Coal City Community Unit School District No. One
Board of Education Meeting
Coal City CUSD #1 District Office Boardroom, 550 S. Carbon Hill Road
February 4, 2026
Public Session - 6:00 p.m.

It Is The Mission Of The Coal City Community Unit School District #1…to prepare today's learners for tomorrow's challenges.

1. **Call to Order**
   Roll Call
   Pledge of Allegiance

2. **Notices and Communications**
   Acknowledgement of National Board Certifications and Maintenance of Certification
   Acknowledgement of Illinois State Scholars
   Communications from the Floor

3. **Approval of Consent Agenda**
   Meeting Minutes – Regular and Study Session
   Closed Session Meeting Minutes – Regular and Study Session
   Activity Fund Reports
   Treasurer's Report
   Monthly Manual Check Report
   Payroll Report
   Accounts Payable Report
   Approval of Resignations
   Approval of Employee Transfers
   Approval of Leave Requests
   Approval of Extra-Curricular Resignations
   Approval of Extra-Curricular Assignments
   Approval of Moving Closed Session Meeting Minutes to Open Session
   Approval of Advertising Donation
   Approval of Facility Use Requests

4. **Administrative/Committee Reports**
   A. Early Childhood Center Report
   B. Elementary School Report
   C. Intermediate School Report
   D. Middle School Report
   E. High School Report
   F. Student Services Report
   G. Curriculum Report
   H. Superintendent's Report
   I. Grundy Area Vocational Center Report
   J. Athletic Director Report

5. **Communications from the Floor**

6. **Old Business**
   A. Discussion/Action on Approving the FY27 School Calendar
   B. Discussion/Action on the Voluntary Petition for Annexation of District Property
   C. Discussion on Dresden Station Update

7. **New Business**
   A. Discussion/Action on Quarterly Dropout Report
   B. Discussion/Action on Cafeteria Staff Evaluation Form
   C. Discussion/Action on Bid Award for the Plumbing Project at the High School
   D. Discussion/Action on Bid Award for the Mechanical Projects at the Middle and High School
   E. Discussion/Action on Equipment Purchase for Mechanical Projects

8. **Open for Items Not Known at Agenda Preparation Time**
   Communications from the Floor

9. **Closed Session** for the purpose of considering information regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, dismissal of specific employees, collective bargaining matters, and administrative contracts.

   Action as a Result of Closed Session

   Possible Approval of Administrative Contracts
   Possible Approval of Support Staff Salary Increase
   Possible Approval of Base Salary Increase of New Certified Staff

   Adjournment

Section 1

CALL TO ORDER

President Miller called the regular meeting to order at _____ 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.

Roll Call:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Section 2

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Introduction/acknowledgement of guests.

   Superintendent Christopher Spencer will recognize the following on achieving their National Board Certification, and the following for the maintenance of their National Board Certification: Mr. Spencer would like to thank their National Board local facilitator, Pam Vigna, for leading these teachers through this rewarding and reflective professional development experience.

   National Board Certification:
   Ashley Jackman
   Jennifer Muscato
   Katie Aichele

   Maintenance of Certification:
   Jean Krippel
   Amy Siefken

2. Principal

   High School Principal Art Stafford will be in attendance to acknowledge the following 22 Illinois State Scholars for the district:

Maria Campagna	Julian Micetich	Colin Schimandle
Jacob Cimino	Layla Miller	Liam Seeley
Nathan Foster	Dane Noffsinger	Sam Vota
Carter Gill	Jordan Olson	Nicolas Votta
Kamryn Hansen	Lance Perino	Olivia Weatherbee
Austin Harding	Camryn Planeta	Evelyn Wills
Aiden Kenney	Cade Poyner	
Mackenzie Lovell	Olivia Sage	

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

1. In regard to agenda items

2. In general (Limited to 5 minutes per person.)

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Are there any items that the Board would like to remove from the consent agenda?

To approve the consent agenda including the minutes and closed session minutes from the regular meeting of January 7, the Board Study Session of the Whole of January 28, the December Activity Fund Reports; December Treasurer's Report, the January Monthly Manual Checks report; the January Payrolls, the February Accounts Payable, personnel items including approval of resignations, employee transfers, leave requests, extra-curricular resignations, extra-curricular assignments, moving closed session meeting minutes to open session, advertising donation, and to approve the following building usage requests as listed:

Group	Building	Date
CC Miners	HS	04/17/26
Aligned Data Centers	HS	02/17/26
Village of Coal City	HS	06/20/26

Roll Call.

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

Section 4

ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS

A. EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER REPORT

Principal Davidson Reported:

Calendar of Events:
January 30th - NED Show Assembly @ 1:30pm
February 2nd - 6th - Scholastic Book Fair
February 2nd - SAP Team Meeting @ 2:55pm
February 3rd - SPED Entire Team (virtual) @ 2:55pm
February 4th - BLT (all day)
February 5th - Early Dismissal (AM PreK attends)
February 5th - Parent/Teacher Conferences @ 4:00pm-8:00pm
February 6th - NFL Day
February 9th - Red, White and Blue Day (Winter Olympics)

February 9th - SAP Team Meeting @ 2:55pm
February 10th - SPED Team Meeting (inclusion teachers) @ 2:55pm
February 11th - Early Dismissal (PM PreK attends)
February 12th - Staff Meeting @ 2:55pm
February 13th - Valentine's Day Celebrations
February 16th - NO SCHOOL
February 17th - Kindergarten Team Meeting @ 11:10am
February 17th - 1st Grade Team Meeting @ 12:05pm
February 17th - SPED Team Meeting (self-contained) @ 2:55pm
February 18th - Attendance Committee Meeting @ 2:55pm
February 19th - Preschool Team Meeting @ 10:45am
February 19th - A Team Meeting @ 2:55pm
February 20th - Coaler Friday
February 23rd - SAP Team Meeting @ 2:55pm
February 24th - SPED Team Meeting (preschool) @ 2:55pm
February 25th - Custodian Team Meeting @ 2:55pm
February 26th - Specials Team Meeting @ 2:55pm
February 27th - Coaler Friday

Current Enrollment:
PreK: 176
Kindergarten: 121
1st Grade: 149
Total: **446 (in PowerSchool as of January 29th, 2026)**

Completed Safety Drills:

Table1

Column 1	Panic Button	AED Devices	Phone for Lockdown
August	8/15	8/19	8/18
September	9/12	9/16	9/15
October	10/10	10/15	10/14
November	11/14	11/19	11/17
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

Quarterly Checks

	AED Pads
August	8/19
November	11/19
February	2/17
May	5/19

- Fire Drill (without fire department) - September 12th, 2025
- Bus Evacuation Drill - September 3rd, 2025
- Shelter-in-Place Drill - September 9th, 2025
- Lockdown Drill (with CC Police Department) - October 2nd, 2025

Month-in-Review for January:
January was a productive and positive month at the Early Childhood Center as students and staff returned from winter break and quickly re-established daily routines. Classrooms remained focused on academic growth, and students successfully completed winter benchmarking assessments, providing valuable data to monitor progress and guide instruction for the second half of the school year.

Due to periods of extreme cold, we experienced several indoor recess days as well as a school closure on Friday, January 23rd. Despite these schedule adjustments, students and staff maintained strong engagement and flexibility throughout the month.

The ECC community also enjoyed several special events. Students celebrated the 100th Day of School with fun, age-appropriate activities recognizing being "100 days smarter." Our building hosted the NED Show on Friday, January 30th, reinforcing positive character traits through the message to Never Give Up, Encourage Others, and Do Your Best. In addition, our Pajama Day fundraiser supported Special Olympics Illinois and demonstrated the generosity and school spirit of our students, families, and staff.

We look forward to continuing this momentum into February and connecting with families during upcoming Parent/Teacher Conferences on Thursday, February 4th.

Recognition:
I would like to take a moment to recognize and express my sincere appreciation for our ECC front office staff. They serve as the first face and first voice of our building each day, and the impact they have on our students, families, and staff cannot be overstated.
Our office team navigates a wide range of situations daily — from welcoming families and supporting students to responding to emergencies and managing difficult or emotionally charged conversations. They often work through complex and heavy situations, sometimes with frustrated or upset parents, yet they consistently handle every interaction with grace, patience, and professionalism. For many of our families, the front office provides their very first experience in a public-school setting. The warmth, calm, and care our staff demonstrate help set the tone for trust and partnership from the moment someone walks through our doors. Their steady presence, compassion, and commitment to helping others are essential to the success of our building. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a dedicated team supporting the ECC community each day.

B. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Trotter reported:

Calendar of Events:
February 2nd - 5th: Scholastic Book Fair
February 5th: 11:45 a.m. Dismissal
February 5th: P/T Conferences
February 11th: 11:45 a.m. Dismissal
February 13th: Valentine's Day Parties
February 16th: No School (Presidents' Day)
February 17th: End of 2nd Trimester

February 18th: Family Wellness Night from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. @ CCHS
February 25th: Family Reading Night @ 6:00 p.m. @ the ECC

ES Enrollment:
2nd Grade: 146 students
3rd Grade: 139 students
Total: 285 (enrolled as of 1/28/2026)

CCES Happenings and Recognitions:

- Our students were very excited to come back to school from the winter break to see their friends and share fun stories.
- Our students completed the winter benchmarking in January and Mrs. Ludes began ACCESS testing with her group.
- The ES/IS participated in some fun spirit days: Furry, Fuzzy, Fleece Day, Favorite Flannel Day and PJs for the Plunge Day when students and staff donated $1.00 for the Polar Plunge.
- We celebrated the 100th Day of School on February 27th.
- The students were also able to shop at the School Store. Thanks to Mrs. Hamilton, her students and their families for organizing and running the school store.

C. INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Carlson reported:

Calendar of Events:
2/2 SAP (Student Assistance Program) Team Meeting 3:10 p.m.
2/3 PBS (Positive Behavior System) Team Meeting 3:10 p.m.
2/4 4th & 5th Grade Team Meeting 3:10
2/5 11:45 Dismissal; Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
2/6 NFL Day
2/9 Olympic/USA/Red-White-Blue Day
2/9-2/13 Love Yourself and Others Week
- 2/9 ~ Red-White-Blue Olympic Kick Off Day
- 2/10 ~ Pink Day
- 2/11 ~ Celebrity or Character Love Day (dress like your favorite celebrity/character)
- 2/12 ~ Red Day
- 2/13 ~ Random Acts of Kindness Day & Valentine's Shirt Day

2/9 A Team Union Meeting 3:10
2/10 TALC (Teaching & Learning Committee) Meeting 3:10 p.m.
2/11 Student Council Meeting 7:30 a.m.
2/11 11:45 Dismissal Day
2/12 LLT (Learning Leadership Team) Meeting 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at the Methodist Church
2/12 CPI (Crisis Prevention Institute) Team Meeting 3:10 p.m.
2/16 No School ~ Presidents' Day
2/17 End of Trimester 2
2/17 PBS (Positive Behavior System) Team Meeting 3:10 p.m.
2/18 Shelter-in-Place/Storm Drill During Lunchtime

2/18 Culture Club Meeting 3:10 p.m.
2/18 Family Wellness Night 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at CCHS
2/19 Custodian Meeting 3:10 p.m.
2/20 Coalers Spirit Day
2/22 Fine Arts Festival 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at CCHS
2/23 SAP (Student Assistance Program) Team Meeting 3:10 p.m.
2/24 TALC (Teaching & Learning Committee) Meeting 3:10 p.m.
2/25 Student Council Meeting 7:30 a.m.
2/25 Specials Team Meeting 3:10 p.m.
2/25 Family Reading Night 5:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. at the ECC
2/26 Support Staff Meeting 3:10 p.m.
2/27 Coalers Spirit Day

Current Enrollment:

4th Grade	158
5th Grade	155
Total:	**313**

Emergency/Crisis Drills Completed:

Evacuation/Fire	8/20/25; 10/10/25
Shelter-in-Place/Storm	8/21/25; 11/7/25
Lockdown	8/22/25; 9/18/25*; 12/9/25
Bus Evacuation	9/4/25

**Armed Intruder*

Previous Month in Review:

- Students took the Winter Fastbridge Benchmark Assessments during our 1/12-1/23 testing window. The results of these tests help determine our intervention groups, daily instructional groups for centers, and they are also one data point used to determine next year's student placement in our TAG (Talented and Gifted) Program.
- We celebrated our 100th Day of School on January 27th. Many students and staff dressed like they were 100 years old. Students did math activities based on 100.
- Our Girls Dance Party (Daddy-Daughter Dance) was held on 1/28 from 6:00-7:30 p.m., and our Boys Dance Party (Mother-Son Dance) was held on 1/29 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. The theme this year was Candy Land, and it's always such a treat to see the students dressed up and making memories with their friends and parents or special guests. Over the two evenings, we had **472** people attend.
- We currently have 15 students in ASAP (After School Assistance Program); 7 students in 4th grade and 8 students in 5th grade. Recommended students receive homework help from 3:00-4:00 three days a week from Miss Benson or Mrs. Rink.
- We had the following spirit/dress-up days on Thursdays in January: Furry, Fuzzy or Fleece Day; Favorite Flannel Day; PJs for the Plunge Day (supporting the Polar Plunge for Special Olympics).
- Every Friday was Coalers spirit day.

Student Recognition:

Congratulations to our Students of the Week:

Week of 1/12: Weylyn Stallings, Blake Kargle, Vivian Dunbar, Brayden Plata
Week of 1/20: Brentley Alcala, Brock Bailey, Charlie Stott, Zach Koch
Week of 1/26: Piper Shelton, Charlie Christensen, Scout Hodgen, Myles Marketti

Congratulations to our new Student Council representatives:

Lyla Strunga	Jadon Kinder	Clay Surman	Evie Wren
Etti Howard	Johnny D'Arcy	Allison Darin	Brynlee Krueger
Cole Pasteris	Bella Shaw	Kaylee Ahline	Easton Leigh
Kayla Arcos	Nick Agamy	Lillian Kubina	Caitelynn Wintermute
Vivian Dunbar	Ethan Magana	Beckett Pfeifer	Aubrey Czaja
Nevaeh Gutierrez	Eron Bakii	Daxton Carey	Harley Quinn Connell
Maverick Brown	Ellie Wiegand	Isadora Crawford	Noel Rodriguez

Congratulations to our Organization Month winners:

Clay Surman	Kaleb Anders	Lilly Herbold	Kylie Wynn
Sawyer Chodl	Avery Swanson	Kennedy Enerson	Caitelynn Wintermute
Noel Rodriguez	Brinlei Bulthuis	Coltin Allen	Anden Gagliardo
Savannah Zamora	Star Knight	Mason Dixon	Thomas Henderson
Evan Olson	Myles Marketti	Brentley Alcala	Aubrey Czaja
Emmy Hall	Ella Tyler	Beckam D'Orazio	Cecilia Greene
Shiloh Krause	Juliette Mason	Sawyer Hodge	Kate Lehnus	Kamden Kerr
Vivian Dunbar	Darcy VanDuyne	Elliot Munsell	Allie Darin
Finley Gerrish	Veronica Pershey	Haley Beckers	Fiona Shabani
Landyn Collins	Asher Bryant	Blaine Poeschel	Owen Koehn
Brinlee Hogg	Peyton Brynda		

Staff Recognition:

- Congratulations to Becky Bajt on the birth of her first child. Alfred "Freddie" Jude Bajt-Gernenz was born on 12/23/25 at 10:09 p.m. and came home on Christmas day. Freddie and Becky are doing well.

- I want to thank and recognize the following staff who helped with our Daddy-Daughter and/or Mother-Son dances.

Allison Anderson	Becky Housman	Amy Gaffigan	Nikki Boresi
Andy Leve	Jenn Rink	Cherie Sieger	Rachel Rose
Betsy Cowherd	Britany Jett	Tarra Draino	Teresa Chernesky
Ali Scrogham	Sofia Rankin	Ashlyn Fisk	Tricia Hall
Riane O'Donnell	Jen Munsterman	Moree Harney	Amanda Chen
Kyra Benson	Steph Barkley	Jenn Ness	Savannah Jacobs

D. MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Stone reported:

Calendar of Events:

February 2 – 6 - School Counselor Appreciation Week
February 4 - Shake It Up Wednesday - Undercover Teacher - Dress to Impress
February 4 - MS101 @ 2:50 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.
February 5 - Early Dismissal
February 5 - Parent/Teacher Conferences @ 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

February 9 – 13 - Valentine's Day Sucker Sales
February 10 – 8th Grade HS Scheduling Registration Presentation 8:35 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.
February 10 - Spelling Bee @ 4:00 p.m.
February 11 - Early Dismissal & Shake It Up Wednesday - Black CCMS Shirts
February 11 – Clubs/Organizations Pictures
February 13 – Assembly - Character Trait @ 2:50 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.
February 13 - Last day for parents to confirm their interest in volunteering/organizing the 8th grade dance
February 16 - No School - President's Day
February 17 - Last Day of Exploratory Rotation
February 17 & 19 & 20 - HS Counselors here to individually register 8th Graders
February 18 - Shake It Up Wednesday - Undercover Teacher – Redout
February 18 - Sam Demma Presentation 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
February 18 - MS101 @ 2:50 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.
February 19 - Thankful Thursday - Team 2
February 19 - First Day of Exploratory Rotation @ 2:50 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.
February 20 - CCMS Staff Social @ 4:00 p.m.
February 22 - Fine Arts Festival @ 1:00 p.m. -4:00 p.m.
February 25 - Shake It Up Wednesday - #Wegotyourback shirts

Enrollment as of 1/23:

6th Grade	140
7th Grade	140
8th Grade	157
Total:	**437**

Month in Review – January 2025:

- Coal City Middle School participated in a staff professional development day on Monday, January 5, 2026.

- Coal City Middle School students and staff are working to complete make-ups of the Fastbridge Winter Benchmark testing and will be analyzing the data and results at the Building Leadership Team meeting.

- On February 20th, Mr. Monbrum and I will be hosting our staff at Echo Lanes in Morris for a staff outing at 4:00 p.m. We have many staff members who have already said they would be attending and we are looking forward to spending some time together outside of Coal City Middle School.



CCMS Athletics has turned the page to the winter months with Wrestling, Boys Basketball, and Volleyball all taking place. The 7th grade boys' basketball team finished second in the sandwich tournament. Our 8th grade boys' basketball team finished 2nd in the ICS tournament and won the conference tournament. CCMS volleyball teams are off to a great start! Our 6th grade A and B teams had an opportunity to both compete in the MLK tournament hosted in Kankakee. Our 7th and 8th volleyball teams host our first annual Coaler Invite this coming Saturday January 31st. The Coalers wrestling team won our 16 team Coaler invite tournament this year. Nick Miller won the very last match to give the Coalers a .5 lead over Sandwich and secured the victory.

CCMS Boys Basketball
Josh Quigley - 6th Grade (resigned after 17 seasons)
Chad Larson was the only applicant for the position.
Keegan Clampitt - 7th Grade
Nick Peters - 8th Grade

CCMS Wrestling
Joey Rivera Head Coach

CCMS Volleyball
Pam McMurtrey- 8th Grade
Gina Horrie - 7th Grade
Michelle Painter / Kat Drey - 6th Grade

E. HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Stafford reported:

Calendar of Events:

- ➔ February 2-3 - Freshmen Course Selection
- ➔ February 5 - Early Dismissal/Parent-Teacher Conferences
- ➔ February 6 - IHSA State Cheer Competition
- ➔ February 11 - Early Dismissal
- ➔ February 16 - NO SCHOOL
- ➔ February 18 - Family Wellness Night
- ➔ February 24 - Shelter in Place Drill (Severe Weather)

Recognition:

- ➔ ILMEA - Coal City High School senior Martin Ramirez was selected to participate in the 2026 Illinois Music Education Association's All-State Student Programs. The All-State Student Program ran this past week at the Peoria Civic Center.
- ➔ The speech team traveled to Reed-Custer and won the ICE conference tournament. Congratulations!

- ➔ Congratulations to our varsity competition cheer team as they finished in fourth place at the Oswego Sectional on Saturday and have qualified for the state competition this weekend in Bloomington. Congratulations girls!
- ➔ Congratulations to our varsity wrestling team as they won the 1A Coal City Regional on Saturday. All 14 individual wrestlers advanced in their weight class and will wrestle in the 1A Coal City Sectional on the 13th and 14th. Congratulations to these individuals who advanced:

106- Jake Munsterman
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150- Brody Widlowski
157- Aidan Kenney
165- Mason Garner
175- Brock Finch
190- Evan Greggain
215- Cade Poyner
285- Payton Vigna

Current Enrollment:
Freshmen: 164
Sophomore: 155
Junior: 160
Senior: 175
Total: 654

Discipline Report:
Inappropriate Behavior/Comments - 1
Vaping - 2
Threat to school safety - 1

F. STUDENT SERVICES REPORT

Director Krippel reported:

Current Student Services Data

Coal City Schools IEP Data					
ECC	***ES***	***IS***	***MS***	***HS***	***District***
145	***50***	***48***	***63***	***61***	***367***

Coal City Schools 504 Data					
ECC	*ES*	*IS*	*MS*	*HS*	*Total*
1	*5*	*17*	*39*	*60*	*122*

Coaler Academy Data				
Full Time	*Hybrid*	*Intervention*	*Total Students*	*Pending Referrals*
12	*1*	*0*	*13*	*0*

Out of District Placements				
Guiding Light	*High Road*	*Placement Pending*	*Menta*	*Total Students*
3	*6*	*1*	*2*	*12*

Miscellaneous Student Data	
ELL	*Homeless*
37	*21*

Overall Preschool Numbers			
Current Students	*IEP Openings*	*At-Risk Openings*	*Waitlist*
172/220	*17*	*31*	*0*

G. CURRICULUM REPORT

Director Kenney reported:

Professional Development:
Professional learning strands for the spring semester will begin on February 12th. Sessions will include:

- IXL Training
- Flocabulary Training
- PLC Training
- Math and ELA Training
- Intervention Training

Mentoring/New Staff:
New teachers will be meeting with me again on February 27th. We will be discussing the program and progress in the classroom.

Department News:

The Physical Education department continues to review materials for all grade levels. They will be purchasing new materials for FY27.

I have been meeting with each department leader this month to discuss department progress, goals, and summer curriculum work. Each department is looking forward to making improvements for the benefit of our students.

Assessments:
IAR (Illinois Assessment of Readiness) and ISA (Illinois Science Assessment) testing will begin in March/April. The schedule for testing will be:

High School-
ACT - April 19

Middle School-
IAR - March 24-March 26 and April 8-April 10
ISA - March 11

Intermediate School-
IAR - March 24-March 26
ISA - April 21-April 23

Elementary School-
IAR - March 23-March 27

H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Spencer reported:

1. **FOIA Requests:**
   A FOIA request was received from Chris Miller from Public Info Access, LLC requesting copies of any existing records that describe purchasing or contracting approval authority within the district.

   A FOIA request was received from Max Binnington from Judiciocracy LLC requesting bills from external attorneys, and engagement agreements with attorneys.

   A FOIA request was received from the Illinois Retired Teachers Association requesting a list of retirees for the 26 – 27 school year.

2. Monthly student enrollment figures

DATES TO REMEMBER
February 5 – Early Dismissal/Parent Teacher Conferences from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
February 11 – Early Dismissal
February 11 – Middle School Winter Sports/Organizational Pictures
February 16 – No School/President's Day
February 17 – K-5 End of Trimester 2
February 18 – High School Club & Groups Pictures
February 18 – Family Wellness Night @ CCHS from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

February 22 – Fine Arts Festival from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
February 25 – Family Reading Night @ ECC
February 25 – Board Study Session of the Whole Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.

I. GRUNDY AREA VOCATIONAL CENTER REPORT

Mr. Engelhardt reported:

1. Approved the Minutes of the December 16, 2025, Board of Control Meeting.
2. Approved the bills, payroll, and financial reports.
3. The Health Occupations and Fire Science programs presented to the Board of Control.
4. Assistant Director Gierke discussed semester I grades.
5. Assistant Director Gierke discussed data from GAVC Student Services.
6. Assistant Director Gierke discussed the professional development provided to the GAVC staff on January 5, 2026.
7. Assistant Director Gierke discussed the CTE Network Meeting that took place on January 29, 2026.
8. Assistant Director Gierke presented a new program proposal for Computer Cybersecurity and Networking for the 27 - 28 school year.
9. Director Copes went over the February GAVC calendar.
10. Director Copes discussed the FY27 school calendar.
11. Director Copes provided an update on the Project House.
12. Director Copes discussed the process for the Summer Internship program and the deadlines associated with it.
13. Approved the FY26 GAVC Seniority list.
14. Approved the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Morris for the use of the Morris Airport as the host site for the GAVC Aviation program.
15. Approved the Intergovernmental Agreement for the utilization of shared technology services between the Boards of Education of Morris Community High School NO. 101, Saratoga Community Consolidated School District NO. 60, Grundy Area Vocational Center, and Grundy County Special Education Cooperative.

J. ATHLETIC DIRECTOR REPORT

Athletic Director Boresi reported:

Congratulations to our varsity competition cheer team as they finished in fourth place at the Oswego Sectional on Saturday and have qualified for the State Competition this weekend in Bloomington. The girls are coached by Amber Ryle and include:

Emma D'Orazio
Cambree Davidson
Carmella Ferrara
Marina Figge
Leah Hennessy
Avery Male
Layla Miller
Adalyn Muhlenbruch

Maddie Regan
Morgan Schnuckel
Ellary Wills
Paisley Ziech

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Coal City High School is hosting the following state series events:

IHSA 1A Individual Wrestling Regional - 1/31
IHSA 1A Individual Wrestling Sectional - 2/13, 2/14
IHSA 1A Dual Team Sectional - 2/5

Section 5

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

1. In regard to agenda items

2. In general (Limited to 5 minutes per person.)

Section 6

OLD BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON APPROVING THE FY27 SCHOOL CALENDAR

ISBE requires that all school calendars contain 176 instructional days. Superintendent Christopher Spencer consulted with Union Leadership on the proposed 2026 – 2027 school calendar. The proposed school calendar has been presented in previous meetings for review, tonight it's being presented for Board approval.

A SUGGESTED MOTION:

To adopt the 26 –27 school calendar with the first day of school being August 12, 2026, and the last day being May 26, 2027.

Roll Call.

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

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON THE VOLUNTARY PETITION FOR ANNEXATION OF DISTRICT PROPERTY

At the November 5, 2025, Board Meeting Superintendent Christopher Spencer discussed with the Board the annexation of parcel 09-03-351-004, tonight it's being presented for Board approval.

A SUGGESTED MOTION:

To approve the voluntary annexation of parcel 09-03-351-004 to the Village of Coal City.

Roll Call.

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

C. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON THE APPRAISAL OF DRESDEN STATION

Superintendent Christopher Spencer will provide the Board with an update on Dresden Station. Mr. Spencer will also discuss allow district attorneys to proceed with the appraisal process of the Dresden Station.

A SUGGESTED MOTION:

To approve the district's attorney, Whitt Law to start the appraisal process with Federal Appraisal for the Dresden Nuclear Station.

Roll Call.

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

NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON QUARTERLY DROPOUT REPORT

The Quarterly Dropout Report for the quarter ending December 19, 2025, has been prepared and is ready for Board approval. The approval of the Dropout Report is a State requirement, which ensures that the School Board is informed of students leaving our school system. There are no dropouts to report for the first quarter.

A SUGGESTED MOTION:

To approve the filing of the Quarterly Dropout Report with the Regional Office of Education for the quarter ending December 19, 2025.

Roll Call.

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

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON CAFETERIA STAFF EVALUATION FORM

Superintendent Christopher Spencer will present the Board with an evaluation form for the cafeteria staff.

A SUGGESTED MOTION:

To approve the evaluation form for cafeteria staff as presented.

Roll Call.

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

C. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON THE BID AWARD FOR THE PLUMBING PROJECT AT THE HIGH SCHOOL

Sealed bids for the plumbing project at the high school were opened Thursday, January 29, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. in the district office. A bid notice was published in the Coal City Courant on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, and a mandatory Pre-Bid meeting was held at the project site on January 15, 2026. CSBO Jason Smith will update the Board with the results of the plumbing project at the high school.

A SUGGESTED MOTION:

To approve the lowest responsible bid from Construction Solution of Illinois, for the high school plumbing project at a total cost of $565,223.00, as presented.

Roll Call.

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

D. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON THE BID AWARD FOR THE MECHANICAL PROJECTS AT THE MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL

Sealed bids for the mechanical projects at the middle and high school were opened Thursday, January 29, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. in the district office. A bid notice was published in the Coal City Courant on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, and a mandatory Pre-Bid meeting was held at the project site on January 15, 2026. CSBO Jason Smith will update the Board with the results of the plumbing project at the high school.

A SUGGESTED MOTION:

To approve the lowest responsible bid from Amber Mechanical Contractors, for the high school plumbing project at a total cost of $1,188,800.00, as presented.

Roll Call.

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

E. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON EQUIPMENT PURCHASE FOR MECHANICAL PROJECT

CSBO Jason Smith will discuss the purchase of the equipment needed for the mechanical projects at the middle and high school.

A SUGGESTED MOTION:

To approve the purchase of the equipment for the mechanical projects from Trane at an approximate cost of $1,302,475.00, as presented.

Roll Call.

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

Section 8

OPEN FOR ITEMS NOT KNOWN AT AGENDA PREPARATION TIME

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

1. In regard to agenda items

2. In general (Limited to 5 minutes per person.)

Section 9

CLOSED SESSION

_____ moved and _____ seconded to go to closed session at _____ p.m. for the purpose of considering information regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, collective bargaining matters, and administrative contracts.

Roll Call.

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

____ moved and _____ seconded to return to open session at _____ p.m.

Roll Call.

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

BOARD STUDY SESSION OF THE WHOLE DATE: FEBRUARY 25, 2026 @ 6:00 P.M.
In Coal City CUSD #1 Administrative Center Boardroom

NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE: MARCH 4, 2026 @ 6:00 P.M.
In Coal City CUSD #1 Administrative Center Boardroom

ADJOURNMENT

_____ moved and _____ seconded to adjourn the meeting at _____ p.m. President Miller asked if there was any opposition to the motion, hearing none considers the motion approved.