Trivia Tuesday: Students brought their favorite snack and we played Trivia over the PA System. It was also Pink Day.
  - ❖ Wednesday, 2/10 - Wellness Wednesday: Kindness Matters! Students had the choice to make a card, write a poem, or do something nice for someone, and it was Purple Day.
  - ❖ Thursday, 2/11 - Thursday at the Hop: Throughout the day random dance music played for 20 seconds over the PA system, and students got up to dance near their seat. It was also Favorite Socks Day.
- 🐼 Most of our homerooms made cards for Seniors Citizens in support of State Senator Sue Rezin’s Valentines for Seniors card drive. I brought about 150 cards to her office on February 10th, which she then distributed to seniors living in assisted living and long-term care facilities in the 38th Senate District.
- 🐼 Our Art Department hosted a Virtual Art Club Hangout on Wednesday, 2/10. Several CCIS students attended the 30-minute virtual session.
- 🐼 On February 11th CCIS Staff played another round of Staff Trivia at 2:45. The theme was famous TV couples and staff crushes.
- 🐼 We celebrated Black History Month in February by learning about historically famous African Americans each day on the morning announcements.
- 🐼 Student Council sponsored the following spirit days this past month: NFL Shirt/Jersey Day; Red Day; Pink Day; Purple Day; Favorite Socks Day; Inside Out/Backwards Day.

**Student Recognition:**

Congratulations to following Students of the Week:

- 🐼 Week of 1/25: Aidan Middleton, Ashleigh Moore, Ryder Kramer, Sophia Holzinger
- 🐼 Week of 2/1: Jacob Majewski, Amytheist Yarshen, Alyson Shelton, Parker Murphey
- 🐼 Week of 2/8: Haley Cox, Carlos Rubio, Alana Senisais, Cody Scheer
- 🐼 Week of 2/17: Victorya Morales, Cayden Winke, Allyson Togliatti, Jonah Micetich

**Staff Recognition:**

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

- 🐼 Mrs. Ali Scrogam for grading all of our Staff Trivia papers
- 🐼 Mrs. Jen Rakes for doing her ever-changing job with no complaints
- 🐼 Mrs. Betsy Stahler for covering a teacher’s door duty
- 🐼 Mrs. Steph Barkley for organizing the daycare Valentine crafts

**D. MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT**

Principal Johnson reported:

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**Calendar of Events:**

February 24	Board Study Session – 6:00pm – Unit Office
March 1	NO SCHOOL – Casimir Pulaski’s Day
March 3	Board Meeting – 6:00pm – Unit Office
March 10	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Gown Measurement Day
March 11	Return to Full Day School
Mar. 27-Apr. 5	NO SCHOOL – Spring Break

**Personnel Report:**

 Michelle Sobieck began her maternity leave for her second child on February 22. She will be taking maternity leave through the end of the 2020 - 2021 school year and the beginning of the 2021 - 2022 school year. Tricia Smith will be her long-term substitute teacher for her leave.

**Attendance:**

Grade 6	160
Grade 7	177
Grade 8	138
<b>Total</b>	<b>475</b>

**In Person Learners**

Grade 6 - 145
Grade 7 - 152
Grade 8 - 117
<b>Total – 414</b>

**Remote Learners**

Grade 6 - 15
Grade 7 - 25
Grade 8 - 21
<b>Total – 61 - 7 from last month</b>

**Month in Review:**

-  CCMS held Winter Sports/Organization Picture Day on February 12. Thanks to Pam McMurtrey for her work with Van Gogh Photography for the event.
-  Parent/Teacher Conferences were held on February 10 from 4:00-8:00pm. Thanks to all of the families who participated and checked on the progress of the child(ren). We held virtual conferences for the spring limiting the number of people we have in the building. 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 students and staff members observed Presidents Day on February 17 in addition CCMS students and staff members had a day off of school on February 12.
-  CCMS Student Council wrapped up their Karing for Kaysen Fundraiser on February 22. Through the month of fundraising, the students and staff members were able to raise \$2,722.75 for Kaysen and the VanderWerken family. The students and staff members did an outstanding job of offering help to one of our CCMS families. The CCMS Student Council representatives, officers and sponsor Sharon Swink deeply thank our Warrior family for being so generous during

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this month-long fundraiser. It was the students and staff members that made this event such an overwhelming success.

 Students and staff members also showed their support by wearing Karing for Kaysen spirit wear.

**E. HIGH SCHOOL REPORT**

Principal Spencer reported:

**Calendar of Events:**

March 1	Boys Soccer Starts
March 1	No School (Casimir Pulaski day)
March 3	Football Starts
March 3	Shelter in Place Drill
March 10	End of 3rd Quarter
March 22	ZAP the SAT
March 24	Elyssa's Mission
March 26	Evacuation Drill
March 29 – April 6	Spring Break

**Recognition:**

 Congratulations to the Coaler Speech coaches and the 6 students who qualified for the state tournament. The team qualified 11 categories to the sectional tournament after finishing 2nd at the Morris Reginal. 9 out of the 11 categories advanced to the Sectional and then qualifying for the sectional final round. The team advanced 6 entries to the state tournament. They included Dramatic Duet Acting (Dylan Ludes and McKenna Patten), Humorous Duet Acting (Izzy Kostbade and Eli Fritz), Humorous Interp (Izzy Kostbade), Oratorical Declamation (Zoe Smith), Special Occasion Speaking (Zoe Smith) and Radio Speaking (Madison Holcomb). Dylan Ludes and McKenna Patten were Sectional Champs in DDA and Madison Holcomb was Sectional Champ in Radio Speaking. Madison Holcomb and Zoe Smith broke finals at the state tournament. Madison Holcomb finish 7th in Radio and Zoe Smith finished 6th in Special Occasion Speaking.

 January Director Award Winners at GAVC: Damian Paez in Building Trades, Trevor Eikey in Criminal Justice, Madison Hanson in Culinary Arts, Hailey Jenke in Early Childhood, and Chase Wasielewski in Health Occupations.

**Month in Review:**

 February 2 - 4 Student Services meet with students and helped students pick out classes for the 21-22 school year.

 February 17, 7 CCHS students participated in the Virtual Illinois Central 8 Leadership Conference.

**Current Enrollment Figures as of February 24, 2021:**

9th Grade 151  
10th Grade 162

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11th Grade 161  
12th Grade 174  
 Total 648

**Discipline Report for February 2021:**

Inappropriate Material 4  
 Removed from Class 1  
 Chromebook Damage 5  
 Vaping 1  
 Mask Violation 5  
 Disrespect 1  
 Theft 1  
 Social Media Warning 2  
Not Following Class Rules 1  
 Total 21

**F. SPECIAL POPULATIONS REPORT**

Director Rakes reported:

**Special Education District Profile:**

Each year, the Illinois State Board of Education provides school districts with their special education data for the previous school year. This data is collected through the state’s Istar system and is referred to as the “special education district profile.” Coal City CUSD’s profile along with the state’s profile is included as an attachment. Highlights of Coal City CUSD’s report are listed below including a comparison of the previous two school years. As you can see, eligibility numbers and related services numbers increased from the 2018-2019 school year to the 2019-2020 school year.

<i>Special Education Students by Eligibility</i>		
<b>Eligibility</b>	<b>Students 18-19 School Year</b>	<b>Students 19-20 School Year</b>
Intellectual Disability	15	16
Orthopedic Impairment	2	2
Specific Learning Disability	49	54
Vision Impaired	0	1
Hearing Impaired	3	2
Speech/Language	55	57
Emotional Disability	13	14
Other Health Impairment	50	55

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Multiple Disabilities	0	1
Developmental Delay	90	115
Autism	20	20
<b>Total Students</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>337</b>

<i>Students Receiving Related Services</i>		
<b>Related Services</b>	<b>Students 18-19 School Year</b>	<b>Students 19-20 School Year</b>
Aide-Classroom	80	100
Aide-Individual Student	24	28
Consult Services	2	2
Occupational Therapy	77	94
Physical Therapy	18	23
Speech/Language Services	111	146
Social Work Services	107	119
Special Transportation	92	112

The state’s profile indicates that our district’s eligibility numbers are below the state averages in all but two eligibility categories. The goal of our special education program is to be at or below the state average in all eligibility areas. Our district did not achieve this goal in the areas of intellectual disability and developmental delay. Not meeting this goal in the area of intellectual disability can be explained due to the numerous families who move into the district due to our well-respected special education programs. Not meeting this goal in the area of developmental delay can be explained due to the large size of our preschool program that serves Coal City students as well as students from other districts. A comparison of our district and the state’s percentages are listed below.

<b>Coal City CUSD vs. State Percentages (Total Enrollment)</b>		
<b>Eligibility</b>	<b>CCSD % Total</b>	<b>State % Total</b>
Intellectual Disability	0.05	0.02
Specific Learning Disability	0.09	0.17
Speech/Language	0.05	0.11
Other Health Impairment	0.05	0.09
Developmental Delay	0.14	0.09
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.42</b>	<b>0.61</b>

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*\*Other eligibility areas were too low to register a percentage*

<b>Coal City CUSD vs. State Percentages (SPED Enrollment)</b>		
<b>Eligibility</b>	<b>CCSD % SPED</b>	<b>State % SPED</b>
Intellectual Disability	0.3	0.14
Specific Learning Disability	0.59	1.08
Speech/Language	0.3	0.72
Other Health Impairment	0.3	0.62
Developmental Delay	0.9	0.61
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.67</b>	<b>3.98</b>

*\*Other eligibility areas were too low to register a percentage*

**Preschool Inclusion Plan:**

The district’s preschool team continues to work on their indicator 6 inclusion plan under the direction of Amanda Davidson. The final plan is due on March 15th. Mrs. Davidson will be present at the April board meeting to provide the board with a summary of the final plan.

**Bilingual Service Plan:**

Each year the district is required to submit a bilingual service plan to the Illinois State Board of Education. Our plan was recently approved. The letter which provides the district’s approval as well as the bilingual plan that was submitted can be viewed as attachments.

**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>Total</i>
<b>140</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>333</b>
<b>-1 since Feb. 1</b>			<b>+1 since Feb. 1</b>		

<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>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>100</b>

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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>
<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>
<i>-1 since Feb. 1</i>			<i>-1 since Feb. 1</i>	

One student who has been attending Coaler Academy full time has completed his coursework. His only graduation requirement remaining is the SAT that he will take in April.

<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>7</b>	<b>10</b>

<i>Miscellaneous Student Data</i>	
<i>ELL</i>	<i>Homeless</i>
<b>19</b>	<b>9</b>

<i>Preschool for All Grant (PFA)</i>		
<i>Current Students</i>	<i>Open Spots</i>	<i>Waitlist</i>
<b>55</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>
<i>Overall Preschool Numbers</i>		
<i>Number of Students</i>	<i>SPED Spots Open</i>	<i>Pending Evaluations</i>
<b>128/160</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7</b>
<i>Preschool Diagnostic Team</i>		
<i>Students Screened</i>	<i>At-Risk Students</i>	<i>Referred for SPED</i>
<b>61</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>8</b>

**Vacancies:**

1 to 1 Classroom Aide - Coal City Elementary School  
 Classroom Aide - Coal City High School

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**G. CURRICULUM REPORT**

Director Elledge reported:

**Illinois State Assessments – ESSA Requirements:**

The state had hoped for another year of testing waivers. On February 22 the Biden administration declared that assessments mandated under ESSA would proceed this spring. At the current time, we are awaiting more guidance on whether accountability will be lifted. While testing will be a challenge this spring, we welcome the feedback we can obtain from doing it. As more information is provided from ISBE, we will continue to prepare.

Illinois Assessment of Readiness (Grades 3-8)

\*Online testing dates are March 15 to May 14

Illinois Science Assessment (Grades 5, 8 and 11)

\*Online March 15 to May 14

SAT with Essay (Graduation Requirement –Grade 11)

\*April 13, 2021

PSAT 8/9/10

\*Testing Window April 13 to April 23

**Summer Curriculum Work:**

Summer curriculum/assessment work will begin after the last day of the regular school year. Our major focus this summer will be the adoption of new materials in English Language Arts for all grade levels. The teachers are finalizing their choices and working through pilot materials in their classrooms. Once the teachers have their choices samples will be shared with the board for their review and approval. Since English Language Arts encompasses the standards of reading, writing, speaking and listening there will be a substantial amount of work that will need to be completed by that team this summer.

Pam Vigna, the current ELA department coordinator for PK-5 will be retiring at the end of this school year. The process to find her replacement will start within the next few weeks. This will allow Pam the opportunity to work closely with the new department coordinator before her retirement.

**H. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Dr. Bugg reported:

1. A FOIA request was received from Illinois Retired Teachers Association for name and email address of any certified staff (teachers, administrators, nurses, counselors, etc.) who are retiring this school year.

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2. Catherine Burke, a student at Lewis University, will be completing her student teaching requirements with special education teacher, Lindsey Watters. Catherine will be working with students in the self-contained special education classroom at Coal City Middle School. Catherine will be at the Middle School for 8 weeks in the 2021 spring semester starting in March.
3. Kaitlyn Bloom, a student at Lewis University, will be completing her teaching requirements with 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher Becky Housman and Special Ed. 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Co-Teacher Angela Roudis. Kaitlyn will be at the Intermediate School starting in March through the end of the 20 – 21 school year.
4. **Enclosures**
  - A. Monthly student enrollment figures

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

March 1 – No School – Casimir Pulaski’s Day  
March 3 – Board Meeting  
March 11 – Return to Full-Day Instruction  
March 27 – April 5 – No School - Spring Break

**I. GRUNDY AREA VOCATIONAL CENTER REPORT**

Mr. Lander reported:

1. Director Copes discussed the impact the COVID pandemic has had on the FY22 enrollment numbers for GAVC.
2. The Board discussed how GAVC will accommodate the member high schools returning to full day schedules.
3. The Board heard an update on the Grundy County Internship program. As of the Board meeting, there were 30 applicants for 26 positions. The member high schools are working to promote the program to students and their parents.
4. Approved the FY22 GAVC calendar.
5. Approved the summer agriculture program to be offered at the Coal City location.

**J. ATHLETIC DIRECTOR REPORT**

Athletic Director Dan Hutchings reported:

**Calendar of Events:**

March 1 - IHSA Boys Soccer may start practice  
          IESA Track & Field may start practice (CC will tentatively start  
          March 15) \*due to facilities  
March 3 - IHSA Football may start practice  
March 8 - IHSA Girls Volleyball may start practice  
          IESA 7th Grade Volleyball Regional

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IESA Girls Basketball may begging practice (\*CC will start when Volleyball season is over)

March 11 -IESA 7th Grade Volleyball Regional Championship

March 15 -IESA 8th Grade Regional

March 16 -IESA 8th Grade Regional Championship

March 17 -IESA 7th Grade Sectional Championship

March 18 -IESA 8th Grade Sectional Championship

April 5 - IHSA Baseball, Softball, Girls Soccer, Track & Field, Boys Tennis  
May begin practice

April 19 - IHSA may begin wrestling practice

\*Due to the overlaps CCHS and CCMS athletes may be dual sport athletes for a time.

**Current Coal City High School Seasons**

Varsity Girls Basketball - Record 3-3

Sophomore Girls Basketball - Record 5-1

Freshman Girls Basketball - Record 2-0 \*a few teams have freshmen and all of our Freshmen are playing on Fresh/Soph team as well.

Varsity Boys Basketball - Record 3-2

Sophomore Boys Basketball - Record 3-2

Freshmen Boys Basketball - Record 2-1

**Competitive Cheer:**

9th at Crystal Lake Invite

2nd at Wilmington Invite

5th at the ICE Conference Invite

**Current Coal City Middle School Seasons:**

8th Grade Volleyball - Record 4-2

7th Grade Volleyball - Record 6-0

6th Grade Volleyball - Record "A" team 2-5 "B" team 2-5

8th Grade Boys Basketball - Record 1-4

7th Grade Boys Basketball - Record 4-1

6th Grade Boys Basketball - Record 2-2

**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 BID AWARD FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

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At the February 24 Board Study Session the Board discussed two vendors who presented bids to provide transportation services for the district. It's the recommendation of the Transportation Committee to accept a three-year firm bid alternative for transportation services for the school years 2021 – 2022: in the amount of \$2,417,634.97, 2022 –2023: in the amount of \$2,490,189.62, and 2023 – 2024: in the amount of \$2,564,941.51. A final contract will be approved at the April Board meeting. Board member Hamilton thanked the Transportation Committee for their work on solidifying a transportation contract for the district. Board member Hamilton read a statement providing a summary of the Board's history with the current transportation provider.

Mr. Bianchetta moved and Mr. Engelhardt seconded accept the three-year firm bid alternative for transportation services for the school years 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24 from Illinois Central School Bus based on their "B" Packet submission which includes the 35% fixed charge for route reductions at the following amounts: 2021-22: \$2,417,634.97, 2022-23: \$2,490,189.62, and 2023-24: \$2,564,941.51, and to reject all other bid offers.

Roll Call.

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

**B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON BID AWARD FOR SUMMER MECHANICAL PROJECTS**

CSBO Jason Smith discussed the bid award for summer mechanical projects. Mr. Smith worked with the architects from Cordogan Clark & Associates to prioritize projects and combined them into a larger bundle. The estimates presented to the Board were a reflection of that work.

Mr. Hamilton moved and Mrs. Gill seconded to authorize Jason Smith to direct Cordogan Clark & Associates to award the bid to Lite Construction for summer mechanical projects in the amount of \$927,000 for the base bid and \$33,437 for the alternate.

Roll Call.

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

**C. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON THE UPDATED RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN**

At the February 3 Board meeting, the Board approved March 11, 2021 as the date for the school district to return to a full day of instruction. In preparation, the District's Transition Committees have been working to develop a transition plan for full day instruction. The Return to School Plan has been simplified and is posted on the District's website. The District is following the 5 mitigation mandates from the ISBE, and if a teacher wants to use manipulatives, or do group work and can work within those 5 mandates, then it can be done. Dr. Bugg met with the Citizens Advisory Committee, and the feedback from that committee regarding full-day instruction was tremendously

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positive. The Committee is very excited for students to be returning to full-day instruction. The Committee thanked the teachers, administrators, and the Board of Education for all their hard work keeping kids in school all year.

Mr. Bianchetto moved and Mr. Engelhardt seconded to approve the amended Return to School Plan, which includes the transition plan for returning to full day instruction on March 11.

Roll Call.

Ayes: Robert Bianchetto, Dan Engelhardt, Mary Gill, Shawn Hamilton, Quint Harmon, Chuck Lander, Ken Miller

Nays:

Motion: Carried.

**D. DISCUSSION ON THE ANNOUNCED CLOSURE OF THE DRESDEN STATION**

Dr. Bugg provided an update on the status of the Dresden Station. Dr. Bugg expects legislation from the Climate Jobs Illinois Coalition coming in the next couple of weeks supporting all 6 nuclear stations staying open in the State. There will be a large energy bill put together soon, and the lobbyist expects to some legislative action by May. Dr. Bugg is continuing negotiations with Exelon on a tax ramp down agreement just in case the plant actually closes. Dr. Bugg expects to have an answer in the next 2 – 3 weeks. Dr. Bugg will update the Board at the April Board meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON APPROVAL OF THE QUARTERLY DROPOUT REPORT**

The Quarterly Drop Out Report for the quarter ending December 22, 2020 was prepared and was ready for Board approval. The approval of the Drop Out Report is a State requirement, which ensures that the School Board is informed of students leaving the school system.

Mr. Lander moved and Mr. Harmon seconded to approve the filing of the Quarterly Drop Out Report with the Regional Office of Education for the Quarter ending December 22, 2020.

Roll Call.

Ayes: Chuck Lander, Quint Harmon, Robert Bianchetto, Dan Engelhardt, Mary Gill, Shawn Hamilton, Ken Miller

Nays:

Motion: Carried.

**B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON ACCEPTING THE DONATION FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Coal City Elementary School received a donation from the Knights of Columbus in the amount of \$737 for the Special Education program. Dr. Bugg and the Board of Education thanked the Knights of Columbus for the donation that has been sent annually.

Mrs. Gill moved and Mr. Engelhardt seconded to accept the donation of \$737 from the Knights of Columbus.

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Roll Call.

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

**C. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON APPROVAL OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE AGREEMENT**

CSBO Jason Smith discussed the e-rate process for FY21 with respect to the managed WAN services and Internet Access for the district. MNW is a local internet provider that was awarded the bid. MNW is offering the District considerable pricing for doubling our internet speed, and the WAN connectivity service between the smaller buildings.

Mr. Harmon moved and Mr. Lander seconded to approve the three (3) year agreement with MNW Telecom, from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024, pending e-rate funding approval, as presented.

Roll Call.

Ayes: Quint Harmon, Chuck Lander, Robert Bianchetta, Dan Engelhardt, 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.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Mr. Lander moved and Mr. Harmon seconded to go to closed session at 6:26 p.m. for the purpose of considering information regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, collective bargaining matters, and the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including discussing whether a particular parcel should be sold, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5).

Roll Call.

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

When the Board returned to open session, President Miller called the regular meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. with the board members answering roll call present: Robert Bianchetta, Dan Engelhardt, Mary Gill, Shawn Hamilton, Quint Harmon, Chuck Lander, and Ken Miller.

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**ACTION AS A RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION**

Mr. Bianchetto moved and Mrs. Gill seconded to adopt the Resolution authorizing the honorable dismissal of Matthew Perry and Kari Lukancic, and to waive the reading of the Resolution.

**Roll Call.**

Ayes: Robert Bianchetto, Mary Gill, Dan Engelhardt, Shawn Hamilton, Quint Harmon, Chuck Lander, Ken Miller

Nays:

Motion: Carried.

Mr. Harmon moved and Mr. Engelhardt seconded to approve an extension of the collective bargaining agreement with SEIU #73.

**Roll Call.**

Ayes: Quint Harmon, Dan Engelhardt, Robert Bianchetto, Mary Gill, Shawn Hamilton, Chuck Lander, Ken Miller

Nays:

Motion: Carried.

Mr. Lander moved and Mr. Bianchetto seconded to approve the amended administrative contract of Taryn Trotter as Elementary School Principal.

**Roll Call.**

Ayes: Chuck Lander, Robert Bianchetto, Dan Engelhardt, Mary Gill, Shawn Hamilton, Quint Harmon, Ken Miller

Nays:

Motion: Carried.

Mr. Engelhardt moved and Mr. Harmon seconded to adopt the Resolution Declaring the Property at the Southeast Corner of North Broadway Street and East 3rd Street, Coal City, Grundy County, Illinois, Unnecessary, Unsuitable, and Inconvenient for a School, and Unnecessary for the Uses of the District, and Directing its Sale in Accordance with the Requirements of 105 ILCS 5/5-22, as presented.

**Roll Call.**

Ayes: Dan Engelhardt, Quint Harmon, Robert Bianchetto, Mary Gill, Shawn Hamilton, Chuck Lander, Ken Miller

Nays:

Motion: Carried.

**BOARD STUDY SESSION OF THE WHOLE DATE: MARCH 31, 2021 @ 6 P.M.  
In Coal City CUSD #1 Administrative Center Board Room - CANCELED**

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE: APRIL 7, 2021 @ 6 P.M.  
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**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Hamilton moved and Mr. Engelhardt seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 p.m. President Miller

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asked if there was any opposition to the motion, hearing none considers the motion approved.

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Kenneth P. Miller, President

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Mary Gill, Secretary