

**Coal City Community Unit School District #1
Grundy County
Board Study Session of the Whole Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 28, 2026**

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, Cindy Klein, Matt Melvin, 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, Community Relations Specialist Ann Gill, and Secretary to the Board of Education LaWanda Gagliardo. Board member Quint Harmon was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Discussion on Assessment Complaints

Superintendent Christopher Spencer discussed the status of the following property tax objections being heard by the Grundy County Board of Review. Mr. Spencer provided the Board with his recommendation on these objections.

- Docket No: 2025-000195 – Parcel No: 09-02-133-005 – Owner: Brian Faletti
- Docket No: 2025-000246 – Parcel No: 09-02-266-043 – Owner: Glendell Partners

Discussion on the FY27 School Calendar

Superintendent Christopher Spencer discussed the FY27 school calendar. Mr. Spencer has worked with Union Leadership, GAVC, and surrounding school districts to create the calendar. The proposed first day would be August 12, 2026, and the last day being May 26, 2027.

Discussion on School Fees

Superintendent Christopher Spencer discussed school fees. FY26 is the second year of a three (3) year rate set by the Board. Next school year the administration will discuss school fees for FY28.

Discussion on the April Board Meeting Date

Superintendent Christopher Spencer discussed possibly amending the April Board Meeting date. The meeting is scheduled to take place over spring break. Mr. Spencer will send an email to the Board to determine if this item will be discussed at a future Board Meeting.

Discussion on FY27 Staffing Update

Superintendent Christopher Spencer updated the Board on staffing needs for FY27. Mr. Spencer discussed the building transfers that have taken place, and from there how the positions will be posted externally. Mr. Spencer will provide the Board with an update at future Board meetings.

Discussion on Intermediate School Renovation Project

Superintendent Christopher Spencer provided the Board with an update on the renovation project at the Intermediate School. As it stands the project is still ahead of schedule, and some of the Board member were able to go onsite and view the work that has been completed to date. If other Board members would like to see the site, Mr. Spencer can get that scheduled.

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Finance Reports

The bank statements, monthly revenue, expenditure summary reports, check reconciliation report, cash reports, and cleared check reports for December 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 December were also enclosed for review.

Open

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

Closed Session

At 6:15 p.m. a motion made by Mr. Engelhardt and seconded by Mrs. Klein 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.

Director of Curriculum & Instruction Jennifer Kenney, Director of Student Services Luke Kripple, and Secretary to the Board of Education LaWanda Gagliardo left the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

Roll Call.

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

Nays:

Absent: Quint Harmon

Motion: Carried.

Mr. Engelhardt moved, and Mr. VanDuyne seconded to return to open session at 6:59 p.m.

Roll Call.

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

Nays:

Absent: Quint Harmon,

Motion: Carried.

Adjournment

Mrs. Rampa moved, and Mrs. Klein seconded to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. the Board Study Session of the Whole meeting.

Kenneth P. Miller, President

Cynthia Klein, Secretary