

Coal City Community Unit School District #1
Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 1, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

President Miller called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the board members answering roll call present: Dan Engelhardt, Quint Harmon, Cindy Klein, Matt Melvin, Mindy Rampa, Ryan VanDuyne, and Ken Miller. Also, in attendance were Superintendent Christopher Spencer, CSBO Jason Smith, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Jennifer Kenney, Director of Student Services Luke Krippel, Secretary to the Board of Education LaWanda Gagliardo, and Community Relations Specialist Ann Gill.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Miller led the Board, and others present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Introduction/acknowledgement of guests.
2. Principal – Tracy Carlson, Principal at the Intermediate School was in attendance and introduced her newly hired certified staff:

Intermediate School

Kyra Benson
Holly Engstrom
Jessica Giordano

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.

Mrs. Klein moved, and Mrs. Rampa seconded to approve the consent agenda.

MINUTES

September 3, 2025 - Regular Meeting
September 17, 2025 - Board Study Session

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

None.
September 17, 2025 - Board Study Session

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Activity Fund Reports – August 2025
Treasurer's Report – August 2025
Monthly Manual Check Report – September 2025
Payroll Report – September 2025
Accounts Payable Report – October 2025

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PERSONNEL

Employments – *pending satisfactory completion of all state requirements*

- Heather Egeland – 1:1 Special Education Aide at the Early Childhood Center. Ms. Egeland is replacing Ms. Blanton. Ms. Egeland's anticipated start date is September 22, 2025.
- Michael Frankovich – Custodian Floater for the District – Mr. Frankovich's anticipated start date is October 1, 2025.
- Nicholas Reich – Custodian at the High School – Mr. Reich is replacing Ian Petrovich, and his anticipated start date is September 29, 2025.
- Nicole Smith – 1:1 Special Education Aide at the Middle School.

Leave Requests

- Greg Wills – English Teacher at the High School – Mr. Wills is requesting an eighteen (18) day paid sick leave, with use of accumulated sick leave in accordance with the Teacher's Negotiated Agreement, from approximately Friday, October 31, 2025, through Monday, December 1, 2025.

Extra-Curricular Resignations

- Chris Figge - Middle School Volunteer Assistant Wrestling Coach

Extra-Curricular Assignments

Athletic Director Rodney Monbrum is recommending the following for coaching/volunteering positions:

Volunteers:

- Chris Figge - Middle School Volunteer Assistant Wrestling Coach

Full-Time:

- Evan Rivera - Middle School Assistant Wrestling Coach
- JR Rivera - Middle School Assistant Wrestling Coach
- Kyra Benson – After School Assistance Program Sponsor – Ms. Benson is replacing Ms. Cowherd.

Roll Call.

Ayes: Cindy Klein, Mindy Rampa, Dan Engelhardt, Quint Harmon, Matt Melvin, Ryan VanDuyne, Ken Miller

Nays:

Motion: Carried.

ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS

A. EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER REPORT

Principal Davidson Reported:

Calendar of Events:

October 1st - Staff Culture Meeting @ 2:55pm

October 2nd - Lockdown Drill @ 9:00am

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October 2nd – A-Team Meeting @ 2:55pm
October 3rd - Refuge Coffee Pop Up for Staff (all day)
October 6th - SAP Team Meeting @ 2:55pm
October 7th - SPED Team Meeting @ 2:55pm
October 7th - PBS Team Meeting @ 2:55pm
October 8th - Early Dismissal
October 13th - No School
October 14th - Kindergarten Team Meeting @ 11:10am
October 14th - 1st Grade Team Meeting @ 12:15pm
October 14th - SPED Team Meeting @ 2:55pm
October 15th - Attendance Committee Meeting @ 2:55pm
October 16th - Firetruck Presentations
October 16th - Preschool Team Meeting @ 10:45am
October 16th - Specials Team Meeting @ 2:55pm
October 20th - Scholastic Book Fair begins
October 20th - CPI Team Meeting @ 2:55pm
October 21st - SPED Team Meeting @ 2:55pm
October 21st - Support Staff Team Meeting @ 2:55pm
October 22nd - Picture Retake Day
October 22nd - Custodian Team Meeting
October 23rd - Early Dismissal (PM Preschool attends)
October 23rd - Parent Teacher Conferences @ 4:00pm-8:00pm
October 24th - No School
October 24th - Parent Teacher Conferences @ 8:00am-1:00pm (8:00am-9:00am is by appointment only)
October 27th - Red Ribbon Week Begins
October 27th - SAP Team Meeting @ 2:55pm
October 28th - CC Junior Women's Club Fingerprinting
October 28th - SPED Team Meeting @ 2:55pm
October 30th - Staff Meeting @ 2:55pm
October 31st - Halloween (AM Parade @ 10:00am/PM Parade @ 1:45pm)

Current ECC Enrollment for 2025-2026:

PreK: 140

Kindergarten: 120

1st Grade: 149

Total: 409 (in PowerSchool as of September 25th, 2025)

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Completed Safety Drills:

Table1				Quarterly Checks	
Column 1	Panic Button	AED Devices	Phone for Lockdown		AED Pads
August	8/15	8/19	8/18	August	8/19
September	9/12	9/16	9/15	November	11/19
October	10/10	10/15	10/14	February	2/17
November	11/14	11/19	11/17	May	5/19
December	12/12	12/16	12/15		
January	1/9	1/13	1/12		
February	2/13	2/17	2/18		
March	3/13	3/17	3/16		
April	4/17	4/21	4/20		
May	5/15	5/19	5/18		

- Fire Drill (without fire department) - September 12th, 2025
- Bus Evacuation Drill - September 3rd, 2025
- Shelter-in-Place Drill - September 9th, 2025

Month-in-Review:

September was a busy and exciting month at the Early Childhood Center!

To honor Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, our school community came together in a big way. Students and staff participated in Penny Wars throughout the month, enjoyed jeans days, and sold yellow awareness bracelets to raise funds and show support. We also held a variety of themed dress-up days, creating a fun and spirited atmosphere while highlighting the importance of this cause. All proceeds collected during the month will be donated to *Megan's Mission* in honor of Megan Bugg.

We joined in the Coal City High School Homecoming festivities, taking part in themed dress-up days and showing our Coaler pride. On Friday, September 26, our students will be released early so they can enjoy the CCHS Homecoming Parade at 2:30 p.m., celebrating alongside our district community.

Inside the building, students are settling into the routines of school and demonstrating our expectations of being Respectful, Responsible, and Safe. We are celebrating attendance and positive behavior in meaningful ways. When students are “caught being a good Coaler,” they earn Coaler Cash, which they can spend at our Coaler Store each month—a fun incentive that promotes our positive behavior goals.

It’s been a month filled with school spirit, community involvement, and strong starts to the year. We are proud of our students and staff for their enthusiasm and commitment to making September a success!

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Recognition:

This month, I would like to recognize **Kailee Walgren**, our outstanding school social worker. Quite simply, our building would not function without her. Kailee is the heart of the Early Childhood Center, always willing to step in and help anyone in need—whether it’s a student navigating a tough moment or a staff member needing support.

The start of this school year has brought many unique challenges, and Kailee has approached every situation with **kindness, empathy, and a calm, steady presence**. She takes the weight of the ECC on her shoulders and makes it look effortless. Her dedication to our students, families, and staff is remarkable, and her positive impact is felt throughout the entire building every single day.

Kailee is truly an amazing social worker, and if it were possible, I would copy and paste her three more times! We are incredibly fortunate to have her as part of our ECC team.

B. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Trotter reported:

Calendar of Events:

Week of October 6th: Fire Prevention Week

October 8th: 11:45 Dismissal

October 13th: No School

October 15th: Picture Retakes

October 17th-24th: Scholastic Book Fair

October 23rd & 24th: Parent/Teacher Conferences

October 23rd: 11:45 Dismissal

October 24th: No School

Week of October 26th: Red Ribbon Week

October 31st: Halloween Parties/Parade

ES Enrollment:

2nd Grade: 146 students

3rd Grade: 137 students

Total: 283 (enrolled as of 9/25/2025)

CCES Happenings and Recognitions:

- The ES has been recognizing Childhood Cancer in September with many different activities: Wear Gold Wednesdays, Penny Wars, NFL Day, Red, White & Blue Day and of course Coaler Fridays. Students and staff can buy gold bracelets and bring in a monetary donation to wear a hat at school. All money raised will be donated to Megan’s Mission.
- The last full week of September, the students have celebrated Homecoming Week with a lot of fun Spirit Days: Minion Day, Superhero Day and Class Color Day.

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- Mrs. Schultz had her annual New Student Breakfast with our seven new students to the district.
- The weather has been cooperative as we participated in Bike to School Days every Wednesday in September.
- Mrs. Erhard organized an author visit with the students. Amy Logan, the author of *A Girl With A Cape*, *A Boy With A Cape* and many more, read to the students, signed copies of her books and answered questions. Amy lives in Joliet with her family. Thanks to Mrs. Erhard for setting up this fun event. The students and staff are still talking about it. The book is about Creating A Positive Environment (C.A.P.E.) and many of our students have been wearing capes around the building as they spread kindness.
- Thanks to Mr. Boresi for setting up the “Coaler Fan of the Game”. These students are celebrated at the home football games and presented with some amazing Coaler Swag!

C. INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Carlson reported:

Calendar of Upcoming Events:

10/1 Student Council Meeting 7:30 a.m.
10/1 5th Grade Team Meeting 3:10 p.m.
10/2 Custodian Appreciate Day
10/2 CPI Team Meeting 3:10 p.m.
10/6 & 10/7 Fire Safety Presentation & Fire Truck Exploration During P.E.
10/6 A Team Meeting 3:10 p.m.
10/7 PBS Meeting 3:10 p.m.
10/8 11:45 Dismissal
10/9 Staff Potluck Lunch
10/9 Custodian Meeting 3:10 p.m.
10/10 Evacuation/Fire Drill 1:30 p.m.
10/13 No School ~ Columbus Day
10/14 4th Grade Field Trip to Brookfield Zoo
10/14 TALC Meeting 3:10 p.m.
10/15 Student Council Meeting 7:30 a.m.
10/15 Picture Retakes, All-School Photo, Band Photo
10/15 Specials Team Meeting 3:10 p.m.
10/15 5th Grade Cupcake Launch 4:00 p.m.
10/15-10/24 Candy Apples for Community Fundraiser
10/16 LLT 8:00-11:00 a.m. at CCHS
10/16 SpEd Team Meeting 3:10 p.m.
10/17 Walk to CCHS for Fall Play Preview 1:00 p.m.
10/20 SAP Meeting 3:10 p.m.
10/21 PBS Meeting 3:10 p.m.
10/22 4th Grade Team Meeting 3:10 p.m.
10/23 Behavior Reward Assembly/Hungry, Hungry Hippos 9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. (5th); 10:45 a.m.-

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11:30 a.m. (4th)

10/23 11:45 Dismissal; Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

10/24 No School ~ Parent/Teacher Conferences 8:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

10/27-10/31 Red Ribbon Week

Monday ~ “Red-y to Make Good Choices” – Red Day

Tuesday ~ “Team Up Against Bad Choices” – Sports/Jersey Day

Wednesday ~ “Put Bad Choices to Bed” – PJ Day

Thursday ~ “Give Bad Choices the Boot” – Country Western/Cowboy Day

Friday ~ “Say BOO to Bad Choices” – Halloween Costumes

10/27 A Team Meeting 3:10 p.m.

10/28 TALC Meeting 3:10 p.m.

10/28 5th Grade Field Trip to Chicago Wolves Game

10/29 Student Council Meeting 7:30 a.m.

10/29 Candy Apple Pickup 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

10/29 Culture Club Meeting 3:10 p.m.

10/30 Support Staff Meeting 3:10 p.m.

10/31 Halloween Hallway Parade with CCES 1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Current Enrollment:

4th Grade 155

5th Grade 155

Total: 310 - This includes one 4th grade student who is enrolled in a special education program outside of CCIS.

Emergency/Crisis Drills Completed:

Evacuation/Fire 8/20/25

Shelter-in-Place/Storm 8/21/25

Lockdown 8/22/25; 9/18/25**

Bus Evacuation 9/4/25

***Armed Intruder*

Previous Month in Review:

- On 8/29 we had a pizza party for our 10 new students so we could get to know each other better, and they could ask questions about CCIS.
- We held our Student Council homeroom elections during the last week of August. The members are listed below in the Student Recognition section. The Student Council meets every two weeks at 7:30 a.m. with Mrs. Ness, the sponsor.
- Throughout the month of September, we did many little things to focus on Childhood Cancer Awareness. Each student was given a paper ribbon to color yellow and display in their classroom window or hallway. We sold yellow wristbands for \$1.00, and we had a Penny War for each grade level. All the money collected will be donated to Megan’s Mission Foundation. All staff were given yellow adjustable bracelets to wear. Every Wednesday students and staff wore gold to school to spread awareness of childhood cancer. On 9/11 students and staff could donate a \$1.00 to wear a hat all day at school. On 9/15 staff could donate \$5.00 to wear jeans at school. I will report our total donation in next month’s report to the Board of Education.

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- The Wellness Committee sponsored Bike to School Days on September 3, 10, 17, and 24. Our bike population was well over 100 on these days.
- On September 10, we held our 8th annual CCIS Pizza Delivery Night from 4:00-8:30. Twenty-eight staff members (listed below in Staff Recognition) volunteered to make this wonderful event possible. We delivered 363 pizzas and 538 Crumbl cookies. It was so much fun! We appreciate Geo's Pizza for supporting our event.
- On 9/11, we recognized Patriot Day by wearing Red, White, and Blue to school.
- We joined in the fun during Homecoming Week with the following spirit days 9/22-9/26.
 - Monday ~ Minion Day
 - Tuesday ~ Superhero Day
 - Wednesday ~ Gold Day for Childhood Cancer Awareness
 - Thursday ~ Class Color Day & Anything BUT a Backpack Day
 - Friday ~ Coalers Spirit Day
- We currently have 12 students in ASAP (After School Assistance Program); 6 in 5th grade and 6 in 4th grade. Recommended students receive homework help from 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. three days a week from Miss Benson or Mrs. Rink.
- Every Friday morning different CCHS Coalers came to our building to greet our students as they arrived at school. So far, we have had varsity players from football, soccer, dance, and golf, and we look forward to continuing this every Friday.
- Every Friday was Coaler Spirit Day at CCIS.

Student Recognition:

- Congratulations to the following Students of the Week:
 - Week of 9/8: Savannah Zamora, Liam Santos, Addie Bitner, Oliver Edmonds
 - Week of 9/15: Shiloh Krause, Nolan Wren, Emmy Hall, Everett Proffit
 - Week of 9/22: Ellie Blustein, Thomas Henderson, Aubrey Czaja, Aaron Evans
 - Week of 9/29: Evie Wren, Colton Brncich, Kennedy Enerson, Emerson Hansen
- Congratulations to our first semester Student Council Representatives:

Cora Strunga	Colton Brncich	Evan Calderon	Grayson Trofimchuck
Addison Reszel	Theo Calderon	Catalina Echevarria	London Collins
Jaycie Pfizenmaier	Rylee Vasilopoulos	Blakely Riley	Kitch Jackson
Lincoln Wren	Alex Jeschke	Darcy VanDuyne	Landyn Collins
Aaron Evans	Brady Loughran	Kira Berlanga	Aubreigh Caise
Brantley Stewart	Morgan Clarke	Logan Ingalls	Sawyer Hodge
Joey Vazquez	Morgan Mutz	Ellie Blustein	Greyson Sonneman

Staff Recognition:

- I want to recognize Nikki Boresi, Amy Gaffigan, Betsy Cowherd and Ali Scrogam for planning and organizing our Pizza Delivery Night. It was a lot of work.
- I would like to recognize and thank these **28** staff members who helped with our Pizza Delivery Night. I really appreciate the time they volunteered for this fantastic event.
ALSO, this year CCIS staff had to drive their own vehicles because there wasn't enough space at CCES to have the D'Orazio Ford vehicles brought here.

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Amy Gaffigan	Nikki Boresi	Betsy Cowherd	Allison Anderson
Steph Barkley	Becky Housman	Teresa Chernesky	Tara Charles
Jenn Rink	Andy Leve	Kyra Benson	Sofia Rankin
Ashlyn Fisk	Cherie Sieger	Tricia Hall	Lance Roseland
Riane O'Donnell	Jenn Ness	Savannah Jacobs	Rachel Rose
Moree Harney	Jen Munsterman	Joey Rivera	Jessica Giordano
Tina Vignocchi	Ali Scroggum	Regan Ullrich	Tracy Schmitz

- I want to recognize Steve McCleary (and Branden Petersen) for grilling at our Homecoming Potluck Lunch for Staff.
- I want to recognize Amy Gaffigan and Nikki Boresi for taking the lead on learning Mastery Manager, which is our new assessment tool for organizing data giving our teachers instant ability to measure our students' progress on the learning standards.

D. MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Stone reported:

Calendar of Events:

September 22 – 26 – Homecoming Week
 September 22 & 23 – The SpongeBob Musical Auditions
 September 23 – Fire Drill @ 9:30 a.m.
 September 24 – SAEBRS Screener
 September 26 – Homecoming Parade @ 2:30 p.m.
 October 1 – Fire Drill @ 1:05 p.m.
 October 2 – Custodian Appreciation Day
 October 8 – Early Dismissal @ 12:00 p.m.
 October 8 – Picture Retakes from 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
 October 9 – Elyssa's Mission 7th Grade @ 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
 October 13 – Columbus Day/No School
 October 15 – End of Quarter 1
 October 16 – Thankful Thursday – Team 1
 October 23 – Early Dismissal @ Noon/Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
 October 23 – 31- Red Ribbon Week
 October 24 – No Student Attendance/Parent Teacher Conference 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Enrollment:

6th Grade 139
 7th Grade 140
 8th Grade 154
Total: 433

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Month in Review – September 2025

- Coal City Middle School observed Labor Day on Monday, September 1st.
- CCMS held picture day on Tuesday, September 9th. A special thanks goes to Brenna Noffsinger for her work organizing the event. Retakes will be Wednesday, October 8th along with CCMS Fall Sports Picture Day.
- CCMS teachers took part in our first CCMS Professional Development Day on Wednesday, September 10 and overall, the staff feedback was incredibly positive with our new school improvement initiatives.
- CCMS held the following drills since the start of the school year:
 - Bus Evacuation Drill: August 20th
 - Intruder Drill: September 17th
 - Fire Drill (w/ Fire Department Participation): September 23rd
- Our CCMS McTeacher Night was a huge success on Wednesday, September 17th. CCMS was able to raise \$1,700 for our PBS account that goes directly back to fund our PBS program, student of the month program, and attendance incentives for our challenges. CCMS had over 25 staff members participate in the night which was a great time!



Coal City Middle School Athletics

CCMS Athletics finished their fall athletics' season. Coach Wills finished his last year as the middle school baseball coach. Greg has coached baseball for over 30 years within our school district, be sure to congratulate him. Our 8th grade softball team won the Manteno regional by defeating Manteno on their home field. Unfortunately, we lost in a 10-inning thriller in the sectional championship by a score of 1-0 to Normal Chiddix. Soccer had 43 athletes compete this year and played more games this year than the last two seasons. Girls Basketball is up and running with all three levels practicing. Coach Schmitt (6th grade) has 16 athletes, Coach Drey (7th grade) has 13 athletes, and Mr. Leve (8th grade) has 10 athletes on the team. Boys Basketball tryouts are set for October 20th with Nick Peters, Keegan Clampitt, and Josh Quigley as the coaches.

CCMS Softball Coaches

Brad Schmitt – A Team

Steph Vucsko – B Team

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CCMS Baseball Coaches

Greg Wills – A Team (retiring)

Nate Wills – B Team

Mike Pfeiffer – C Team

CCMS Soccer

Mike Kostbade

Katherine Drey (1st year soccer coach)

CCMS Girls Basketball

Brad Schmitt - 6th Grade

Katherine Drey - 7th Grade (1st year basketball coach)

Andy Leve - 8th Grade

E. HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Stafford reported:

Calendar of Events:

- October 2 - Post High School Event
- October 8 - Fall Testing/Pre-ACT - No senior attendance
- October 15 - ICE Leadership Conference @ Wilmington High School
- October 16 - Opening Night - Fall Play
- October 21 - Elyssa's Mission presentation
- October 23 & 24 - Parent Teacher Conferences
- October 28 - Fire Drill
- October 29 - Haunted Hallways

Month in Review:

- *U of I & USF campus visit* - On September 9th and 18th, CCHS seniors attended campus visits to both the University of St. Francis and the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Students heard an admissions presentation, went on a campus tour, attended a university fair and were able to eat lunch in a residence hall dining center. The goal was to get students on a college campus and to start thinking about plans after graduation. To attend, students had to meet minimum admission requirements. This fall, students were given the opportunity to attend three campus visits to local universities. More trips are being planned for juniors this spring.
- *Homecoming* - This year's homecoming theme was "Coaler Clue." Each day students were given the opportunity to solve a mystery and win a prize. In addition, the week included a staff vs. students' flag football game, pep assembly, and powder puff game in addition to "food truck Friday" followed by the community parade.

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Recognition:

→ *National Merit Semifinalist* - The National Merit Scholarship is a prestigious honor awarded to high-achieving high school students who demonstrate academic excellence through the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) taken during their junior year. After taking the PSAT/NMSQT and scoring in the top 1% in their state on the resulting selection index, students earn Nation Merit Semifinalist status. CCHS is proud to announce Jacob Cimino has received this recognition. Jacob will have the opportunity to earn finalist status later this fall. Congratulations to Jacob!

Current Enrollment:

Freshmen: 162

Sophomore: 155

Junior: 160

Senior: 180

Total: 657

Discipline Report:

Vaping - 1

Skipping class/Leaving school - 5

Inappropriate behavior at lunch - 7

Inappropriate technology use - 1

Insubordination - 2

F. STUDENT SERVICES REPORT

Director Krippel reported:

LEA Determination Review - Illinois State Board of Education

The Illinois State Board of Education provides each school district with an Annual Determination Report. The purpose of this report is to determine performance in multiple categories regarding the provision of special education and related services to students with disabilities. This report (FY 2024) found Coal City CUSD #1 to “Meet Requirements” by scoring 33 out of 36 possible points. Because of this performance score, the district is considered a “tiered level of support - 1” which means no further action or remediation is required. Our special education teams deserve the highest praise and recognition for their continued excellence in supporting our students with special needs. The official report is attached below for your review.

[LEA Determination 24-25.pdf](#)

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District Demographics

<i>School Year</i>	<i>District Enrollment</i>	<i>Low-Income Rate</i>
<i>2006</i>	2018	15.8%
<i>2024</i>	2146	38%

<i>Current Low-Income Rate by Building</i>					
<i>ECC</i>	<i>ES</i>	<i>IS</i>	<i>MS</i>	<i>HS</i>	<i>District</i>
<i>51.46</i>	<i>38.44</i>	<i>33.96</i>	<i>34.34</i>	<i>28.61</i>	<i>35.87</i>

Current 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>District</i>
<i>139</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>65</i>	<i>66</i>	<i>372</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>
<i>1</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>58</i>	<i>119</i>

<i>Coaler Academy Data</i>				
<i>Full Time</i>	<i>Hybrid</i>	<i>Intervention</i>	<i>Total Students</i>	<i>Pending Referrals</i>
<i>13</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>0</i>

<i>Out of District Placements</i>				
<i>Oswego SD308</i>	<i>Guiding Light</i>	<i>High Road</i>	<i>Easterseals</i>	<i>Total Students</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>11</i>

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<i>Miscellaneous Student Data</i>	
<i>ELL</i>	<i>Homeless</i>
<i>37</i>	<i>11</i>

<i>Overall Preschool Numbers</i>			
<i>Current Students</i>	<i>IEP Openings</i>	<i>At-Risk Openings</i>	<i>Waitlist</i>
<i>144/220</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>0</i>

G. CURRICULUM REPORT

Director Kenney reported:

Professional Development:

There will be no professional development in November. The October 8th professional development will continue to focus on the various needs of the schools and will conclude with the third and final professional development day on December 10th.

State Information – Summative Designations

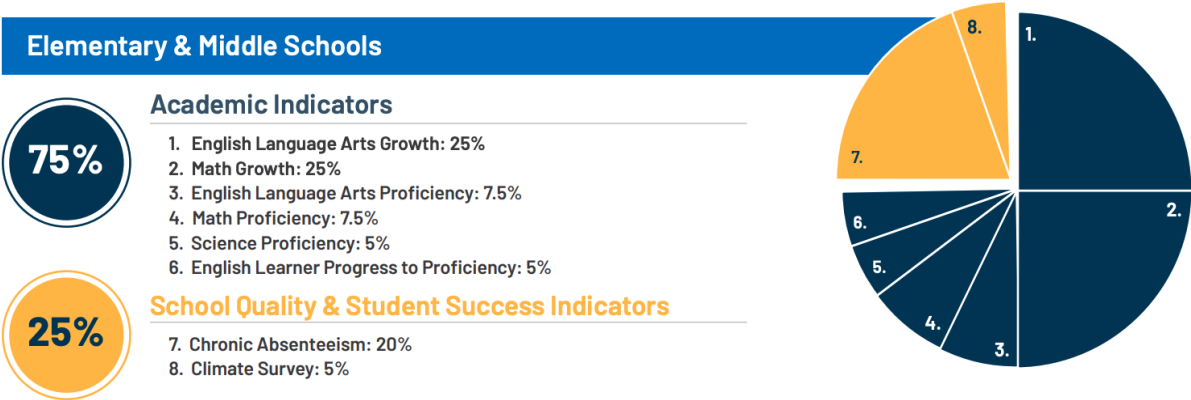
Designations will be based on the following information from 2025.

Elementary/Middle

- *ELA Growth 25%
- *Math Growth 25%
- *ELA Proficiency 7.5%
- *Math Proficiency 7.5%
- *Science Proficiency 5%
- *ELPtP 5% (we do not have this, so this 5% is shared among the other parts)
- *Chronic Absenteeism 20%
- *Climate Survey 5% (where student survey is administered)

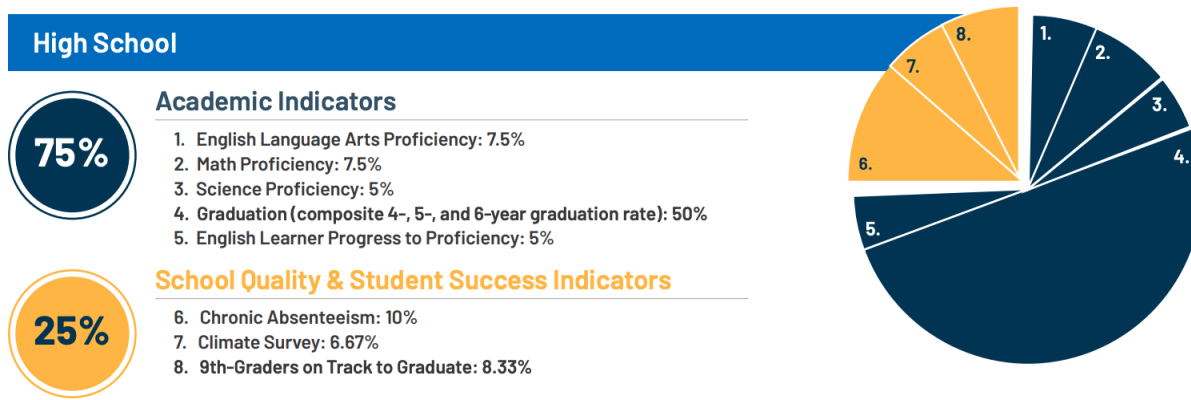
Additional indicators that were going to be introduced are no longer in the plan. ISBE will be reconfiguring the entire designation system for the 2026-2027 school year.

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High School

- *Graduation Rate 50%
- *ELA Proficiency 7.5%
- *Math Proficiency 7.5%
- *Science 5%
- *ELPtP 5% (we do not have this so this 5% is shared to the other parts)
- *Chronic Absenteeism 10%
- *Climate Survey 6.67%
- *9th Grade on Track 8.33%



Comparison data will hopefully be available at the end of October. This information will be presented at the board meeting, as the moratorium on the release of the summative designations has not yet been lifted.

Our focus will be on increasing achievement in both ELA and Mathematics. Plans are already being created. We will also focus on school improvement plans that are building-focused. These plans will help us to provide targeted professional development.

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H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Spencer reported:

1. FOIA Requests:

- A FOIA request was received from Lake County Gazette requesting AP Scholar Awards.
- A FOIA request was received from Marina Garcia requesting records with contractual rates for speech language pathologist, social workers, psychologists, behavior analysts, aides, and registered behavior technicians.

2. Student Teachers:

- Annika March a student at the University of Illinois, will complete her student teaching with Band Teacher Andrew Brimm at the Middle School during the 2nd semester starting in January of 2026.

3. Monthly student enrollment figures were available for review.

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 7 – Book Fair at the Middle School

October 8 – Early Dismissal/MS Picture Retakes & Fall Sports Pictures

October 9 – Elyssa Mission at the Middle School

October 13 – Columbus Day/No School

October 15 – HS/MS End of 1st Quarter

October 15 – ES/IS Fall Picture Retakes and All School Photo & Band Photo

October 15 - *Last day to make changes/cancellations* for Joint Annual Conference

October 16 & 18 – High School Fall Play at 7:00 p.m.

October 19 – High School Fall Play at 2:00 p.m.

October 21 – Elyssa's Mission at the High School

October 22 – Spanish Honor Society Induction at 6:00 p.m.

October 23 – Early Dismissal/Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

October 24 – No School/Parent Teacher Conferences 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

October 25 – High School Fall Play at 7:00 p.m.

October 26 – High School Fall Play at 2:00 p.m.

October 29 – Board Study Session of the Whole Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

November 20 – 23 – Joint Annual Conference - Friday Workshops

I. GRUNDY AREA VOCATIONAL CENTER REPORT

Mr. Engelhardt reported:

1. Approved the Minutes of the August 28, 2025, Budget hearing and Board of Control Meeting.
2. Approved the bills, payroll, and financial reports.
3. Approved the 2025-2026 11th day enrollments and EAV.
4. Foundations of Teaching, Ms. Eungard brought in three students who spoke about their time in Ms. Eungard's in classrooms.

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5. Ms. Eungard also spoke about the 2nd place winner from GAVC in the Skills USA National Competition.
6. Assistant Director Gierke informed the Board of Control that the agriculture program had been asked to lead the Grundy County Corn Festival Parade this year.
7. Assistant Director Gierke informed the Board of Control that Health Occupations students had started the Rhythm of the Youth rotations.
8. Assistant Director Gierke informed the Board of Control that the Auto classes started the process of assembling the Cobra Kt car.
9. Assistant Director Gierke went over the number of IEP's and 504's that are attending GAVC.
10. Assistant Director Gierke discussed the JJC Dual Enrollment Open House scheduled for October 17, from 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
11. Assistant Director Gierke explained that teacher evaluations have begun.
12. Assistant Director Gierke let the Board of Control know that she will be co-chairing the CTE Network with Tammi Conn from Bolingbrook for TREES and P&CC.
13. Dean of Students Sampson let the Board of Control know that the Emergency Plan was up to date and was approved by local emergency management agencies.
14. Dean of Students Sampson let the Board of Control know that the Threat Assessment Plan and the Cardiac Emergency Response Plan both had been approved by the Regional Office of Education.
15. Dean of Students Sampson let the Board of Control know that the GAVC will once again be participating in the Grundy County Cornfest Parade.
16. Dean of Students Sampson informed the Board of Control that the 8th Grade Career Fair is scheduled for October 28, 2025.
17. Director Copes updated the Board of Control on the October calendar.
18. He reminded the Board that there will be a Board of Control Open House on October 8, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
19. Director Copes updated the Board of Control on Project House 27 and Project House 28.
20. Director Copes discussed a meeting he had with D14 about an aviation pilot program.
21. Director Copes discussed the need for substitutes within the clinicals for Health Occupations.
22. Approved the Life Safety scope of work, schedule, and estimated costs.
23. Approve Melissa Jones as the new Health Occupations Clinical Teaching Assistant.
24. Approved the bid from Glasser's Plumbing and Heating for \$49,375 for Project House 28.
25. Approved the FY26 Emergency Crisis and Threat Assessment Plans.
26. Approved the purchase of the Anatomize Virtual Cadaver Table for \$79,500.
27. Approved allowing the Director and Assistant Director to attend the National CTE Conference in Nashville, Tennessee from December 9 through December 13 and allowing TREES to cover the cost.

J. ATHLETIC DIRECTOR REPORT

Athletic Director Boresi reported:

Congratulations to Emma Sinkular. Emma was the girls' golf 2025 ICE Conference Individual Champion. Emma shot an 89 at Wolf Creek Golf Course on Monday, 9/22.

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The girls' golf regional is Tuesday, 9/30 at Dwight Country Club and the boys golf regional is Wednesday, 10/1 at Valley View Golf Club in Cambridge, IL.

Current Records:

Football: 3-1
Volleyball: 12-11-1
Boys Soccer: 14-1
Girls Tennis: 8-5

The Athletic Department has recognized Fans of the Game at the last two home games. Congratulations to Brooklyn Blaine, Quinn Koehn, Colin Muhlenbruch, Dominic Sallesse, Timo Gualandi, and Harper Horath.

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 THE THEATRE DEPARTMENT'S 2026 SPRING BREAK TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY

At the September 17, 2025, Board Study Session of the Whole Meeting, Theatre Director Jack Micetich was in attendance and presented the agenda, and hotel information for the Theatre Department's spring break to New York City. The Drama Club does several fundraisers to offset the cost for families.

Mr. Engelhardt moved, and Mr. Harmon seconded to approve the total group hotel cost at Hotel Edison in the amount of \$19,191.45 for the Theatre Department's FY26 trip to New York City, as presented.

Roll Call.

Ayes: Dan Engelhardt, Quint Harmon, Cindy Klein, Matt Melvin, Mindy Rampa, Ryan VanDuyne, Ken Miller
Nays:
Motion: Carried.

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON INCREASING THE BOARD'S FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ON QUALIFYING STUDENT PARTICIPATING EVENTS

At the September 17, 2025, Board Study Session Meeting, the Board discussed increasing the Board's financial assistance to defray the cost that is offered to students that advance to qualifying events. Currently that assistance is \$250.

Mr. Engelhardt moved, and Mr. VanDuyne seconded to approve increasing the Board's financial assistance from \$250 to \$300 to assist students with defraying the cost of expenses for qualifying events.

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Roll Call.

Ayes: Dan Engelhardt, Ryan VanDuyne, Quint Harmon, Cindy Klein, Matt Melvin, Mindy Rampa, Ken Miller

Nays:

Motion: Carried.

C. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON DELEGATE/ALTERNATE TO THE IASB DELEGATE ASSEMBLY AT THE JOINT ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Association's Delegate Assembly, comprised of one voting delegate from each member district, is the policy-making body of IASB. Through a vetted resolutions process, proposals presented by member school boards will be introduced, discussed, and voted upon. Results will guide the Association's position statements and staff in ongoing legislative efforts. A delegate and alternate will need to be appointed to represent our district at this assembly. At the September 17, 2025, Board Study Session Meeting the Board discussed the delegate and alternate for the district.

Mr. Engelhardt moved, and Mr. Melvin seconded to appoint Quint Harmon as delegate and Cindy Klein as alternate at the IASB Delegate Assembly at Joint Annual Conference.

Roll Call.

Ayes: Dan Engelhardt, Matt Melvin, Quint Harmon, Cindy Klein, Mindy Rampa, Ryan VanDuyne, Ken Miller

Nays:

Motion: Carried.

D. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON THE FY26 STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

At the September 17, 2025, Board Study Session Meeting the Superintendent Christopher Spencer provided the Board with an update on the FY26 Strategic Plan. The plan was presented for Board approval.

Mr. Harmon moved, and Mr. Engelhardt seconded to approve the Strategic Plan Goals for FY26.

Roll Call.

Ayes: Quint Harmon, Dan Engelhardt, Cindy Klein, Matt Melvin, Mindy Rampa, Ryan VanDuyne, Ken Miller

Nays:

Motion: Carried.

E. DISCUSSION ON STUDENT MANAGEMENT PLATFORM CONVERSION

CSBO Jason Smith discussed the conversion of the student management platform. Mr. Smith provided the Board with a summary of assembly a focus group to determine the features that would be most useful for the end users. Mr. Smith also provided the Board with a timeline for training and rollout, and the final product will be presented next month for Board approval.

F. DISCUSSION ON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Superintendent Christopher Spencer provided the Board with an update on the Intermediate School Construction project. The project is currently ahead of schedule and should be ready for FY27.

NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON APPROVAL OF THE 2025 – 2026 GOLF FACILITY

Athletic Director Brad Boresi made a recommendation to renew the agreement with Cinder Ridge Golf Course for the 2025 – 2026 golf season. Each match and practice will cost the district \$28.00 per player for the season. A practice range token is \$5.00, and after all totals have been calculated 10% will be deducted from the total bill.

Mr. Harmon moved, and Mrs. Rampa seconded to approve utilizing Cinder Ridge Golf Facility for the 25 – 26 golf season per the terms outlined in the letter of agreement.

Roll Call.

Ayes: Quint Harmon, Mindy Rampa, Dan Engelhardt, Cindy Klein, Matt Melvin, Ryan VanDuyne, Ken Miller

Nays:

Motion: Carried.

**B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON APPROVAL OF THE DESIGN PROPOSAL FOR THE KENT
A. BUGG PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**

CSBO Jason Smith discussed the design proposals and the cost associated for the audio-visual and control system upgrades in the Kent A. Bugg Performing Arts Center. Mr. Smith provided the Board with a timeline and summary of when the theatre was originally remodeled and the items that need to be repaired/upgraded.

Mr. Klein moved, and Mr. Harmon seconded to approve the proposals for the audio-visual and control system upgrade for the Kent A. Bugg Performing Arts Center, as presented.

Roll Call.

Ayes: Cindy Klein, Quint Harmon, Dan Engelhardt, Matt Melvin, Mindy Rampa, Ryan VanDuyne, Ken Miller

Nays:

Motion: Carried.

**C. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON BID AUTHORIZATION FOR THE AUDIO-VISUAL AND
CONTROL SYSTEM UPGRADES FOR THE KENT A. BUGG PERFORMING ARTS
CENTER**

CSBO Jason Smith discussed bid authorization for the audio-visual and control system upgrades for the Kent A. Bugg Performing Arts Center at the High School. Mr. Smith explained that there is no commitment to completing the work, this is just to allow the administration to starting the bidding process.

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Mr. Engelhardt moved, and Mrs. Rampa seconded to authorize the administration to request bids for the audio-visual and control system upgrades for the Kent A. Bugg Performing Arts Center, as presented.

Roll Call.

Ayes: Dan Engelhardt, Mindy Rampa, Quint Harmon, Cindy Klein, Matt Melvin, Ryan VanDuyne, Ken Miller

Nays:

Motion: Carried.

D. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON APPROVING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS' PARTICIPATION IN THE ALL-STATE PRODUCTION

High School students Lexi Dearth, Jordan Olson, and Sam Vota have earned spots in the All-State Production. Principal Art Stafford made a recommendation to assist the students with the All-State Production fees. The Board has a past practice of contributing financially to students to help defray costs of these school related activities.

Mr. Harmon moved, and Mrs. Klein seconded to approve the contribution of \$300 each to Lexi Dearth, Jordan Olson, and Sam Vota to assist with defraying the cost of participation in the All-State Production.

Roll Call.

Ayes: Quint Harmon, Cindy Klein, Dan Engelhardt, Matt Melvin, Mindy Rampa, Ryan VanDuyne, Ken Miller

Nays:

Motion: Carried.

E. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON ACCEPTING THE SCHOOL SITE DONATION FROM GRUNDY COUNTY

A School Site Donation in the amount of \$2,336.66 was received from Grundy County. A resolution was prepared for acceptance of the School Site Donation.

Mr. VanDuyne moved, and Mr. Engelhardt seconded to approve the resolution accepting the School Site Donation in the amount of \$2,336.66 from Grundy County, and to waive the reading of the resolution.

Roll Call.

Ayes: Ryan VanDuyne, Dan Engelhardt, Quint Harmon, Cindy Klein, Mindy Rampa, Ken Miller

Nays:

Abstained: Matt Melvin

Motion: Carried.

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

**BOARD STUDY SESSION OF THE WHOLE DATE: OCTOBER 29, 2025 @ 6:00 P.M.
In Coal City CUSD #1 Administrative Center Boardroom**

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE: NOVEMBER 5, 2025 @ 6:00 P.M.
In Coal City CUSD #1 Administrative Center Boardroom**

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Harmon moved, and Mr. Engelhardt seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 p.m. President Miller asked if there was any opposition to the motion, hearing none considers the motion approved.

Kenneth P. Miller, President

Cynthia Klein, Secretary