

**Coal City Community Unit School District #1  
Board of Education Board Study Session of the Whole Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, April 28, 2021**

**Call to Order**

President Miller called the study session meeting to order at 6:20 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 Sandy Rakes, High School Principal Chris Spencer, Assistant Principal Luke Krippel, and Board Secretary LaWanda Gagliardo were also in attendance.

**Discussion on Announced Closure of Dresden Station**

Dr. Bugg provided the Board with an overview of the District's involvement with trying to keep the Dresden Station open via Faircom and Climate Jobs Illinois. Dr. Bugg is in constant communication with legislative leaders, and the lobbyist on the current bills that could determine the Dresden Station outcome. There is positive feedback from the Lobbyist, but negotiations continue and Dr. Bugg feels very hopeful with the current activity. Dr. Bugg reminded the Board of the importance of continued planning and possibly having to implement the recommendations from the Budget Efficiency Committee. Dr. Bugg will continue working with the lobbyist and legislative leaders, and will provide the Board with an update at future Board meetings.

**Discussion on ESSER III and Summer School**

ESSER III funding requires that at least 20% of those funds are allocated towards addressing any learning loss that occurred due to COVID mitigations. Tammy Elledge has been working with the Department Leaders and the Administrative Team to develop the summer school plan that would qualify for the use of ESSER III funds. Some of the ideas discussed were: (1) to make summer school look more like a camp, (2) provide summer school transportation (until the ESSER III funds have been exhausted), (3) provide breakfast, (4) fine arts, and (5) a social/emotion component. All remote learners will be invited to attend summer school, along with in-person learners who have been identified as needing the extra assistance. Board members wanted to ensure that all students who endured some form of learning loss are also included; not just those severely impacted. Mrs. Elledge explained that each building will identify those students with not just learning loss but also those whose performance has lacked.

**Discussion on Restructuring of District Curriculum Committees**

Dr. Bugg and Tammy Elledge discussed possible restructure of the District Curriculum Committees. A brief overview was provided to the Board of the Curriculum Leaders responsibilities. The restructure included a new Health and Wellness Committee with the purpose of implementing the District's Social Emotional Learning curriculum. Also, the Career and Tech Committee would be changed to the College and Career Committee. This restructure would put counselors on the committee and as a team they would implement new State requirements regarding College and Career Readiness Standards. These recommended restructures would not cost the district any additional funds, as it's just a different way of utilizing the current staff. The Board thought the changes would be beneficial and supported identifying two (2) new department leaders to head up these committees.

**Discussion on the Review of FY21 Board Strategic Plan and Discussion on Planning for the FY22 Strategic Plan**

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Dr. Bugg reviewed the FY21 Board Strategic Plan. Although COVID mitigations made some objectives unattainable, progress was made in several areas. Discussion was also held regarding the Board's plan for developing the FY22 Strategic Plan. The Board agreed they would like Dr. Bugg and the Administrators to put together a preliminary plan for review and discussion at the June Board Study Session meeting.

**Finance Reports**

The monthly revenue and expenditure summary reports for March were enclosed for review. Detailed reports were available in the Business Office for review prior to the meeting. The Treasurer's report, investment report, and lunch report for March were also enclosed for review.

**Open**

- a) Items not known at agenda preparation time – none.
- b) Sharing Ideas / Information – none.

**Closed Session**

At 7:05 p.m. a motion made by Mr. Lander and seconded by Mr. Harmon to go into closed session for the purpose of considering information regarding 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, Mary Gill, Shawn Hamilton, Steve Rogers, Ken Miller  
Nays:  
Motion: Carried.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Harmon moved and Mr. Lander seconded to adjourn at 7:11 p.m. the Board Study Session of the Whole meeting.

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Kenneth P. Miller, President

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Mary Gill, Secretary

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