

Coal City Community Unit School District #1
Board Study Session of the Whole Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 24, 2021

Roll Call.

President Miller called the Board Study Session meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Coal City Community Unit School District #1 Office Boardroom. In attendance were Board members Robert Bianchetta, Dan Engelhardt, Mary Gill, Shawn Hamilton, Quint Harmon, Chuck Lander, and Ken Miller. Also, in attendance was Superintendent Kent Bugg, CSBO Jason Smith, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Tammy Elledge, Director of Special Populations Sandy Rakes, Principal Chris Spencer, Assistant Principal Luke Krippel, and Board Secretary LaWanda Gagliardo. President Miller led the Board, and others present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Discussion on Return to School Plan

Dr. Bugg discussed the District Transition Committee's plan for the return to full day instruction tentatively on March 11, 2021. The original Return to School Plan was too long, and the Transition Committee stripped out the internal administrative procedures, and kept information that would apply directly to parents and the community. Dr. Bugg went through and highlighted the amendments of the plan to the Board. Tammy Elledge, the Director of Curriculum and Instruction was present to answer any questions regarding the plan from the Board. Dr. Bugg informed the Board that he is very pleased that through this process, the Union has been great to work with. Dr. Bugg has a meeting scheduled with the Citizens Advisory Committee to discuss the current version of the Return to School Plan, and will present any recommendations from that meeting at the March 3 Board meeting.

Discussion on Announced Closure of Dresden Station

Dr. Bugg provided the Board with an update on the announced closure of the Dresden Station including efforts to keep the station open, and the district's financial planning process. Some of the latest efforts are meetings with the Grundy County Coalition, upcoming legislation, and Faircom lobbyist activity. With all these things in play, Dr. Bugg is remaining hopeful, and feels the district will have a good idea of where things stand by the end of the school year. Dr. Bugg is continuing to work with Exelon to obtain a tax down agreement should the plant close as announced in November 2021.

Discussion on Transportation Bids

Jason Smith discussed the status of the Transportation Bid process. The Transportation Committee met before the Board Study Session meeting to discuss the 4 vendors engaged in the bidding process. The Committee hopes to have a recommendation for Board consideration and action at the March 3 Board meeting.

Finance Reports

The monthly revenue and expenditure summary reports for January 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 January were also enclosed for review.

Open

Items not known at agenda preparation time – none.

Sharing Ideas / Information – none.

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Closed Session

At 6:25 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 appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, 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.

Adjournment

Mr. Harmon moved and Mr. Engelhardt seconded to adjourn at 7:18 p.m. the Board Study Session of the Whole meeting.

Kenneth P. Miller, President

Mary Gill, Secretary