

**Coal City Community Unit School District #1  
Board of Education Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, April 7, 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, 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. Board member Quint Harmon arrived at 6:02

**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 Spencer was in attendance to recognize the following students on qualifying for the State Speech Tournament: Dylan Ludes, McKenna Patten, Izzy Kostbade, Eli Fritz, Madison Holcomb (finalist), and Zoe Smith (finalist). Speech Coaches Dave Sinkular and Ben Baer were also in attendance. Mr. Sinkular acknowledged the coaching staff, and also spoke about the hard work and dedication this group of students needed to compete not just in a normal school year, but in a school year where a lot of their submissions were virtual. Dr. Bugg and the Board of Education congratulated the students, and reminded them that qualities they've learned in speech will benefit them for the rest of their life.

Principal Spencer, Principal Johnson, and Pam Vigna were in attendance to recognize Emily Hayse, Jean Krippel, and Amy Siefken on achieving their National Board Certification. Each teacher spoke and thanked Pam Vigna, the Board of Education, and Dr. Bugg for their continued support throughout this process. The teachers agreed unanimously that going through this process has made them better teachers for their students. Dr. Bugg thanked Pam Vigna for being an asset in the classroom, and her leadership role in the District. Dr. Bugg acknowledged that is a challenging, but very rewarding professional development experience for educators.

**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 asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda, and the following building requests.

**Roll Call.**

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

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<b><u>Group</u></b>	<b><u>Building</u></b>	<b><u>Ins.</u></b>	<b><u>Date</u></b>
Girls Scouts	ECC	Yes	3/16/21 - 5/25/21
Lil Coalers	MS	Yes	4/6/21 – 6/6/21

**MINUTES**

March 3, 2021 - Regular Meeting  
March 31, 2021 – BSSW -canceled

**CLOSED SESSION MINUTES**

March 3, 2021- Regular Meeting  
March 31, 2021 – BSSW - canceled

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Activity Fund Reports – February 2021  
Treasurer’s Report – February 2021  
Monthly Manual Check Report – March 2021  
Payroll Report – March 2021  
Accounts Payable Report – April 2021

**PERSONNEL**

**Honorable Discharge**

The need for the services of District 1-to-1 Special Education Aides and other support staff positions have not been determined for next year. A Resolution Re: Discontinuance of Educational Support Staff Position and Honorable Dismissal will need to be adopted and a notice of honorable dismissal should be issued to the following list of support staff:

- Sara Helland – Full-time 1:1 Special Ed Aide
- Jody Jackson - Full-time 1:1 Special Ed Aide
- Michelle Lovell - Full-time 1:1 Special Ed Aide
- Gina Pens - Full-time 1:1 Special Ed Aide
- Angela Bartholomew - Full-time 1:1 Special Ed Aide
- Shannon Caher - Full-time 1:1 Special Ed Aide
- Amanda Eaton - Full-time 1:1 Special Ed Aide
- Jennifer Endrst - Full-time 1:1 Special Ed Aide
- Jessica Giordano - Full-time 1:1 Special Ed Aide
- Samantha Hill - Full-time 1:1 Special Ed Aide
- Lisa Hootselle - Full-time 1:1 Special Ed Aide
- Lori Johnson - Full-time 1:1 Special Ed Aide
- Dawn Rodgers - Full-time 1:1 Special Ed Aide
- Jennifer Stroner-Rolley - Full-time 1:1 Special Ed Aide
- Debra Tapley - Full-time 1:1 Special Ed Aide
- Joy Williams - Full-time 1:1 Special Ed Aide
- Elizabeth Allen – Temporary Assistant Custodian

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- Donna Guinn - Temporary Assistant Custodian
- Kaeli Hovis - Temporary Assistant Custodian
- Jeremy Wolles - Temporary Assistant Custodian
- Matthew Ramirez - Temporary Assistant Custodian
- Peggy Feeney - Permanent Substitute Teacher
- Alicia Matusiak - Permanent Substitute Teacher
- Tricia Smith - Permanent Substitute Teacher
- Wyatt Onsen – Drumline Instructor
- Aislinn Jones - Full-time Health Aide (reducing to .5)
- Alison Gill – Full-time Health Aide
- Kristina Davy – Assistant Secretary (reducing to .5)
- Aime DePodesta - Full-time Assistant Secretary (reducing to .5)
- Jennifer Hamerla – Full-time Assistant Secretary (reducing to .5)
- Jennifer Rakes – Full-time Health Aide
- Nikki Planeta (1:1 Special Ed Aide)
- Ross Williams – Full-time Assistant Maintenance (reducing to .5)
- Reduction in Force
- Bethany Nicola – Full-time Special Ed Aide

**Resignations**

- Moree Harney – Classroom Aide at the Intermediate School – Mrs. Harney’s last day will be March 26, 2021.
- Amy Ledvina -Special Ed Teacher at the Elementary School – Mrs. Ledvina’s last day will be June 2, 2021, which is the last contractual day for teachers.

**Employments** - pending satisfactory completion of all state requirements (*see Superintendent’s Report*)

**Transfers**

- Tara Charles – Special Ed Classroom Aide at the Early Childhood Center – Ms. Charles is transferring to Special Ed Classroom Aide at the Intermediate School effective April 6, 2021.
- Jennifer Rakes - full-time Health Aide at the Intermediate School to part-time Assistant Secretary at the Intermediate School.
- Carol Talty – full-time Assistant Secretary at the Intermediate to full-time Health Aide at the Intermediate School and Elementary School.
- Francis Loughran from Computer Teacher at the Middle School to PE Teacher at the High School.

**Leave Requests**

- Gina Horrie – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Teacher at the Middle School – Ms. Horrie is requesting a five (5) day paid sick leave, with use of accumulated sick leave in accordance with the Teacher’s Negotiated Agreement, from March 22, 2021 through March 26, 2021. Ms. Horrie plans to return Tuesday, April 6, 2021.

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- Cindy Gerber – English Teacher at the High School – Ms. Gerber is requesting a twenty-nine (29) day paid sick leave, with use accumulated sick leave in accordance with the Teacher’s Negotiated Agreement, from approximately April 14, 2021 through May 25, 2021. Ms. Gerber plans to return Wednesday, May 26, 2021.
- Cathy Lyons – Mathematics Teacher at the High School – Ms. Lyons is requesting a twenty (20) day paid sick leave, with use of accumulated sick leave in accordance with the Teacher’s Negotiated Agreement, from approximately April 15, 2021 through May 13, 2021. Ms. Lyons plans to return Friday, May 14, 2021.

**Extra-Curricular Resignations**

- Michelle Painter’s last day as Student Services Department Leader will be June 2, 2021.

**Administrative Contracts**

Rodney Monbrum - Assistant Principal at the High School.  
Corey Mikula - Assistant Principal at the Middle School.

**ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS**

**A. EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER REPORT**

Principal Davidson Reported:

**Calendar of Events:**

March 27th - April 5th - SPRING BREAK  
April 6th - School Resumes  
April 10th - Preschool Screening  
April 7th - SAP Team Meeting  
April 12th - PreK Team Meeting  
April 13th - Kindergarten Team Meeting  
April 13th - IEP Meetings  
April 14th - 1st Grade Team Meeting  
April 15th - A Team Meeting  
April 21st - IEP Meetings  
April 20th - Shelter-in-place drill (AM)  
April 22nd - Lock Down Drill (PM)

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

PreK:	133
Kindergarten:	148
1st Grade:	128
Total:	<b>409 (in PowerSchool as of March 25, 2021)</b>

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

**Total: 32 (full-time remote learners)**

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

**PreK = 14**

**Kindergarten = 10**

**1st Grade = 8**

**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:**

- March 11th was the most exciting day of the current school year! Our students have adjusted well to being at school for a full day. I heard over and over on this day, “today is the best day ever!” The students thoroughly enjoy being at school all day and having lunch and recess!
- Students celebrated St. Patrick’s Day wearing GREEN and certain classrooms even had sneaky leprechauns’ “trash” the room the night before. Students in other classrooms were on a hunt for golden coins (chocolates) hidden in the classroom the night before.
- The final week before Spring Break is always hectic and filled with excitement! We will end the week with a “Beach Day” theme and send everyone off for a well-deserved break.

**Recognition:**

- Lunch and recess time could not be pulled off at the ECC without a tremendous amount of help from people in the building. From the set-up of close to 20 8ft tables - to the take down two hours later - to the supervision on the playgrounds and lunchrooms - I have to thank the following people: Jessica Palmer, Tracci Parkhurst, Todd Painter, Paula Crawford, Julie Brncich, Michele Hill, Sue Hancock, Christina McClenning, Lauren Basham, and Tara Charles.
- Thank you to Tara Charles for her years of service at the ECC! After Spring Break, she will be changing buildings for a position at the IS.
- No baby is born yet, but Aimee Wren will have her 3rd son by the time the April board meeting takes place. Congratulations to Aimee and Brad on the new addition to the Wren family!
- We welcome Tiffany Berger to the ECC as Aimee Wren’s maternity sub.

**B. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPORT**

Principal Kenney reported:

**Calendar of Events:**

**ES Enrollment:**

2nd Grade: 131 – lost 1 student

3rd Grade: 145 – lost 1 student

Total: 276 (registered as of 4/1/21)

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**Remote Learners:**

2nd Grade: 4 – down 7  
3rd Grade: 4 – down 6  
Total: 8 (as of 4/1/21)

**Personnel:**

Welcome to Stacy Legg, the Elementary School's new Reading Aide!

**CCES Happenings and Recognitions:**

- Congratulations to Amy Foley for being one of 32 finalists for the Golden Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching. We are beyond proud of Amy and her accomplishment as being a distinguished teacher. She will find out on April 10th if she is one of 10 award winners.
- A special thank you to our staff, students and community for making our full day return a success. Our staff has gone above and beyond to make sure that they are providing for their students and making the environment safe. Our parents have shown confidence in our plan, as only 8 students are currently remaining remote learners. We are beyond excited to have our students for a full day of learning!
- This month we have focused on leadership. Students that have shown leadership qualities have been announced and rewarded for their efforts. Congratulations!
- Students had a great time on March 26th during our Spring Break Scavenger Hunt. They searched for items related to spring break and were able to spend some time outdoors doing so.
- We had another successful popcorn day, rewarding students for their continued hard work in ensuring that CCES is a place where students are respectful, responsible and safe.

**C. INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL REPORT**

Principal Carlson reported:

**Calendar of Events:**

4/2 - World Autism Awareness Day  
4/6 - School Resumes  
4/6 - PBS Meeting 3:00  
4/7 - BLT Meeting 3:00  
4/8 - Lockdown Drill 11:00  
4/9 - Spring Pictures  
4/9 - Fancy Day  
4/12-4/30 - Muffins with ME! 8:00-8:30 a.m.  
4/12 - Student Services Meeting 10:30  
4/12 - SAP Meeting 3:00  
4/13 - TALC Meeting 3:00  
4/13 - PSO Meeting 6:30 via Zoom  
4/14 - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Team Meeting 3:00

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4/14 - Student Council Meeting 3:30 via Google Meet  
4/15 - Specials Team Meeting 3:00  
4/16 - Freaky Friday ~ Students Dress like Teachers & Teachers Dress like Students  
4/19 - Student Services Meeting 10:30  
4/19 - SpEd Team Meeting 3:00  
4/20 - PBS Meeting 3:00  
4/21 - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Team Meeting 3:00  
4/22 - Earth Day ~ Green Day & Earth Day Trivia  
4/22 - A Team Meeting 3:00  
4/23 - No School  
4/26 - Student Services Meeting 10:30  
4/26 - SAP Meeting 3:00  
4/27 - TALC Meeting 3:00  
4/28 - Student Council Meeting 3:30 via Google Meet  
4/29 - Custodian Meeting 3:00  
4/30 - Dodgeball Day ~ Dress like your favorite dodgeball team

**Current Enrollment:**

4<sup>th</sup> Grade: 161

5<sup>th</sup> Grade: 163

Total 324 This includes two 4<sup>th</sup> grade students and one 5<sup>th</sup> grade student, who are enrolled in other special education programs outside of CCIS.

**As of 3/26/21:**

Full Remote Learning Students (non-COVID related) = 17

**Emergency/Crisis Drills Completed:**

Evacuation/Fire	8/20/20; 3/2/21
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:**

- In celebration of Rare Diseases Day for 5<sup>th</sup> grade students Alyssa Pens and Grace Hunt, we had a hallway walk/parade to bring more awareness to rare diseases on Friday, February 26. Alyssa has Hereditary Spastic Paraplegia Type 35 and Grace has Caudal Regression Syndrome. We wore light blue to school that day, and students made *Team Alyssa* and *Team Grace* signs for the parade that they displayed as they walked by Alyssa and Grace.
- We had a fun week of spirit/dress up days for Dr. Seuss/Read Across America Week from 3/2-3/5.
  - Tuesday – **Cat in the Hat Day** ~ Wear Red or White and/or wear a Hat
  - Wednesday – **Wacky Wednesday** ~ Dress Wacky or come with Wacky Hair
  - Thursday – **Fox in Socks** ~ Wear Silly Socks or your Favorite Socks
  - Friday – **Sleep Book** – Pajama Day

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- We started the week with all students and staff reciting the Readers' Oath. Each morning that week student council members read a portion of a Dr. Seuss book during the morning announcements, and each class had to figure out which book it was in order to fill their Dr. Seuss BINGO card.
- On March 2<sup>nd</sup> we practiced another Evacuation Drill. Deputy Chief Watson, Chief Seerup, and two other firefighters were present to supervise the drill.
- Student-Teacher Kaitlyn Bloom began the second half of her student teaching with Mrs. Roudis and Mrs. Housman on 3/2.
- On March 5 we played our final Staff Trivia Friday. Mr. Boresi organized *The Amazing Race* and it was so much fun!
- Our Full School Days began on March 11, and the students and staff did a fantastic job! To celebrate the first full day, we had Student Council reps pull 101 names for students to win raffle prizes during recess. In the afternoon we randomly played music over the PA system for brief *Dance Party* breaks. At the end of the day, we played *Heads or Tails* over the PA system until each homeroom declared a winner.
- ASAP (After School Assistance Program) began on 3/15 and continues every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday after school in the North Gym for 1 hour. Recommended students receive help from Mrs. Cowherd or Mrs. Rink.
- The CCIS Virtual Art Fair was released on March 18. Every CCIS student has artwork on display. Check out their artwork to see amazing bugs, self-portraits, and abstract animal portraits.
  - 5th grade: <https://www.artsonia.com/artshow/26055/10220>
  - 4th grade: <https://www.artsonia.com/artshow/26055/9686>
- On March 23 Coach Petersen came to CCIS during recess to meet with 5th grade students who were interested in joining the CCMS Wrestling team. The season begins on April 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Student Council sponsored the following spirit days this past month: Comfy Clothes Day; Green Day; Career Day; Wild, Wild West Day; Hawaiian Day.

**Student Recognition:**

- Congratulations to our Shamrock coloring contest winners: Kinsley Nowak and Lily Brewster. They were treated to a Shamrock Shake from McDonald's.
- Congratulations to the following students who completed the Chicago Wolves Reading Challenge: Logan Polarek, William Bloomfield, Jackson Hollis, Gabriel Hamilton, Katherine Veronda, and Darcie Ladas. Each student was given a Subway gift card and a book. Once the Wolves' season resumes, each student will receive a free ticket to one of their hockey games.
- Congratulations to Jaycee Chase, Penny D'Arcy, Max Christensen, and Zoe Pokracki for winning our Yearbook Cover Contest. Their designs will be on the 2020-2021 CCIS Yearbook cover, and each of them received a Subway gift card.
- Congratulations to our Art Fair ribbon winners. Check out their artwork at: <https://bit.ly/3tVy5nm>

**Half a Bug – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Jaycee Chase – Best of Show  
Miguel Nunez - 1<sup>st</sup>

**Cat/Dog – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Kayla Kowalski – Best of Show  
Lindsey Duran - 1<sup>st</sup>

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Darcie Ladas - 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Emma D’Orazio - 3<sup>rd</sup>

Sophia Holzinger - 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Blake Knight - 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Portraits – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Marina Figge – Best of Show  
Alex Duran - 1<sup>st</sup>  
Cora Bill - 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Alyson Shelton - 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Portraits – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Jolene Jones – Best of Show  
Delaney Doss - 1<sup>st</sup>  
Addie Hartman - 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Danny Fite - 3<sup>rd</sup>

- Congratulations to following Students of the Week:
  - Week of 2/22: Addison Peters, Angel Diaz, Braxton Krause, Emerson Koehn
  - Week of 3/2: Avery Pogliano, Trenton Whitehead, Carson Dearth, Paisley Ziech
  - Week of 3/8: Dredan Rich, Kaden Brown, Katherine Veronda, Leah Jensen
  - Week of 3/15: Amber Rodriguez, Sean Langer, Mariah Krاند, Colton Armstrong
  - Week of 3/22: Gavin Farley, Isabella Ilkanic, Liliana Little, Nazih Rodriguez

**Staff Recognition:**

- Dr. Bugg for filling in as lunch supervisor on 3/15.
- Mrs. Elledge for filling in as indoor recess supervisor on 3/18.
- Mr. Smith for subbing for a teacher for an hour on 3/18.
- Mr. Boresi for planning and running our bi-monthly Staff Trivia Fridays.
- Mrs. Ness and Mrs. Gaffigan for making staff shirts for Rare Diseases Day.
- The following staff members who received the weekly CCIS Kudos:
  - Mrs. Gaffigan for making staff t-shirts for Rare Diseases Day
  - Mrs. Budde for making Valentine's hearts for EVERY student's locker
  - Mr. Onsen for doing a great job clearing all the snow and ice
  - Miss O’Donnell for helping a staff member prepare her reading intervention

**D. MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT**

Principal Johnson reported:

**Calendar of Events:**

Mar. 27-Apr. 5	NO SCHOOL – Spring Break
April 6	School Resumes
	First Home Girls B-ball Game vs. Wilmington
April 7	Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 pm – Unit Office
April 12	Music Booster Meeting – 7:00 pm – CCMS
April 12-16	Aimswest Testing at CCMS
April 14	First Home Track and Field Meet vs. Reed Custer
	Track and Field Picture Day – 3:30 pm
April 26	Athletic Booster Meeting – 7:00 pm – CCHS
April 27	First Home Wrestling Meet vs. Morris
April 28	Board Study Session – 6:00 pm – Unit Office

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**Personnel Report:**

With our move to full day instruction, we found a need to provide extra support to our struggling remote learners. To accomplish this goal, we have assigned Tricia Smith to serve as the remote learning liaison. Tricia checks in daily with remote learners who are at risk and provides tutoring and organizational help to these students. With Tricia moving into this position, we needed a maternity leave sub for Michelle Sobieck's 7<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms. Charissa Dehler is serving as the maternity leave sub for the remainder of the school year. Charissa has served as a substitute teacher in the Coal City district for the past few years.

**Attendance:**

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

**In Person Learners**

6 <sup>th</sup> Grade -	152
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade -	163
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade -	129
Total -	444

**Remote Learners**

6 <sup>th</sup> Grade -	8
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade -	14
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade -	9
Total -	31(-30 from last month)

**Month in Review:**

- CCMS students and staff members observed Casimir Pulaski's birthday on March 1.
- March 10 marked the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Classes. Students moved to 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Encore classes on March 11.
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade students were measured for their Promotion Gowns on March 10. Thanks to Mrs. Peacock Ryan and the PE staff for their help with the students. CCMS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion is tentatively set for Friday, May 28.
- Thursday, March 11 was the return to Full Day Instruction for CCMS students and staff members. CCMS students have done a tremendous job of moving back to full day instruction. It has been great to be able the students moving around the building more and getting to spend time with their classmates at lunches. We saw a large number of students move back to in person learning from remote learning when we moved back to full day instruction. Thanks to all of the parents and guardians for the continued support and their help in making the transition back to full days go as well as possible. Special thanks to the students and staff members for their work in the classroom and around the building.
- Coal City Middle School Student Services offered depression awareness and suicide prevention training as part of the SOS Signs of Suicide Prevention Program. The SOS program is brought to school through Elyssa's Mission, a nonprofit organization dedicated to suicide prevention. Elyssa's Mission is the only organization in the state of Illinois to fund, distribute and implement SOS. Mrs. Cealy DePersia, Mrs. Lauren Kempes and Mrs. Sarah Veronda organized the training

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for the CCMS 7<sup>th</sup> grade students. The presentation was done on March 18 and the district's Student Service Department helped with student follow up on that day.

- Congratulations to Coach Yedinak and the 8th Grade Volleyball team for winning the IESA Sectional Championship. The Warriors defeated Normal Kingsley in three games, 19-25, 25-18 and 25-21 to earn the Sectional title. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade team finished the season with a 9-2 record this year. They also defeated Ottawa Sheppard for the Regional Championship. GREAT JOB WARRIORS!!!
- Congratulations to Coach McMurtrey and the 7th Grade Volleyball team for winning the IESA Regional Championship. The Warriors were victorious over Forrest Prairie Central in two games 25-13 and 25-12. The 7<sup>th</sup> graders moved onto the Sectional Championship against Bloomington Evans. The Warriors fought tough but were defeated in three matches by Evans. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade team finished the regular season undefeated at 9-0 and had an overall record of 11-1. Great Season 7<sup>th</sup> Grade!!!!
- Track and Field, Girls Basketball and Wrestling seasons are beginning with games and meets scheduled to begin after Spring Break. Good luck to all of our teams and coaches as they move into their competitive seasons.
- Congratulations to the CCMS Scholastic Bowl Team. The CCMS Scholastic Bowl completed an undefeated season this year with the team earning 12 wins and 0 losses. The students competed virtually in all of their matches due to the pandemic but performed great throughout the entire season. Congratulations to Coaches Jim Hitchcock and Jen Munsterman on leading the team this season.

**Scholastic Bowl Team Members**

8<sup>th</sup> Grade - Melody Kinder, Hunter Nettles, August Burns, Trevor Perino, Kyle Cheever, William Johnke, Mason Natyshok, and Molly Ramsden

7<sup>th</sup> Grade - Olivia Weatherbee, Jacob Cimino, Lance Perino, Noah Houston, Luke Munsterman, Sierra Anderson and Austin Harding. 2021 CCMS Scholastic Bowl Team

**E. HIGH SCHOOL REPORT**

Principal Spencer reported:

**Calendar of Events:**

April 6th - Return from Spring Break

April 13th - SAT

April 14th - Mental Health Fair (put on by Student Council)

April 23rd - No School

April 23rd - High School Musical – Something Rotten

April 24th - High School Musical – Something Rotten

April 25th - High School Musical – Something Rotten

April 27th - SAT Make up

April 30th - High School Musical – Something Rotten

May 1st - High School Musical – Something Rotten

May 2nd - High School Musical – Something Rotten

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**Recognition:**

- The following students were recognized for the GAVC Director Award for the month of February:  
Justin Greiner - Automotive, Aleczaider Lovell – Criminal Justice, Charlize Morris – Early Childhood, and Chase Adams – Welding

**Month in Review:**

- Wednesday, March 3rd we held our 2nd Shelter-In-Place Drill.
- Thursday, March 11th, we moved to full days!!
- Thursday, March 11th our NHS students hosted a blood drive. Thanks to everyone who either worked or gave blood.
- The week of March 15th, Student Council sponsored Homecoming Week. We celebrated with multiple activities and dress up days throughout the week. The week finished with us announcing the homecoming King and Queen.
- Friday, March 26, we had our third Evacuation Drill.

**Current Enrollment Figures as of March 23, 2021**

9th Grade	152
10th Grade	161
11th Grade	159
12th Grade	164
Total	636

**Discipline Report for March 2021:**

Lunchroom Misconduct	2
Vandalism	1
Removed from class	1
Mask Violation	8
Fighting	2
Chromebook Damage	1
Skipping School	1
Social Media Issue	2
Inappropriate Language	3
Vaping	3
Class Cut	2
Cell Phone Violation	3
Bus Slip	1
Theft	1
<u>Possession of Weapon (Knife)</u>	<u>1</u>
Total	32

**F. SPECIAL POPULATIONS REPORT**

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Director Rakes reported:

**Preschool Inclusion Plan:**

The district’s preschool team continues to prepare and implement their indicator 6 inclusion plan under the direction of Amanda Davidson. The final plan was 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. A copy of the submitted plan is attached to this board report.

**Elyssa’s Mission:**

Elyssa’s Mission is a program that focuses on suicide prevention in teenagers. This program educates students on the signs of suicide and how to help when these signs are present in others. Coal City High School and Coal City Middle School recently completed this program with certain grade levels. The program consists of a brief presentation followed by a screener that each student completes. Any student who is at-risk based on the screener is required to meet with two members of our Student Services department prior to leaving school that day. This program is a team effort as all district social workers and counselors assist in making this program successful.

**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>141</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>333</b>
<i>+1 since March 1st</i>	<i>-1 since March 1st</i>	<i>-1 since March 1st</i>	<i>+1 since March 1st</i>		

<i>Coal City Schools 504 Data</i>					
<i>ECC</i>	<i>ES</i>	<i>IS</i>	<i>MS</i>	<i>HS</i>	<i>Total</i>
<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>96</b>

<i>Coaler Academy Data</i>				
<i>Full Time</i>	<i>Hybrid</i>	<i>Intervention</i>	<i>Total Students</i>	<i>Pending Referrals</i>
<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>
<i>+1 since March 1st</i>	<i>+1 since March 1st</i>		<i>+2 Since March 1st</i>	

<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>

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<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>10</i>
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\*We currently have one student with a pending out-of-district placement.

<i>Miscellaneous Student Data</i>	
<i>ELL</i>	<i>Homeless</i>
<i>19</i>	<i>11</i>

<i>Preschool for All Grant (PFA)</i>		
<i>Current Students</i>	<i>Open Spots</i>	<i>Waitlist</i>
<i>56</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Overall Preschool Numbers</i>		
<i>Number of Students</i>	<i>SPED Spots Open</i>	<i>Pending Evaluations</i>
<i>141/160</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>4</i>

**Vacancies:**

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

Principal Amanda Davidson was in attendance and provided the Board with an update on the progress the Special Ed Team is making regarding the Preschool Program.

**G. CURRICULUM REPORT**

Director Elledge reported:

**Illinois State Assessments – ESSA Requirements**

The state made two changes to state testing for the high school since the curriculum report last month. The essay portion of the SAT has been eliminated and the PSAT for grades 9 and 10 have been eliminated.

**Summer Curriculum Work**

Summer curriculum work will begin the first week of June and will be held in the middle school. The primary focus this summer will be in English language arts which includes reading, writing, speaking and listening standards.

We will also be working on the PaCE (Postsecondary and Career Expectations) framework for the district. PaCE is an integral part of goals set forth by ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) and the

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PWR Act (Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Act). We are in an excellent position to accomplish all of the goals set out by these initiatives. Articulating the framework and communicating expectations out to parents and students will require a team effort across various departments and grade levels.

**Department leaders**

We will be interviewing for several new department leaders this month. We have several openings due to retirement and promotions.

**Resource Adoption**

Grades K through 2 have selected SuperKids, <https://www.zaner-bloser.com/reading/superkids-reading-program/index.php>, as their choice for resource adoption. Grades 3-5 have selected HMH (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt). The upper grades are still reviewing materials. We will have SuperKids and HMH materials available for review at the May board meeting.

**H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Bugg reported:

1. At the January 6, 2021 Board meeting, the Board authorized the Superintendent to employ personnel as needed to start full day instruction. The following are employed for the 2020 – 2021 school year, pending satisfactory completion of all state requirements.

**Support Staff:**

Stacy Legg – Reading Aide at the Elementary School – 3/11/2021

Mercedis Neal – Lunch/Recess Aide at the Intermediate School – 3/11/21

Elaina Sebby – Title 1 4hr Reading Aide at the Intermediate School

Teresa Chernesky – Title 1 4hr Reading Aide at the Intermediate School

2. A FOIA request was received from Jennifer Smith Richards from the Chicago Tribune, and Jodi S. Coher from ProPublica regarding: Records that show referrals to law enforcement, student arrests inside the school district, gender and race of students, student citations, and disciplinary logs etc. from 2018 – 2019, 2019 – 2020 and 2020 – 2021.
3. Dr. Bugg discussed the Grundy County Board of Review 2020 Assessments.
4. **Enclosures**
  - A. Monthly student enrollment figures were available for review.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

March 27<sup>th</sup> – April 5<sup>th</sup> – Spring Break/No School

April 6<sup>th</sup> – Classes Resume

April 9<sup>th</sup> – IS Spring Pictures & MS Track Pictures

April 13<sup>th</sup> – ECC Spring Pictures

April 14<sup>th</sup> – ES Spring Pictures & MS Track Pictures

April 23<sup>rd</sup> – No School

April 23<sup>rd</sup> – April 25<sup>th</sup> - HS Musical – Something Rotten @ 8:00 p.m.

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April 28<sup>th</sup> – Board Study Session @ 6:00 p.m.

April 30<sup>th</sup> – May 2<sup>nd</sup> HS Musical – Something Rotten @ 8:00 p.m.

May 5<sup>th</sup> – Board Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.

May 5<sup>th</sup> – Kindergarten Round-Up @ ECC

**I. GRUNDY AREA VOCATIONAL CENTER REPORT**

Mr. Lander reported:

1. The Building Trades instructors were present to provide a report on the status of Project House 25 and to present the plans and budget for Project House 26. The Board approved the budget for Project House 26 as presented.
2. Paper orders are down about 50% from last fiscal year due to the impact of remote learning. As a result, costs may increase due to a lack of volume.
3. Director Copes provided a report on the FY22 enrollment numbers. Unlike many career centers throughout the state, GAVC is maintaining a relatively consistent enrollment from FY21.
4. Director Copes is going to pursue intergovernmental agreements between GAVC and the school districts where GAVC hosts satellite courses.
5. Dr. Bugg discussed ESSER III allotments and asked Director Copes to develop a plan to address learning loss for GAVC students resulting from Remote Learning.
6. Approved moving the closed session minutes from the May, 2020 Board meeting to open session for public inspection.
7. Approved the destruction of closed session audio recordings from February 2019 to June 2019.
8. Approved a Shared Service Technology Assistant Agreement with Coal City Unit #1.
9. Approved the reassignment of Jay Radke from Technology Instructor to Technology Assistant.
10. Approved the resolution authorizing the honorable dismissal of support instructional staff as presented.
11. Approved the re-employment of instructional faculty as presented.

**J. ATHLETIC DIRECTOR REPORT**

Athletic Director Dan Hutchings reported:

**Calendar of Events:**

April 5 - Baseball, Softball, Girls Soccer, Boys Tennis and Track & Field begin

April 5 - Middle School Wrestling begins practicing

April 19 - Wrestling may begin practicing

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**High School Athletics:**

<b>Football</b>		<b>Volleyball</b>		<b>Cheerleaders</b>		<b>Poms</b>		<b>Boys Soccer</b>	
Seniors	16	Seniors	6	Seniors	2	Seniors	3	Seniors	9
Juniors	17	Juniors	12	Juniors	7	Juniors	1	Juniors	7
Sophomores	27	Sophomores	8	Sophomores	3	Sophomores	0	Sophomores	8
Freshmen	29	Freshmen	12	Freshmen	2	Freshmen	3	Freshmen	5
Total:	89	Total:	38	Total:	14	Total:	7	Total:	29

177 students involved in athletics during this spring season

**Middle School Athletics:**

- 7th Grade Volleyball - Regional Champions  
Coach Pam McMurtrey
- 8th Grade Volleyball - Regional Champions, Sectional Champions  
Coach Kerry Yedinak

<b>Girls Basketball</b>	<b>Boys &amp; Girls Track</b>
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade - 15	Boys - 66
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade - 15	Girls - 68
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade - 11	

- IESA will try to host a State Track Meet after the Sectionals this spring.
- Athletics at the middle school and high school have been going well. Coaches and athletes are excited to be back practicing and competing.

**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 TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT WITH ILLINOIS CENTRAL SCHOOL BUS**

On March 3, the Board accepted the year firm bid alternative for transportation services from Illinois Central School Bus. The three (3) agreement for transportation services is for the 21-22, 22-23, and 23-24 school years. Dr. Bugg thanked CSBO Jason Smith, and Board members Mary Gill and Robert Bianchetta for their work on the contract.

Mr. Engelhardt moved and Mr. Bianchetta seconded to approve the three-year agreement for transportation services with Illinois Central School Bus, as presented.

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Roll Call.

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

**B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON AWARDING THE 2021 HIGH SCHOOL ROOF PROJECT BID**

CSBO Jason Smith discussed the bid award for the high school roof project.

Mr. Harmon moved and Mrs. Gill seconded to authorize Jason Smith to direct Cordogan Clark & Associates to award the bid to Adler Roofing & Sheet Metal, Inc. for the summer roof project at the high school for the firm bid of \$267,700, and to reject all other bid offers.

Roll Call.

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

**C. DISCUSSION ON ANNOUNCED CLOSURE OF DRESDEN STATION**

Dr. Bugg provided the Board with a summary of the District's activity since the announced closure of the Dresden Station. Dr. Bugg also updated the Board on the Climate Union Jobs Act and its potential impact on the Dresden Nuclear Power Station. Dr. Bugg is very hopeful that with the current activity, and bipartisan legislative support that the bill has a good chance of passing. Dr. Bugg will have a better idea by mid-May. There will be more information to come at future Board meetings. Mr. Spencer provided an update on the implementation of the Budget Efficiency Committee's recommendations in regards to staffing for 2021 – 2022.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON HAZARDOUS BUS ROUTE DECLARATION**

The State Board of Education requires that school boards annually review the conditions of the hazardous bus areas and certify to the state whether or not the hazardous conditions remain unchanged. Areas that have been designated as hazardous will remain unchanged for the 2021-2022 school year.

Mr. Harmon moved and Mr. Lander seconded to approve the status of the existing Hazardous Busing Areas as presented and submit the certification to the State Board of Education and Illinois Department of Transportation.

Roll Call.

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

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**B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON APPROVAL OF THE QUARTERLY DROP OUT REPORT**

The Quarterly Drop Out Report for the quarter ending March 10, 2021 was prepared and ready for Board approval. The approval of the Quarterly Drop Out Report is a State requirement, which ensures that the School Board is informed of students leaving our school system.

Mr. Hamilton moved and Mr. Lander seconded to approve filing the Quarterly Drop Out Report with the Regional Office of Education for the quarter ending March 10, 2021.

Roll Call.

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

Nays:

Motion: Carried.

**C. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING**

A Federal requirement for school districts with outstanding bond debt is that each district must provide a “Continuing Disclosure” report to certain repositories. The proposal from Raymond James and Associates, to provide assistance with continuing disclosure obligations at a fee of \$1,750 is attached for review.

Mr. Harmon moved and Mr. Bianchetta seconded to accept the proposal from Raymond James & Associates, Inc. to provide the District with the annual Continuing Disclosure as presented.

Roll Call.

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

Nays:

Motion: Carried.

**D. DISCUSSION ON ESSER II GRANT SPENDING PLAN**

Dr. Bugg discussed the planning for ESSER II round of federal funding intended to mitigate the issues created by the COVID-19 pandemic. The district previously applied and used ESSER I funds and anticipates a third round of ESSER funding for expenses through September 2024. CSBO Jason Smith and Dr. Bugg discussed possible options on how the federal funds could be spent as it relates to learning loss for students and better air quality in the buildings. There will be further discussions at future Board meetings on how to best utilize the funds.

**E. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON INSURANCE RENEWAL**

CSBO Jason Smith discussed the estimated insurance renewal costs for 2021 – 2022.

Mr. Lander moved and Mr. Engelhardt seconded to approve the recommendation to accept the three (3) year renewal at a rate reduction of 3.4% for vision insurance coverage with VSP.

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Roll Call.

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

Mr. Harmon moved and Mrs. Gill seconded to approve the recommendation to accept the two (2) year rate freeze for dental insurance coverage with Guardian.

Roll Call.

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

**F. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON APPROVAL OF LIBRARY MEDIA GRANT**

Allison Peterson, Librarian and English Teacher at the High School, was awarded the Library Media Grant from the Secretary of State in the amount of \$1,529.25. The grant funds will provide supplementary support to the school's library media program. Dr. Bugg and the Board thanked Mrs. Peterson for taking the initiative and applying for the grant.

Mr. Bianchetta moved and Mr. Lander seconded to approve the Library Media Grant from the Secretary of State, in the amount of \$1,529.25

Roll Call.

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

**G. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON SHARED TECHNOLOGY SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH GAVC**

Dr. Bugg discussed the shared Technology Services Agreement with GAVC for the 21 – 22 school year. GAVC has a program that will condense in the upcoming school year, and the District has an opportunity to get a part-time Tech Assistant to assist with all the Chromebooks at no added cost.

Mr. Lander moved and Mr. Bianchetta seconded to approve the shared Technology Services Agreement with GAVC for the 2021 – 2022 school year, as presented.

Roll Call.

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

**OPEN FOR ITEMS NOT KNOWN AT AGENDA PREPARATION TIME**

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1. In regard to agenda items – none.
2. In general (Limited to 5 minutes per person.) – The Board thanked Mr. Engelhardt for his service as a board member on the Board of Education. Dr. Bugg thanked Mr. Engelhardt for his service, and hopes that he will stay engaged in the community. Mr. Engelhardt was appreciative for the opportunity to serve on the Board, and felt he learned a lot and is grateful for the experience.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Mr. Hamilton moved and Mr. Lander seconded to go to closed session at 7:11 p.m. 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: Shawn Hamilton, Chuck Lander, Robert Bianchetta, Dan Engelhardt, Mary Gill, Quint Harmon, Ken Miller

Nays:

Motion: Carried.

When the Board returned to open session, President Miller called the regular meeting to order at 7:17 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.

**BOARD STUDY SESSION OF THE WHOLE DATE:                      APRIL 28, 2021 @ 6 P.M.  
In Coal City CUSD #1 Administrative Center Board Room**

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE:    MAY 5, 2021 @ 6 P.M.  
In Coal City CUSD #1 Administrative Center Board Room**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Harmon moved and Mrs. Gill seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 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

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Mary Gill, Secretary