



DECEMBER 3, 2025 CSD BOD WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES

12/03/2025 [06:30 PM-07:30 PM] @ Alice Schafer Annex gym

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1. Call to Order

Minutes

Mr. Nader opened the meeting at 7:03 pm.

1.a. Moment of Silence

1.b. Salute the Flag Ceremony

2. *Visitor Recognition

*Per Policy 903 – Public Participation in Board Meetings, All visitors who are recognized during the Visitor Recognition are allotted a maximum of five (5) minutes to address matters of their concern, unless otherwise determined by the Board President. Visitor recognition is to be limited to thirty (30) minutes unless otherwise decided by the Board.

Minutes

No one approached the podium.

3. Discussion Items

3.a. Fall Sports Recap...Mrs. Abbott

3.b. District Solicitor Discussion...Dr. Jardina

Minutes

Dr. Jardina announced while we don't want to have this discussion but Mr. Joseph is retiring. He has been with the district at the end of this year 36 years and has been practicing law for 44 years. It is with great gratitude that we have had him for so many years and we will see him next week.

We entertained four proposals and three were contacted which we meet with each of their general counsel. Dr. Jardina feels we are very blessed to have the four we had as it seems school law is dwindling in this area.

We interviewed Dillon McCandless King Coulter & Graham LLP, Knox Law Firm and MacDonald Illig Jones and Britton LLP.

We wanted to do this in a public session to talk as a board to see which way each was leaning on next weeks voting meeting. It would be good to leave tonight's meeting with a name. Mr. Joseph is with us to the end of December and he has graciously will partner with whatever firm to work with historical documents and a smooth transition.

Dr. Jardina admitted to having a lot of conversation with the solicitors and is very comfortable with McDonald and then with Dillon. He will say that when speaking to Mr. Joseph about how to pick, Mr. Joseph responded with going with the right fit and personality for the district.

Dr. Jardina opened the discussion noting to be mindful and respectful of each who took time to submit proposals, as it was lengthy and so many positive aspects on each.

Dr. Jardina clarified with the board which firm was interviewed in what order to help with the discussion. He noted his comfort level was consistency, responsiveness, and in talking to references. The majority of the board was in line with the first firm interviewed, felt their comments were very good and we can grow with them.

Mr. Nader felt the general consensus was for Dillon McCandless King Coulter & Graham, LLC.

It was noted a couple of the other firms interviewed main focus would be on another district in the area.

Mr. Horne asked about an idea of piecing out different packages and if you had to go with one firm. Mr. Joseph noted when he first started with this district 36 years ago, that was how it was handled. He was then asked to take over everything and that is how it all started. While it is not a novel idea a number of local districts do that. There is some catching up to do between labor side and general counsel.

Mr. Schaefer mentioned one firm indicated they would want to work on their own and keep the negotiation committee of the board and superintendent and business manager out of negotiations. He didn't agree with that.

The consensus was to go with the Dillon McCandless King Coulter & Graham LLP.

3.c. Curriculum Update...Mrs. Teed

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Mrs. Teed updated the Board noting she held the Title 1 breakfast at each elementary school in November. A huge thank you to the parents who came out and the teachers involved. She and Dr. Jardina participated in the state budget updates. She attended the joint Curriculum Directors meeting at the IU. In Mrs. Campbell's absence she is filling in for Special education keeping it afloat. She briefly informed the board prior about applying for the PA Smart Grant, which has not been released yet. The state assessments have been released from last year and are now available publicly two weeks ago so she will crunch those numbers and share a report in January or February to the board.

3.d. Superintendent's Report...Dr. Jardina

Minutes

Dr. Jardina provided his report.

3.e. Agenda Review...Board President

Minutes

Mr. Nader noted we have next week's voting meeting Wednesday, December 10, 2025 at 6:30 pm.

Mr. McQuiston noted the Tribune had a good article about cyber school program, it poses good questions and is an article worth reading.

4. BOARD CONCERNS

5. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes

Motion by Mr. McQuiston, second by Mr. Hall to adjourn at 7:38 pm.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION


EXECUTIVE SESSION - to review and discuss agency business which, if conducted in public, might lead to disclosure of information protected by law, specifically to discuss student matters.

Minutes

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Mr. Nader noted there is no executive session tonight.

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Steven E. Nader, Board President



Christine Krankota, Board Secretary