

**Coal City Community Unit School District #1
Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 3, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER

Board 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, 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, Athletic Director Dan Hutchings, and Board Secretary LaWanda Gagliardo were also in attendance. Board member Quint Harmon arrived at 6:07 p.m.

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:

Principal Spencer introduced Mr. Jack Micetich and Sophia Jakubowski who were in attendance to share Sophia's accomplishment, on being one of 12 students nominated for Best Actress, for her performance as Esmeralda in The Hunchback of Notre Dame. Mr. Micetich spoke about her hard work and dedication to the role. Board President Miller thanked her for dedication, and Dr. Bugg acknowledged Sophia's performance as memorable and congratulated her on a job well done. She is only the fourth student to be nominated for an IHSMTA acting category and just the district's second actress. The Board also thanked Mr. Micetich for all his countless hours of work and dedication to with the students of District 1.

2. Thank you:

Board Secretary Mary Gill read a thank you received from Grundy County Economic Development for the District's continued partnership.

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

Nays:

Motion: Carried.

<u>Group</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Ins.</u>	<u>Date</u>
Joliet YMCA	IS	Yes	1/19 - 2/2

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Morris YMCA

IS

Yes

3/20 – 5/29

MINUTES

January 6, 2021 - Regular Meeting

January 27, 2021- Board Study Session

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

January 6, 2021 - Regular Meeting

January 27, 2021 - Board Study Session

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Activity Fund Reports – December 2020

Treasurer’s Report – December 2020

Monthly Manual Check Report – January 2021

Payroll Report – January 2021

Accounts Payable Report – February 2021

PERSONNEL

Leave Requests

- Matt Leman – Math Teacher at the High School – Mr. Leman is requesting a thirty-five (35) day paid paternity leave, with use of accumulated sick leave in accordance with the Teacher’s Negotiated Agreement, from April 11, 2021 through June 1, 2021.
- Mark Masters – PE Teacher at the Middle School – Mr. Masters is requesting a ten (10) day paid medical leave, with use of accumulated sick leave in accordance with the Teacher’s Negotiated Agreement, from January 27, 2021 through February 9, 2021. Mr. Masters plans to return back to work on Wednesday, February 10, 2021.
- Mallory Betken (Steinke) – 2nd Grade Special Ed Teacher at the Elementary School – Mrs. Betken is requesting a twenty-one (21) paid maternity leave, with use of accumulated sick leave in accordance with the Teacher’s Negotiated Agreement, from May 3, 2021 through June 1, 2021. Mrs. Betken is also requesting a thirty-three (33) day unpaid FMLA leave from August 16, 2021 through October 1, 2021. She plans to return Monday, October 4, 2021.

Moving Closed Session Minutes

Twice each year, the district must review the closed session minutes and open those minutes to the public, which no longer contain information that needs to be kept closed. Attorney Wharrie reviewed the closed session minutes and prepared an enclosed list of those minutes, which could be made open to the public. Board President Miller also reviewed the minutes and recommends the following to be opened to the public:

December 16, 2020; September 2, 2020; August 26, 2020; July 1, 2020; June 24, 2020

ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS

A. EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER REPORT

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Principal Davidson Reported:

Calendar of Events:

January 29th - SPED Team Meeting @ 1:30pm
January 29th - 100th Day of School!
February 5th - Football Day!
February 5th - A Team Meeting @ 1:30pm
February 8th - PreK Team meeting @ 10:45am
February 9th - IEP Meetings
February 11th - Valentine's Day Celebrations
February 12th - NO SCHOOL
February 15th - NO SCHOOL
February 16th - Kindergarten Team Meeting @ 12:00pm
February 16th - 1st Grade Team Meeting @ 12:45pm
February 17th - IEP Meetings
February 19th - SPED Team Meeting @ 1:30pm
February 26th - A Team Meeting @ 1:30pm

Current ECC Enrollment for 2020-2021:

PreK:	126
Kindergarten:	151
1st Grade:	128
Total:	405 (in PowerSchool as of January 28th, 2021)

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

Total: 47 (full-time remote learners) + 10 students currently excluded due to COVID participating in remote learning on January 28th, 2021 (57 students total).

Current breakdown of the number of remote learners:

PreK	18
Kindergarten	15
1st Grade	14

Required Safety Drills Completed:

September 1st - Tornado Drill
September 4th - Fire Drill
September 8th - Bus Evacuation Drills
September 9th - Bus Evacuation Drills
September 15th - Armed Intruder Drill

Month-in-Review:

- January goes so fast! The building is deep in the planning process for a transition to a full day schedule. It has been exciting as life is starting to feel somewhat "normal."

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- Students participate in fun Friday dress-up days each week. This month, we had backwards day, Winter day, and we will be celebrating the 100th Day of School on Friday, January 29th.
- January 29th will be a very special day as it is a day, we were not certain would come this school year. Our students will be 100 days smarter!! The 100th Day of School is a very big deal and students will celebrate everything 100 including dressing as if they are 100 years old!

Recognition:

- Thank you to Mr. Boresi and the Coalers with Character program. Before her retirement, Mrs. Melvin recorded a weekly “virtual library” series. She would read books to the students and share the Youtube link for classrooms to view whenever. Mr. Boresi and the Coalers with Character students have taken over the virtual library series and record weekly videos for “Reading with the Coalers!” The students love to see the “big kids” reading the books and the teachers love to see their former students! It has been so much fun!
- Tremendous job to our entire building during the month of January! We have had endless meetings throughout this month to work as a group and come up with our plans moving forward to a full day of school! It has been a stressful month, but also very productive and rewarding with the entire building working together to build a plan for what is best for our students!

B. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Kenney reported:

Calendar of Events:

2/1 – PBS Meeting
2/2 – 2nd Grade Team Meeting
2/9 – Staff Meeting
2/9 – Backpack Program Packing Night
2/10 – A-Team
2/11 – Valentine’s Day Parties
2/12 – No School
2/15 – No School
2/16 – 3rd Grade Team Meeting
2/17 – Transition Committee Meeting
2/18 – Building Leadership Team Meeting
2/18 – Culture Committee Meeting
2/22 – Secretarial Meeting
2/23 – School Improvement Committee Meeting
2/24 – A-Team

ES Enrollment:

2nd Grade: 132 – lost 1 student

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3rd Grade: 148 – 2 new students
Total: 280 (registered as of 1/28/21)

Remote Learners:
2nd Grade: 11 – increase of 8
3rd Grade: 10 – increase of 8
Total: 21 (as of 1/28/21)

CCES Happenings and Recognitions:

- Students and staff celebrated the 100th day of school on 1/29. Students dressed like they were 100 years old and participates in 100 different physical activities at PE. Teachers were very creative with their 100 days of learning. As a school, one hundred 100s were hidden throughout the building. As students found them, they added them to Mrs. Kenney’s window in tens to show that 10 tens make 100!
- Our Fun Fridays have continued throughout the month of January. Students have been busy wearing backwards clothes, dressing like they are one hundred and celebrating National Hat Day.
- Our benchmarking was finished before break and we have been working hard to identify students that need additional help. Our Building Leadership Team has met with teachers to identify areas of need and worked to determine which interventions that would best benefit our students.
- We have had meeting after meeting discussing what a full day would look like at CCES. Staff members are beyond excited at the possibility of bringing our students back full time. We have worked on scheduling, interventions and determining what is best for the safety of our students and staff. We are ready to go full day!
- AimsWeb and i-Ready diagnostics tests are being finished. We are seeing some great growth without students and look forward to even larger gains this coming year!
- A special thank you goes out to Mrs. Kodat for creating an amazing 100th Day of School video with the third-grade students. Congratulations to Mr. Petersen’s classroom for winning the most creative video, as voted on by the second-grade classrooms.
- Our students have continued to be responsible and safe through our PBS program. We have focused on both of these characteristics this month and have awarded several students for being extra responsible and super safe.

C. INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Carlson reported:

Calendar of Upcoming Events:

2/1 - Student Services Meeting 10:30

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2/1 - SAP Meeting 2:45
2/2 - PBS Meeting 2:45
2/3 - Storm Drill 9:00
2/3 - BLT Meeting 3:00
2/4 - LLT Meeting 2:00
2/5 - NFL Shirt/Jersey Day
2/5 - 5th Grade Team Meeting 12:40
2/8-2/11 - Love Yourself and Each Other Week
2/8 - Student Services Meeting 10:30
2/8 - SAP Meeting 2:45
2/9 - TALC Meeting 2:45
2/9 - PSO Meeting 6:30 via Zoom
2/10 - Student Council Meeting 1:00
2/10 - BLT Meeting 3:00
2/12 - No School
2/15 - No School ~ Presidents Day
2/16 - PBS Meeting 2:45
2/17 - BLT Meeting 3:00
2/19 - 4th Grade Team Meeting 12:40
2/19 - SpEd Team Meeting 2:00
2/19 - Staff Trivia 2:45
2/22 - Student Services Meeting 10:30
2/22 - SAP Meeting 2:45
2/23 - TALC Meeting 2:45
2/24 - Student Council Meeting 1:00
2/24 - BLT Meeting 3:00
2/25 - Custodian Meeting 2:00
2/25 - A Team Meeting 2:45
2/26 - Specials Team Meeting 1:00
3/1 - No School ~ Pulaski Day
3/3 - End of Trimester 2

Current Enrollment:

4th Grade 161

5th Grade 165

Total 326 This includes two 4th grade students and one 5th grade student, who are enrolled in other special education programs outside of CCIS.

As of 1/22/21:

Full Remote Learning Students (non-COVID related) = 39

Emergency/Crisis Drills Completed:

Evacuation/Fire 8/20/20

Shelter-in-Place/Storm 8/21/20; 11/23/20

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Lockdown 8/24/20; 9/24/20; 1/12/21
Bus Evacuation 9/2/20; 9/3/20

Previous Month in Review:

- On January 12th we discussed another Lockdown Drill. Due to social distancing guidelines, we did not actually practice the drill.
- Our BLT spent a lot of time analyzing our Winter AIMSweb and I-Ready test data in reading and math, so we can reconfigure our intervention groups as needed.
- It was National Popcorn Day on January 19th, so the CCIS staff was treated to a variety of popcorn.
- Student Council sponsored the following spirit days this past month: CCIS Shirt Day; Favorite Drink Day; Dress Like a 100-year-old Day.

Student Recognition:

- Congratulations to following Students of the Week:
Week of 1/11: Jake Munsterman, Morgan Schnuckel, and Audrina Nugent, Emma D’Orazio,
Week of 1/19: AJ Gagliardo, Lilly Gerrish, Tess Jeschke, and Max Christensen
- Congratulations to our new Student Council Representatives for Semester 2.

Adriana Petrocelli	Cereniti Howard	Patrick Tibble	Tess Jeschke
Owen Burla	Darcie Ladas	Adriana Brassard	Cameron Haas
Nina Olson	Jackson Hollis	Carmella Ferrara	Phoenix Senodinos
Caeden Gibson	Kiptyn Dearth	Addie Hartman	Charlie Banks
Gabe Hamilton	Adyson Planeta	Lexi Dearth	Talan VandeWerken
Cayden Winke	Victorya Morales	Landon Eaton	Zoe Pokracki
Gordon Hardy	Natalie Delsasso	Wyatt Ricke	Kennedy Larson

Staff Recognition:

- I want to recognize the following staff members who received the weekly CCIS Kudos: Mr. McCleary for always being flexible; Mrs. Harney for providing a coat and hat to a student in need; Mr. McCleary for the time he’s putting in, outside of school hours, trying to help us get rich.

D. MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Johnson reported:

Calendar of Events:

February 3 Board of Education Meeting –6:00pm – Unit Office
February 10 Winter Sports/Organization Picture Day
12:00pm EARLY DISMISSAL
Parent Teacher Conferences – 4:00-8:00pm
February 12 NO SCHOOL
February 15 NO SCHOOL – Presidents Day

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Personnel Report:

Melanie Urquiza will be beginning her maternity leave on February 1. She will be taking maternity leave through the end of the 2020-21 school year. Zach Edgar will be long term substitute teacher for her leave. Zach recently completed his student teaching at Coal City High School this fall.

Attendance:

6 th Grade	159
7 th Grade	177
8 th Grade	139
Total	475

In Person Learners

6 th Grade	- 142
7 th Grade	- 148
8 th Grade	- 117
Total	365

Remote Learners

6 th Grade	- 17
7 th Grade	- 29
8 th Grade	- 22
Total	68 -38 from last month

Month in Review:

- CCMS observed Christmas Break from December 23 – January 4.
- CCMS teachers participated in Teacher Institute on January 5. CCMS staff members met virtually and in person to begin the discussion of returning to school on a full-time basis. In addition to these meetings, CCMS staff members participated in department meetings with their curriculum areas.
- Classes resumed on January 6 at CCMS.
- CCMS held their Building Level Team (BLT) Meeting on January 14 to discuss the winter Aimsweb Benchmark and the progress of our students who are currently in intervention services. BLT Team members are Cealy DePersia, Sarah Veronda, Lauren Kempes, Sharon Swink, Corey Mikula, Tommy Fatigante, Layney Miller and Michelle Sobieck. We are scheduled to hold another meeting toward the end of February.
- CCMS students observed Martin Luther King Jr's birthday on January 20.
- CCMS students are currently participating in a school-wide fundraiser to help the family of Kaysen VandeWerken. Kaysen is currently waiting to get a new heart and her sister Calleigh is an 8th grade student at CCMS. The CCMS Student Council is sponsoring some different activities for the students to participate in and also help raise some money for the family. Please see the flyer below for the different activities. Special thanks to Sharon Swink and the CCMS Student Council for planning the different activities and finding ways for our students to help a CCMS family. We had a lot of participation by students and staff members for each of the days.

E. HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Spencer reported:

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Principal Spencer was in attendance and provided verbal highlights of his report. Some of the highlights were: Congratulating Emily Hayse for receiving her National Board Certification, GAVC student awards recipients, Counselors have started meeting with students to create their next year’s schedule, 5 Essentials surveys were sent out, virtual Parent Teacher Conferences will be taking place February 10, and the Illinois Central 8 Leadership Conference will be held virtually with 2 students per grade level from every school in the conference attending. Dr. Bugg and the Board thanked Mr. Spencer for attending the Board meeting.

F. SPECIAL POPULATIONS REPORT

Director Rakes reported:

Mr. Krippel provided the Board with an update on the changes that will be made to the school district’s preschool program to address State indicator goals for children ages 3 – 5. The change will allow for 20 additional preschool slots at no additional cost to the school district.

Preschool Update:

As stated in recent board reports, the Illinois State Board of Education provides school districts with annual indicators and targets related to the least restrictive educational environment for students between the ages of 3 and 5. These indicators, along with our data from 2019-2020 is listed below:

Indicator	Description	19-20 District Data	19-20 State Target	Target met?
6A	Children ages 3-5 in regular early childhood programs and receiving the majority of special education and related services in the regular early childhood program.	52.43	32.90	YES
6B	Children ages 3-5 in separate special education class, separate school or residential facility.	42.72	30.50	NO

Our district continues to meet indicator 6A; however, we were unsuccessful in meeting the target for 6B. Because of this, preschool team members and administrators have been attending virtual round table discussions led by the Illinois State Board of Education, Early Choices and StarNet. The purpose of these discussions is to assist school districts in achieving the previously mentioned state targets. The discussions have gone well so far and have led us to evaluate our current preschool format (see below).

Current Preschool Format

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	SPED	At-Risk	Total Students
Harseim AM	6	14	20
Harseim PM	6	14	20
McGrath AM	6	14	20
McGrath PM	0	20	20
Villafuerte AM	6	14	20
Villafuerte PM	6	14	20
Gubelman AM	10	0	10
Gubelman PM	10	0	10
Mullen AM	10	0	10
Mullen PM	10	0	10
Totals	70	90	160
Inclusion	30		
Self-Contained	40		
			Target Met?
6A	42.86	Target = 32.9 +	YES
6B	57.14	Target = 30.5 --	NO

Further investigation led us to the conclusion that our current preschool format makes it very unlikely to meet the state’s targets for this current school year and in the future. In the past, students in Kindergarten have also counted towards these indicators. However, this is no longer the case which will make it even more difficult to meet the state’s targets without changes to our format. When considering adjustments to the current format, we considered the following goals:

1. Increase the number of students with IEP’s within the inclusion classroom setting
2. Decrease the number of students with IEP’s within the self-contained classroom setting
3. Create a format that gives the district a better opportunity to meet the state targets without adding to the budget

These three goals led us to the following recommendations to the district’s preschool format. We suggest that this new format be adopted prior to the 2021-2022 school year (see below).

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<i>New Preschool Format</i>			
	SPED	At-Risk	Total Students
Harseim AM	6	14	20
Harseim PM	6	14	20
McGrath AM	6	14	20
McGrath PM	6	14	20
Villafuerte AM	6	14	20
Villafuerte PM	6	14	20
Gubelman AM	6	14	20
Gubelman PM	10	0	10
Mullen AM	6	14	20
Mullen PM	10	0	10
Totals	68	112	180
Inclusion	48		
Self-Contained	20		
			Target Met?
6A	70.59	Target = 32.9 +	YES
6B	29.41	Target = 30.5 --	YES

The changes to the format (highlighted in yellow) would most likely achieve the indicators and targets provided by the state if all spots within the preschool program are filled. Essentially, this new format would change two of our current self-contained classrooms to blended classrooms for students with IEP’s and at-risk students. Our current classroom of all at-risk students would also be changed to a blended learning classroom. Beyond improving our chances to meet the state’s targets, these changes to the format also allows the district to increase the number of students within the preschool program from 160 students to 180 students. No additional staff members or other significant budget increases would be necessary to make these changes. The preschool team will continue to attend the round table discussions in search of other ways to improve our preschool program. A final plan will be submitted to the state later this school year. This plan will also be shared with the Board of Education once complete. It is important to note that these changes will not take place until the 2021-2022 school year and therefore the district will not likely meet the state’s indicators for the current school year. We are hopeful that these adjustments will allow us to meet both indicators beginning school year 2021-2022.

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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>
141	47	37	46	62	333

<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>
3	2	11	36	49	101

<i>Coaler Academy Data</i>				
<i>Full Time</i>	<i>Hybrid</i>	<i>Intervention</i>	<i>Total Students</i>	<i>Pending Referrals</i>
6	2	1	9	0
<i>+3 since Jan. 1</i>		<i>+1 since Jan. 1</i>	<i>+4 since Jan. 1</i>	

<i>Out of District Placements</i>		
<i>Elim</i>	<i>Camelot</i>	<i>Total Students</i>
1	7	8

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

<i>Preschool for All Grant (PFA)</i>		
<i>Current Students</i>	<i>Open Spots</i>	<i>Waitlist</i>
54	6	0
<i>Overall Preschool Numbers</i>		
<i>Number of Students</i>	<i>SPED Spots Open</i>	<i>Pending Evaluations</i>
127	17	14
<i>Preschool Diagnostic Team</i>		

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<i>Students Screened</i>	<i>At-Risk Students</i>	<i>Referred for SPED</i>
60	22	8

Vacancies:

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

G. CURRICULUM REPORT

Director Elledge reported:

New Teachers/Mentoring Program:

We held our quarterly meeting with the new teachers going through the mentoring program. All of the new teachers continue to be positive about their experiences in the district. They each shared experiences they have been having in their classrooms.

Illinois State Assessments – ESSA Requirements

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

The state has started webinars on training for technology and administration. We are assuming that state testing will be going forward this year. Last year’s testing was eliminated because of the pandemic.

House Bill 2170

The recent 218-page education equity bill from Springfield will require several departments to reexamine their curriculum and assessments. The main points of the bill include:

*new social studies standards focusing on equity and social justice

*new social studies standards with mandates to teach about underrepresented groups and are inclusive and reflective of all individuals in the country

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*greater access to computer literacy programs and computer science by mandating courses and/or content in those areas (Currently there are no standards for computer science adopted by the state, so these would need to be developed before schools could start their work)

*Two years of laboratory science at the high school

*All students mandated to complete two years of foreign language (2028-2029)

H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Bugg reported:

1. Zachary Edgar, a former student teacher at the High School, will cover the maternity leave of Melanie Urquiza 8th Grade ELA Teacher at the Middle School, from February 1, 2021 through May 28, 2021.
2. Tricia Smith Permanent Sub for the District, will cover the maternity leave for Michelle Sobieck 7th Grade ELA Teacher at the Middle School, from March 2, 2021 through May 28, 2021.
3. A Freedom of Information Act request was received from Joe Sutton for the district's current contracts for website/content management system, mobile app provider, current learning management system, and emergency notification provider.
4. **Enclosures**
 - A. Monthly student enrollment figures were attached for review.

DATES TO REMEMBER

February 10 – Grades 6-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences 4 – 8 p.m.

February 12 – No School

February 13 – Three Rivers Division Virtual Legislative Breakfast

February 15 – No School President's Day

February 24 – Board Study Session of the Whole at 6: 00 p.m.

I. GRUNDY AREA VOCATIONAL CENTER REPORT

Mr. Lander reported:

1. Director Copes shared a final draft of the GAVC FY22 school calendar.
2. The Grundy County Summer Internship program is now accepting applications.
3. GAVC is partnering with Coal City High School on a summer Agriculture program for incoming Freshmen and Sophomores, which will allow students to earn high school credit over the summer.
4. Director Copes gave a year in review report for 2020, which included information on programming during the pandemic.

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5. The Board discussed the timeline for lengthening the school day and how that would look for GAVC.
6. Approved the FY21 GAVC Seniority List.
7. Approved a two-year shared service extension with Morris High School for the services of a Technology Director.
8. Approved the extension of the FFCRA and COVID Sick Days until March 31, 2021.

J. ATHLETIC DIRECTOR REPORT

Athletic Director Dan Hutchings reported:

Higher Risk	Medium Risk	Lower Risk
Boys Basketball	Girls Soccer	Baseball
Girls Basketball	Boys Soccer	Softball
Wrestling	Volley Ball	Tennis
		Track & Field
		Competitive Cheer
		Competitive Dance
		Bass Fishing

Lower Risk - Tournaments, out-of-conference/league play, out-of-state play allowed; championship games allowed

Moderate Risk - Intra-conference or Intra-EMS-region1 or intra-league play/meets only; state- or league-championship game/meet allowed for low-risk sports only

Higher Risk - Intra-team scrimmages allowed, with parental consent for minors; no competitive play

Parameters:

- Masks required
- Social Distance when possible
- Temperature checks
- Document Attendance

Open Weight Room (January 20, 2021)

Session 1 3:00pm - 3:40pm

Session 2 3:50pm - 4:30pm

*These sports can begin their practices immediately as they are in season.

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Girls Basketball	Started January 19, 2021
Boys Basketball	Started January 20, 2021
Competitive Cheer	Started January 22, 2021
Competitive Dance	Started February 1, 2021

January 25, 2021 - IHSA is allowing contact days for all sports out of season
In season sports will have priority on facilities and athletes

IESA Athletics:

Girls volleyball practice can be held for regions in Phase 4, Tier 1, or Tier 2. Volleyball matches can be played if your region is in Tier 1 or Phase 4.

As of today, regardless of the mitigation level your region is in, there no boys basketball contests allowed.

Boys basketball practice with intra-team scrimmage would be allowed for those schools in regions where the mitigation level is at Phase 4 or Tier 1. Only non-contact boys' basketball practice would be allowed if you are in Tier 2.

MS Volleyball

6th Grade tryouts on Friday January 22, 2021 3:15pm - 5:00pm

7th and 8th grade tryouts on Monday January 25 & Tuesday January 26 3:30 - 5:00pm

Boys Basketball TBA

All Sports Policy:

https://www.ihsa.org/Portals/0/IL%20All%20Sports%20Guidance%20%20January%2015%2C%202021%20Update_1.pdf

IHSA COVID Resource page: <https://www.ihsa.org/Resources/COVID-19>

IESA Update https://www.iesa.org/news/2020-2021/COVID_1-19-21a.asp

- Boys & Girls Basketball - Seasons ends March 13
- Cheer & Dance - Season ends March 13
- Boys Soccer - March 1 - April 17
- Football - March 3 - April 24
- Girls Volleyball - March 8 - April 24
- Baseball, Softball, Girls Soccer, Track & Field, and Boys Tennis - April 5 - June 19
- Wrestling - April 19 - June 12

Our Region has moved to phase 4 allowing for some competition.

High School and Middle School schedules are coming together and will be posted to:

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The IHSA and IESA are working on postseason opportunities for spring sports.

Mr. Hutchings discussed having a list at the check in table to allow only 50 spectators at the home games at the High School. When there is an away game, again only the home team is allowed 50 spectators in order to allow proper social distancing. Since there will be very few games, and a limited amount of spectators allowed, they Board agreed not to charge an admission fee. The Board thanked Mr. Hutchings for continuing to do what’s best for the students.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

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

OLD BUSINESS

A. FINAL READING ON REVISED DISTRICT POLICIES

The first reading took place on December 2, 2020, the second reading on January 6, 2021, and the third and final reading on January 27, 2021. The School Board Policy Committee’s recommendation to the Board was to approve the following district policies as presented. Board President Miller thanked the Committee for their work on the reviewing the policies.

2:20-E	Waiver and Modification Request Resource Guide
3:40	Superintendent
3:40-E	Checklist for the Superintendent Employment Contract Negotiation Process
4:10	Fiscal and Business Management
4:55	Use of Credit and Procurement Cards
4:60-AP1	Purchases
4:80	Accounting and Audits
4:90	Student Activity and Fiduciary Funds
4:120-AP	Food Services; Competitive Foods; Exemptions
4:150	Facility Management and Building Programs
4:175	Convicted Child Sex Offender; Screening Notifications
4:175-AP1	Criminal Offender Notification Laws; Screening
5:30	Hiring Process and Criteria
5:30-AP2	Investigations
5:185-AP	Resource Guide for Family and Medical Leave
5:190	Teacher Qualifications
5:270	Employment At-Will, Compensation and Assignment
6:15	School Accountability
6:20	School Year Calendar and Day

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6:40	Curriculum Development
6:235-E5	Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act
6:280	Grading and Promotion
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
6:310-E	Class Substitution Request
6:315	High School Credit for Students in Grade 7 or 8
6:320	High School Credit for Proficiency
6:340	Student Testing and Assessment Program
7:100	Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students
7:140	Search and Seizure
7:140-E	Letter to Parents/Guardians Regarding the Right to Privacy in the School Setting Act
7:300	Extracurricular Athletics
7:325	Student Fundraising Activities
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
7:340-AP2	Storage and Destruction of School Student Records
7:340-AP2, E1	Letter Containing Schedule for Destruction of School Student Records

Mr. Bianchetta moved and Mr. Harmon seconded to approve the final draft of the revised District Policies as presented.

Roll Call.

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

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON THE FY22 SCHOOL CALENDAR

ISBE requires that all school calendars contain 176 instructional days. Dr. Bugg consulted with Union Leadership on the proposed 2021 – 2022 school calendar. The proposed school calendar was presented to the Board for their consideration at the January 27, 2021 Board Study Session Meeting. Dr. Bugg reminded the Board that GAVC had approved their final calendar at their January 28 Board meeting, and traditionally, District #1 has tried to align winter and spring breaks with their calendar in order to minimize missed instructional time for the GAVC students.

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Mr. Lander moved and Mr. Harmon seconded to adopt the 2021 – 2022 school calendar with the first day of school scheduled for August 17, 2021, and the last day scheduled for May 26, 2022, for a total of 176 instructional days.

Roll Call.

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

C. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN

Dr. Bugg provided the Board with a brief summary of the planning process that took place over the summer with the various committees tasked to come up with the District's current hybrid model. The hybrid model was never intended to replace full-day in person student learning, and the goal was always to get students back in front of teachers. Dr. Bugg expressed how proud he is that the District did not take the easy route by going full-remote. The staff and administration wanted to have the students in front of the teachers. The District has been able to provide the current hybrid model since the start of the school year, and the option for full-remote for families with that need. Since the beginning of the school year, the district has tracked all COVID-related data for students and staff members. The district has seen a significant decline in positive COVID cases and COVID-related absences. The district has a semester's worth of data showing that students are struggling both with their academics and their social and emotional health. Dr. Bugg and the Board both agreed that nothing replaces having students in front of teachers for a full day of instruction. In Dr. Bugg's discussions with superintendents throughout Grundy County, similar conversations about returning to full day instruction are taking place. The vast majority of school districts are coordinating a return to full day instruction between March 1 – 15.

In considering a date to return to full day instruction, the school district's transition teams have consistently identified three considerations to be taken into account: (1) start the full day schedule on a Thursday in order to ease the youngest students back into a routine, (2) start the full day schedule at the start of a quarter because student in grades 6 – 12 have some classes that change at the quarter, and (3) provide at least two weeks' notice to allow staff adequate time to prepare for the transition to full day instruction. In accommodating those three considerations, and to help address the academic and social emotional health of the students, the Board approved a tentative date of Thursday, March 11 for returning to full day instruction. As long as the State recognizes it, parents will still have the full remote learning option available, but the experience may be altered based on teachers having students in-person the entire day. The Board thanked Dr. Bugg and all of the committees for their hard work, and for continuing to do what is best for the students in District 1.

Mr. Engelhardt moved and Mr. Hamilton seconded to approve a return to full day in-person instruction on Thursday, March 11 if supported by local COVID data and local public health officials.

Roll Call.

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

D. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON ATHLETICS ADDENDUM

Due to the overlap in revised IESA 7 IHSA athletic schedules because of COVID19, Athletes at the MS and HS will be able to participate in two sports for the 2020 – 2021 school year. This is a temporary change made to accommodate the condensing of athletic seasons due to COVID. The Board agreed this was a great move to allow students to participate in multiple sports and not have to make the difficult decision of choosing. The Board thanked Mr. Hutchings for making the adjustment, and for doing what’s best for the students.

Mr. Bianchetta moved and Mr. Lander seconded to approve the addendum to the Athletic Guidelines as presented.

Roll Call.

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

NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON GEDC MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

The district received a request from Grundy Economic Development Council to renew the annual membership. District #1 has been a long-time member of this organization.

Mr. Engelhardt moved and Mr. Lander seconded to approve payment of the annual membership fee of \$300 to the Grundy Economic Development Council.

Roll Call.

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

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON GRUNDY COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT

Theatre Director Jack Micetich applied for and was awarded a grant from Grundy County Community Foundation in the amount of \$3,000 for the theatre program. This grant will assist in covering additional expenses incurred for outdoor performances, enhance student’s theatre experience through Master Classes with Broadway artists, and so much more. Dr. Bugg thanked Mr. Micetich for taking the initiative to apply for the grant.

Mr. Harmon moved and Mr. Bianchetta seconded to approve the grant from Grundy County Community Foundation in the amount of \$3,000.

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Roll Call.

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

C. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON ILLINOIS RETIRED TEACHERS FOUNDATION GRANT

Kimberlee Haab Kindergarten Teacher, at the Early Childhood Center, was awarded a grant from Illinois Retired Teachers Foundation in the amount of \$750. The grant funds will be used to purchase books for her classroom library. Dr. Bugg thanked Mrs. Haab for taking the initiative to apply for the grant.

Mr. Hamilton moved and Mr. Engelhardt seconded to approve the grant from Illinois Retired Teachers Foundation in the amount of \$750.

Roll Call.

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

D. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON ADOPTING A BUDGET CALENDAR

Chapter 105, Section 5/17-1 of the Illinois Revised Statutes (School Code) directs the Board of Education to designate a person or persons to prepare in tentative form, the budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The Board is also required to “fix a fiscal year therefore”. The budget calendar provides a detailed schedule of the budgeting process.

Mr. Harmon moved and Mr. Bianchetta seconded for the Board of Education to adopt the budget calendar as presented and appoint the Superintendent, Chief School Business Official and Building Principals to prepare, in tentative form, the school district budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

Roll Call.

Ayes: Quint Harmon, Robert Bianchetta, Dan Engelhardt, Mary Gill, Shawn Hamilton, Chuck Lander, 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 Shawn Hamilton read a statement aloud for the Board regarding an email to his personal email from “The CCUD1 Educational

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Association Political Action Committee”. The email requested Mr. Hamilton to complete a survey for possible political endorsement. Mr. Hamilton wanted to be transparent that he has never solicited, asked, or received any financial support or personal consideration as a current or prospective Board Member. Mr. Hamilton also stated that he has no intentions on responding to the request, and found it very unfortunate that a group is attempting to politicize School Board elections.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Engelhardt moved and Mr. Lander seconded to go to closed session at 6:49 p.m. for consideration of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body for the public body to determine its validity, and pending litigation, French v. Coal City, No. 2018 L 36, as permitted under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) (Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act)

Roll Call.

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

When the Board returned to open session, President Miller called the regular meeting to order at 6:59 p.m. with the board members answering roll call present: Robert Bianchetta, Dan Engelhardt, Mary Gill, Shawn Hamilton, Quint Harmon, Chuck Lander, Ken Miller.

ACTION AS A RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Bianchetta moved and Mr. Hamilton seconded to adopt the Resolution Authorizing Dismissal of an educational support employee of the District and to waive the reading of the resolution.

Roll Call.

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

Mr. Lander moved and Mr. Harmon seconded to approve the administrative contracts for Luke Krippel, Jennifer Kenney, and Taryn Trotter as presented.

Roll Call.

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

Mr. Engelhardt moved and Mr. Lander seconded to approve the Board Resolution on the Superintendent Transition Plan as presented and to waive the reading of the resolution.

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

Mr. Engelhardt moved and Mr. Hamilton seconded to approve the settlement agreement in the matter of French v. Coal City, Grundy County Case No. 2018 L 36, as presented.

Roll Call.

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

**BOARD STUDY SESSION OF THE WHOLE DATE: FEBRUARY 24, 2021 @ 6 P.M.
In Coal City CUSD #1 Administrative Center Board Room**

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE: MARCH 3, 2021 @ 6 P.M.
In Coal City CUSD #1 Administrative Center Board Room**

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Lander moved and Mr. Harmon seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m. President Miller asked if there was any opposition to the motion, hearing none considers the motion approved.

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Kenneth P. Miller, President

Mary Gill, Secretary