

Coal City Community Unit School District #1
Board Study Session of the Whole Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 29, 2025

Call to Order

President Miller called the study session meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Board members answering roll call present: Dan Engelhardt, Quint Harmon Cindy Klein, Mindy Rampa, Ryan VanDuyne, and Ken Miller. Also, in attendance were Superintendent Christopher Spencer, CSBO Jason Smith, Director of Student Services Luke Krippel, Director of Curriculum & Instruction Jennifer Kenney, and Secretary to the Board of Education LaWanda Gagliardo. Board member Matt Melvin arrived at 6:08 p.m. Community Relations Specialist Ann Gill was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Discussion on High School Band/Chorus Spring Break 2027 Trip

Annie Ternes Band/Music teacher was in attendance and presented the Board with a summary of the high school band/chorus Disney trip itinerary, taking place during spring break of the 26 – 27 school year. She also provided the Board with a breakdown of the cost per student.

Discussion on GE-Hitachi Property Tax Assessment

Superintendent Christopher Spencer provided the Board with an update on the Grundy County Supervisor of Assessment assessed value of the GE-Hitachi Morris Operation. Given that the assessed value of the GE-Hitachi property hasn't changed, Mr. Spencer explained the next steps for district attorneys. Mr. Spencer also provided the Board with a summary of the administrations tour of the GE-Hitachi facility.

Discussion on the 2025 Tentative Levy

CSBO Jason Smith provided the Board with a review of the 2025 Tentative Levy. Throughout that process Mr. Smith made his recommendations to the Board on the filing of the tentative levy. The tentative levy will be presented at the next Board meeting for approval.

Discussion on Intermediate School Construction Update

Superintendent Christopher Spencer provided the Board with an update on the Intermediate School renovation project. Due to the good weather, the contractors are ahead of schedule, and it appears the work will be completed within the timeline given to administration.

Discussion on Agreement Renewal with Rival5

CSBO Jason Smith discussed renewing the agreement with Rival5. Mr. Smith provided the Board with a summary of the service provided to date and spoke about the new security features being offered with this new agreement. The monthly service rate will decrease and the new security features being offered are free. The new agreement will be presented at the next Board meeting for consideration and approval.

Coal City Community Unit School District #1
Board Study Session of the Whole Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 29, 2025

Discussion on the FY27 School Calendar

Superintendent Christopher Spencer provided the Board with an update on the FY27 School Calendar. Mr. Spencer is working with Union leadership, GAVC, and the surrounding school districts to coordinate for next year's calendar. Mr. Spencer will continue that work and will present the final version for Board consideration at a future meeting.

Discussion on the Village of Coal City Annexing the Early Childhood Center and the Farmland on Carbon Hill Rd.

Superintendent Christopher Spencer discussed the possible annexing of Early Childhood Center and the farmland on Carbon Hill Rd. by the Village of Coal City.

Finance Reports

The bank statements, monthly revenue, expenditure summary reports, check reconciliation report, cash report, and cleared check report for September were enclosed for review. Detailed reports were available in the Business Office for review prior to the meeting. The Treasurer's report, investment report, and lunch report for September were also enclosed for review.

Open

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

Closed Session

At 6:43 p.m. a motion made by Mr. Engelhardt and seconded by Mr. Harmon to go into closed session for the purpose of considering information regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, dismissal of specific employees, and administrative contracts, and possible litigation.

Board Member Matt Melvin left the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

Roll Call.

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

Nays:

Absent: Matt Melvin

Motion: Carried.

Mr. Harmon moved, and Mrs. Rampa seconded to return to open session at 6:52 p.m.

Roll Call.

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

Nays:

Absent: Matt Melvin

Motion: Carried.

Coal City Community Unit School District #1
Board Study Session of the Whole Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 29, 2025

Adjournment

Mr. Harmon moved, and Mr. Engelhardt seconded to adjourn at 6:52 p.m. the Board Study Session of the Whole meeting.

Kenneth P. Miller, President

Cynthia Klein, Secretary