

Coal City Community Unit School District #1
Grundy County
Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 4, 2026

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, Mindy Rampa, Ryan VanDuyne, and Ken Miller. Also, in attendance were Superintendent Christopher Spencer, CSBO Jason Smith, Director of Student Services Luke Krippel, Community Relations Specialist Ann Gill, and Secretary to the Board of Education LaWanda Gagliardo. Board Member Matt Melvin, and Director of Curriculum and Instruction Jennifer Kenney were absent.

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.

Commander Jim Phillips, members of the VFW Post 1336, and middle school teacher Jim Hitchcock, and Michelle Sobieck were in attendance and recognized this year's Patriot Pen Essay Award recipients. This year's recipients are:

Era Bakii	Olivia Beach	Jake Benson	Michael Calderon	Jillian Erhard
Lilian Harding	Reagan Jeschke	Ryleigh Kargle	Callie Lehnus	Reese Shute

High School Principal Art Stafford was in attendance and acknowledged the State qualifying cheerleaders.

High School Speech Coached, Dave Sinkular and Ben Baer were in attendance and acknowledged State Speech Qualifiers. Mr. Sinkular also thanked Mr. Fatigante and Mr. Keppner. CSBO Jason Smith thanked the Speech Coaches and briefly shared his own children's experience on the Speech Teach with these coaches.

Board President Ken Miller, and Superintendent Christopher Spencer thanked all the students in attendance for their hard work and dedication to the clubs and organizations they are participating. They also thanked their parents for getting the students to and from these events.

Amanda Herrera-Ford, Mr. Smith's replacement, was in attendance to introduce herself to the Board and thanked them for the opportunity to return to the district.

Mr. Micetich and the theatre students will attend the April Board meeting.

2. Thank you received from:

A thank you note was received from the Elliott family for the flowers received from the Board of Education.

A thank you note was received from the Bugg family for the flowers received from the Board of

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Education.

Board Secretary Cindy Klein shared the thank you notes with the Board members.

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 to remove from the consent agenda. Hearing none, President Miller asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda and the following facility usage requests.

Mrs. Klein moved, and Mr. Engelhardt seconded to approve the consent agenda and the following building usage requests:

<u>Group</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Date</u>
CC Soccer Club	ES	04/07/26 – 06/12/26
Micetich Sports Performance	HS	04/26 – 05/4&6/26

MINUTES

February 4, 2026 - Regular Meeting
February 25, 2026 - Board Study Session

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

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February 25, 2026 - Board Study Session

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Activity Fund Reports – January 2026
Treasurer's Report – January 2026
Monthly Manual Check Report – February 2026
Payroll Report – February 2026
Accounts Payable Report – March 2026

PERSONNEL

Resignations

- Jennifer Macak – Custodian at the High School – Ms. Macak's last day was Wednesday, February 28, 2026.
- Rodney Monbrum – Assistant Principal at the Middle School – Mr. Monbrum's last day will be June 30, 2026.
- Stephanie Sarff – Classroom Aide at the Middle School – Mrs. Sarff's last day was February 27, 2026.
- Craig Warner – Social Worker at the High School – Mr. Warner's last day will be May 26, 2026, which is the conclusion of the 25 – 26 school year.

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Employments - *pending satisfactory completion of all state requirements*

- Abby Eungard – 1:1 Aide at the Early Childhood Center – Ms. Eungard’s anticipated start date is Monday, March 9, 2026.
- Kimberly Fisher – full-time 1:1 Aide at the Early Childhood Center – Ms. Fisher’s anticipated start date is Monday, March 9, 2026.
- Joseph Flatt – Custodian Floater for the District – Mr. Flatt’s start date was Monday, March 2, 2026, and is replacing Travis Johnson.
- Taylor Gunier – 8th Grade English Teacher at the Middle School – Ms. Gunier is replacing Sharon Swink.
- Margaret Marlin – 6th Grade Math Teacher at the Middle School starting the 26 – 27 school year – Ms. Marlin is replacing Mrs. Moir.
- Kethan Neal – Custodian Floater for the District – Mr. Neal’s start date was Wednesday, February 18, 2026, and is replacing Angelina Mendoza.
- Madison Phillips – Social Worker at the Early Childhood Center starting the 26 – 27 school year.
- Trudy Pavletich – Custodian Floater for the District – Ms. Pavletich anticipated start date is Tuesday, March 3, 2026. Ms. Pavletich is replacing Ms. Macak.

Employee Transfers

- Alexander Smith – Classroom Aide at the High School – Mr. Smith is transferring to Special Education Teacher at the Middle School. Mr. Smith is replacing Mr. Peters.
- Nick Peters – Special Education Teacher at the Middle School – Mr. Peters is transferring to 8th Grade Special Education Co-Teacher at the Middle School. Mr. Peters is replacing Sandy Sanburg.

Leave Requests

- Riane O’Donnell – 5th Grade Special Education Teacher at the Intermediate School – Ms. O’Donnell is requesting a thirty-five (35) day FMLA leave, with use of accumulated sick leave in accordance with the Teacher’s Negotiated Agreement, from approximately Tuesday, April 7, 2026, through Tuesday, May 26, 2026.
- Calin Wolcott – full-time Classroom Aide at the Early Childhood Center – Ms. Wolcott is requesting a thirty-four (34) FMLA leave, in accordance with the support staff handbook, from approximately Tuesday, April 7, 2026, through Friday, May 22, 2026, which is the conclusion of the 25 – 26 school year.

Extra-Curricular Resignations

- Kyra Benson – 4th Grade ASAP Coordinator
- Sarah Cyrkiel – Assistant Girls Tennis Coach at the High School
- Kim Sondgeroth – Fall & Winter Dance Coach at the High School

Extra-Curricular Transfers

- Zach Edgar – Assistant Sophomore Football Coach – Mr. Edgar is transferring to the Sophomore Head Football Coach.

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Extra-Curricular Assignments

- Andy Leve – ASAP Teacher at the Intermediate School
- Kyra Benson – Assistant Track Coach – Ms. Benson is replacing Coach Masters.
- Cade Mueller – Sophomore Baseball Coach at the High School
- Nate Wills – Freshmen Baseball Coach

2025 – 2026 Honorable Dismissals

Assignment	Paraprofessional Name	Building
1:1 Aide	Kathryn Davis	ECC
1:1 Aide	Felicia Bohac	ECC
1:1 Aide .5	Kristina Lardi	ECC
1:1 Aide	Kathryn Long	ECC
1:1 Aide	Emily Cloe	ECC
1:1 Aide	Laurn Pflibsen	ECC
1:1 Aide	Tasha Nash	ECC
1:1 Aide	Lori Johnson	ECC
1:1 Aide	Lauren Pratl	ECC
1:1 Aide	Heather Egeland	ECC
1:1 Aide	Kloey Lind	ECC
1:1 Aide	Alicia Foote	ECC
1:1 Aide	Abbie Granger	ECC
1:1 Aide	Lorena Solecki	ECC
1:1 Aide	Kara Olson	ECC
1:1 Aide .5	Kayla Hyzy	ECC
1:1 Aide	Brittany Jett	ES
1:1 Aide	Kelsey Monshau	ES
1:1 Aide	Kaylee Ziolkowski	ES
1:1 Aide	Deanna Price	IS
1:1 Aide	Tammy Shepard	MS
1:1 Aide	Sheryl Sterle	MS
1:1 Aide	Keegan Clampitt	MS
1:1 Aide	Amy Bova	MS

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1:1 Aide	Emily Perry	MS
1:1 Aide	Nicole Smith	MS
1:1 Aide	Sarah Rowader	HS
1:1 Aide	Jennifer Frashier	HS
1:1 Aide	Sara Helland	HS

Roll Call.

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

Nays:

Absent: Matt Melvin

Motion: Carried.

ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS

A. EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER REPORT

Principal Davidson Reported:

Calendar of Events:

March 2nd - NO SCHOOL

March 3rd - SPED Team Meeting @ 2:55pm

March 4th - Staff Culture Committee Meeting @ 2:55pm

March 5th - A Team Meeting @ 2:55pm

March 9th - SAP Team Meeting @ 2:55pm

March 10th - SPED Team Meeting @ 2:55pm

March 11th - Early Dismissal

March 16th - CPI Team Meeting @ 2:55pm

March 17th - Kindergarten Team Meeting @ 11:05am

March 17th - 1st Grade Team Meeting @ 12:00pm

March 17th - SPED Team Meeting @ 2:55pm

March 18th - ECC Spring Pictures

March 18th - Attendance Committee Meeting @ 2:55pm

March 19th - Preschool Team Meeting @ 10:45am

March 19th - Specials Team Meeting @ 2:55pm

March 23rd - SAP Team Meeting @ 2:55pm

March 24th - SPED Team Meeting @ 2:55pm

March 24th - Support Staff Team Meeting @ 2:55pm

March 25th - Custodian Team Meeting @ 2:55pm

March 26th - Kindergarten Fine Arts Showcase @ 6:30pm

March 28th - April 6th - SPRING BREAK

Current Enrollment:

PreK: 188

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Kindergarten: 120

1st Grade: 149

Total: 457 (in PowerSchool as of February 26th, 2026)

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
- Lockdown Drill (with CC Police Department) - October 2nd, 2025

Month-in-Review:

February Month in Review

February at the ECC was filled with learning, connection, and heart. Despite being a shorter month, our classrooms were busy with meaningful instruction, student growth, and many moments that highlighted the joy of early childhood education.

Students continued to make strong academic progress, particularly in literacy and foundational math skills. Teachers thoughtfully balanced structured learning with play-based experiences, creating engaging environments where students felt safe to take risks and grow. It has been especially rewarding to see students building independence, confidence, and positive peer relationships as the school year continues.

A highlight of the month was our Family Reading Night, which was a tremendous success. Over 400 families joined us to celebrate a shared love of reading and learning. The evening was filled with excitement as students and families participated in reading activities throughout the building, reinforcing the importance of literacy at home and school. Thank you to our staff and families for making this event such a memorable and meaningful experience.

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February also provided opportunities to focus on social-emotional learning and kindness with “Love Yourself and Others Week.” Through classroom conversations, themed days, and daily interactions, students practiced empathy, cooperation, and problem-solving—skills that are essential to their development and to our ECC community.

Family connections remained a priority throughout the month. Parent-teacher conferences offered meaningful opportunities to celebrate student growth and strengthen partnerships between home and school. We are grateful for our families’ continued support and open communication.

Recognition:

I would like to formally recognize and thank our Literacy Department—Mrs. Ludes, Ms. Togliatti, Mrs. Kinder, and Mrs. Schmitz—for the tremendous amount of time, planning, and dedication that went into organizing a highly successful Family Reading Night at the ECC.

Thanks to their efforts, over 450 families attended the event and joined us for an evening centered on the joy and importance of reading. The night was thoughtfully planned, engaging for students and families, and a true reflection of our commitment to early literacy and strong home-school partnerships.

We are incredibly grateful to this team for their hard work and leadership in making Family Reading Night such a meaningful and memorable experience for our ECC community.

B. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Trotter reported:

Calendar of Events:

March 2nd: No School
March 8th: Daylight Saving Time begins
March 11th: 11:45 Dismissal
March 12th: Frozen preview for CCES
March 22nd-26th: IAR Testing for 3rd Graders
March 28th - April 6th: Spring Break
April 7th: School Resumes

ES Enrollment:

2nd Grade: 145 students
3rd Grade: 140 students
Total: 285 (enrolled as of 2/23/2026)

CCES Happenings and Recognitions:

- It was nice to connect with our families at Parent/Teacher Conferences on February 5th.
- We had some fun spirit days in February: Olympic Day, NFL Day, Red and Pink Days and of course Valentine’s Day.

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- Our students celebrated with their last classroom party of the year on February 13th.
- The second trimester ended on February 17th.
- The High School Girls Basketball players welcomed our students on Friday, February 20th.
- Many of our students had fun at Family Wellness Night and Family Reading Night.
- Thanks to Erin Christopher and her staff for the amazing food on Parent/Teacher Conference Day and always on the early dismissal days. They do a terrific job.

C. INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Carlson reported:

***Report not available at time of publishing.**

D. MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Stone reported:

Calendar of Events:

March 2 - No School/Casimir Pulaski

March 2 – 6 - School Social Worker Appreciation Week

March 4 - Shake It Up Wednesday - Undercover Teacher, each grade level picks their theme

March 4 – MS101 @ 2:50 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.

March 5 - Coal City Public Library Visit, during lunch periods

March 6 – Spring Dance @ 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

March 11 - Shake It Up Wednesday - Black CCMS Shirts

March 11 – ISA Test @ 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

March 11 – End of 3rd Quarter

March 11 - 8th Grade Parent Night @ CCHS @ 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

March 12 - Frozen Musical Preview @ 1:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

March 18 - Shake It Up Wednesday - March Madness - Favorite Sports Team

March 18 - MS101 @ 2:50 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.

March 23 - 8th Grade Gown Measurement Day

March 24 – 26 - IAR Math Test @ 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

March 27 - Last Day of Exploratory Rotation – 2:50 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.

March 27 - Payment Due for 8th Grade Trip

March 28 - April 6 – No School/Spring Break

Enrollment:

6th Grade 139

7th Grade 138

8th Grade 157

Total: 434

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Month in Review – February 2025

- Coal City Middle School held Parent/Teacher Conferences on Thursday, February 5, 2026. The below table are the attendance rates for CCMS.
 - 6th Grade -- $21/140 = 15.00\%$
 - 7th Grade -- $21/139 = 15.11\%$
 - 8th Grade -- $17/157 = 10.83\%$
 - CCMS Total -- $59/436 = 13.5\%$
- Coal City Middle School participated in a staff professional development day on Wednesday, February 11, 2026.
- Coal City Middle School had a staff outing at Echo Lanes Friday, February 19, 2026. We had roughly 25 staff members attend, and it was a great experience! I appreciate all the hard work and effort of our staff, so it was nice to celebrate with some free time with those who were able to attend.
- CCMS wrapped up winter benchmark testing and held our Building Leadership Team meetings with our teachers to move students in and out of interventions based on the student's progress throughout the first two and a half quarters of the school year. These placements will be in place until spring benchmark testing in May.
- CCMS will be taking the Illinois Science Assessment on Wednesday, March 11, 2026.
- CCMS will be Illinois Assessment of Readiness testing on the below dates:
 - Math – March 24th, 25th, and 26th
 - English Language Arts – April 8th, 9th, and 10th

Coal City Middle School Athletics

CCMS Athletics is concluding winter sports and turning the page to our last season of the year, track. Our wrestling team will travel to Seneca for the IESA regionals, Port Byron for sectionals, and Dekalb for State. Both levels of volleyball will participate in the upcoming Minooka regional. Six students will participate in the IESA Chess tournament on February 27th – 28th. Mr. Hitchcock is our Chess Sponsor and spent the weekend in Peoria supporting our participants. Track kicks off their season on March 16th and typically has 150 participants.

CCMS Wrestling

Joey Rivera - Head Coach

CCMS Volleyball

Pam McMurtrey- 8th Grade

Gina Horrie - 7th Grade

Michelle Painter / Kat Drey - 6th Grade

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Track

Corey Mikula - Head Boys Coach
Chad Larson - Head Girls Coach

E. HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Stafford reported:

Calendar of Events:

March 2 - NO SCHOOL
March 11 - Eighth Grade Parent Night - 6:00-7:30
March 13-15 - Spring Musical - Frozen
March 20-22 - Spring Musical - Frozen
March 20 - Fire Drill
March 28 - Spring Break

Month in Review:

- February PBS Assembly - This past month, CCHS hosted guest speaker Sam Demma. Sam is a bestselling author, keynote speaker, and creator whose videos have been viewed over 250 million times. He has delivered 750+ performances across three continents, spoken twice on the TEDx stage, collaborated with brands like Taco Bell, and toured his message throughout Canada, the U.S., and Kenya. His books, Empty Your Backpack and Be Someone's Taco, help people build resilience, empathy, and leadership skills. Sam's high-energy, comedic presentations focus on mental health, kindness, and making a difference.
- Course selection was completed for all returning students for the 2026-27 school year. Counselors met with each student individually to select class and to ensure appropriate placement in accordance with the advanced placement act.

Recognition:

The varsity wrestling team sent the following 14 wrestlers to state:

106- Jake Munsterman
113- Gavin Roudis
120- Tyson Price
126- Owen Petersen – 3rd
132- Cooper Morris
138- Luke Munsterman – 6th
144- Max Christensen
150- Brody Widlowski – 3rd
157- Aidan Kenney – 2nd
165- Mason Garner – 4th

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175- Brock Finch – 2nd
 190- Evan Greggain
 215- Cade Poyner – 2nd
 285- Payton Vigna

The speech team competed at the state competition in Peoria.

Jacob Cimino - Extemporaneous Speaking
 Jaidden Leman - Original Comedy
 Mason Hamilton - Humorous Interpretation
 Gabby VanDuyne and Theo Fritz - Humorous Duet Acting
 Jordan Olson - Prose Reading

Current Enrollment:

Freshman: 164
 Sophomore: 155
 Junior: 159
 Senior: 165
Total: 643

Discipline Report:

Inappropriate Behavior/Comments - 4
 Physical Threat - 2
 Vaping - 1
 Insubordination - 4

F. STUDENT SERVICES REPORT

Director Krippel reported:

Current Student Services 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>145</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>64</i>	<i>59</i>	<i>366</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>2</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>126</i>

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<i>Coaler Academy Data</i>				
<i>Full Time</i>	<i>Hybrid</i>	<i>Intervention</i>	<i>Total Students</i>	<i>Pending Referrals</i>
<i>12</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>0</i>

<i>Out of District Placements</i>				
<i>Guiding Light</i>	<i>High Road</i>	<i>Placement Pending</i>	<i>Menta</i>	<i>Total Students</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>12</i>

<i>Miscellaneous Student Data</i>	
<i>ELL</i>	<i>Homeless</i>
<i>37</i>	<i>21</i>

<i>Overall Preschool Numbers</i>			
<i>Current Students</i>	<i>IEP Openings</i>	<i>At-Risk Openings</i>	<i>Waitlist</i>
<i>187/220</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>0</i>

G. CURRICULUM REPORT

Director Kenney reported:

Professional Development:

Sessions were conducted on our Early Dismissal Day on February 11th. Our focus continued to be building specific. The ECC, ES, and IS joined together to have further training on iReady, Flocabulary, and Master Manager. These training will help teachers to utilize the resources we have to their fullest, increasing student learning in various ways. The MS continued its specific work with our ELA, Math, and attendance specialists. The HS continues their work with PLCs to work on building initiatives.

Department News:

The Physical Education/Health department continues to review materials for grades K-12. They will be purchasing new materials for FY27.

Career and Tech, Fine Arts, and SEL will be in the rotation for materials for FY28. They will begin

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the resource adoption process in the fall.

Standardized Testing:

State testing went well for the ES and IS as they conducted testing prior to spring break. Testing will continue after spring break for the MS and for the ISA tests. The testing will be as follows:

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 Kevin Hennessy requesting charges for youth programs in district; charges for youth programs not in district, and who approves the usage of district facilities.
 - A FOIA request was received from Michael F. Henry requesting the firm and name of the District's Primary Attorney and documentation that the district performed background checks on Board members.
 - A FOIA request was received from Michael A. Ayele requesting detailed discussions about Black History Month.
 - A FOIA request was received from Sheri Reid from SmartProcure requesting any/all purchasing records from 12/5/25 to current.
2. Three Rivers Divisional Meeting at Chelsea Intermediate School in Frankfort, on April 7, 2026, from 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
 3. Monthly student enrollment figures were available for review.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

March 2 – No School/Casimir Pulaski’s Day
March 7 – Spring Sport Pictures @ the High School
March 9 – Trap Shooting Pictures at the High School
March 11 – Early Dismissal
March 11 – End of 3rd Quarter for the Middle School & High School
March 13 & 14 – Musical @ the High School @7:00 p.m.
March 15 – Musical @ the High School @ 2:00 p.m.
March 18 – Spring Pictures @ the Early Childhood Center
March 20 & 21 – Musical @ the High School a@ 7:00 p.m.
March 22 – Musical at the High School at 2:00 p.m.
March 24 – National Honors Induction at 7:00 p.m. @ CCHS
March 25 – 8th Grade Gown Measurement
March 25 – Board Study Session of the Whole Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
March 26 – Kindergarten Fine Arts Festival Showcase @ 6:30 p.m. @ the High School
March 28 – April 6 – No School/Spring Break
April 7 – Classes Resume

Mr. Spencer provided the Board with a recap of the success of the Annual Family Wellness Night.
Mr. Spencer also informed the Board of the passing of a former certified staff member Kevin McCleary.

I. GRUNDY AREA VOCATIONAL CENTER REPORT

Mr. Engelhardt reported:

1. Approved the Minutes of the January 22, 2026, Board of Control Meeting.
2. Approved the bills, payroll, and financial reports.
3. The GAVC Welding program presented to the Board of Control.
4. Assistant Director Gierke provided an update on the FY27 enrollment and registration process and thanked the counselors for providing enrollment projections.
5. Assistant Director Gierke informed the Board that the advanced class placements would be coming in March.
6. Assistant Director Gierke let the Board know that the Heavy Equipment interviews will be held on March 26th.
7. Assistant Director Gierke discussed Health Occupations scheduling for FY27.
8. Assistant Director Gierke updated the Board on the Work-Based Learning program.
9. Dean of Students, Mr. Trever Sampson provided the Board of Control an update on the SkillsUSA competition. Fifty-five students are registered and the qualifying exams were completed February 9th through the 12th.

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10. Dean of Students, Mr. Trever Sampson informed the Board of Control that the 2026 GAVC Awards Night will be held on April 29th, at Coal City High School's Auditorium.
11. Dean of Students, Mr. Trever Sampson let the Board know that all GAVC scholarships are live on the GAVC website.
12. Dean of Students, Mr. Trever Sampson informed the Board that he has been attending AI trainings and will be creating an AI implementation plan.
13. Director Copes went over the March calendar.
14. Director Copes reviewed classroom availability with next year's preliminary numbers and options.
15. Director Copes discussed the process for the Summer Internship program and the deadlines associated with it.
16. Director Copes reviewed the reduction in the EAV process with the change in enrollment.
17. Approved the FY27 School Calendar.
18. Approved the three-year contract for Mrs. Gierke.
19. Approved the annual contract for Mr. Sampson.
20. Approved the Resolution to include cash payments in lieu of or related to health insurance as IMRF earnings.

J. ATHLETIC DIRECTOR REPORT

Athletic Director Boresi reported:

Congratulations to our varsity wrestlers that advanced to the State tournament and those that placed:

Place Finishers:

126- Owen Petersen - 3RD
138- Luke Munsterman - 6TH
150- Brody Widlowski - 3RD
157- Aidan Kenney - 2ND
165- Mason Garner - 4TH
175- Brock Finch - 2ND
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Qualifiers:

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Our wrestling team will be competing in the IHSA Dual Team Championships this weekend in Bloomington, IL.

Congratulations to our Winter All-Conference Athletes:

Sydney Larson - Girls Basketball
Riley Walker - Girls Basketball
Gavin Berger - Boys Basketball
Dane Noffsinger - Boys Basketball
Cambree Davidson - Cheer
Jake Munsterman - Wrestling
Ryder Gill - Wrestling
Tyson Price - Wrestling
Owen Petersen - Wrestling
Cooper Morris - Wrestling
Luke Munsterman - Wrestling
Max Christensen - Wrestling
Brody Widlowski - Wrestling
Aidan Kenney - Wrestling
Mason Garner - Wrestling
Brock Finch - Wrestling
Evan Greggain - Wrestling
Cade Poyner - Wrestling
Payton Vigna - Wrestling

Congratulations to **Aidan Kenney** on being selected to this year's IHSA All-State Academic Team. Aidan is 1 of 26 members from the entire state chosen based on his athletic and academic accomplishments.

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 ON FY27 STAFFING UPDATE

Superintendent Christopher Spencer provided the Board with an update on staffing for FY27. Mr. Spencer discussed each buildings open positions and where the administration was in the interviewing/hiring process. Mr. Spencer will continue to provide the Board with staffing updates until all the positions have been filled.

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B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON BID AWARD FOR THE SLABJACKING PROJECT AT THE EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Sealed bids for the slabjacking project at the early childhood center were opened Thursday, February 19, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. A bid notice was published in the Coal City Courant on Wednesday, January 28, 2026, and a Pre-Bid meeting was held at the project site on February 10, 2026. CSBO Jason Smith updated the Board with the submission results. Mr. Smith provided the Board with a summary of the administration process of working with the district architects and the administrators to determine capital projects within the district, and when those projects should be completed. He also provided the Board with a summary of the budget cycle.

The administrations recommendation was to get pricing for this project as a whole and broken down in sections. Because this is a new technique, the recommendation was to repair one section to see how well it holds up before proceeding with the other two sections.

Mr. Engelhardt moved, and Mrs. Klein seconded to approve the lowest responsible bid from Atlas Restoration for base bid #2, for the slabjacking project at the early childhood center at a total cost of \$404,370.00, as presented and reject all other base bids.

Roll Call.

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

Nays:

Absent: Matt Melvin

Motion: Carried.

C. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON BID AWARD FOR THE ROOFING PROJECT AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Sealed bids for the roofing project at the middle school were opened Thursday, February 19, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. A bid notice was published in the Coal City Courant on Wednesday, January 28, 2026, and a Pre-Bid meeting was held at the project site on February 10, 2026. CSBO Jason Smith updated the Board with the submission results.

Mr. Harmon moved, and Mr. Engelhardt seconded to approve the lowest responsible bid from DCG Roofing Solutions for base bid and alternate #1, for the roofing project at the middle school at a total cost of \$1,701,785.00, as presented, and to reject alternate #2 and #3.

Roll Call.

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

Nays:

Absent: Matt Melvin

Motion: Carried.

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NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON RENEWING THE AGREEMENT WITH SPROUT EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Director of Student Services, Luke Krippel made a recommendation to renew the agreement with Sprout Educational Services for physical therapy services for the 2026 – 2027 school year. This is a one-year agreement that can be terminated with a ninety-day (90) notice. Mr. Krippel explained the financial benefit to the district for renewing the agreement with Sprout.

Mrs. Klein moved, and Mrs. Rampa seconded to approve the one (1) year agreement renewal with Sprout Educational Services, as presented.

Roll Call.

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

Nays:

Absent: Matt Melvin

Motion: Carried.

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON APPROVING THE DONATION FROM THE MUSIC BOOSTERS

A donation was received from the Music Boosters in the amount of \$8,000.00 to be utilized for the PIT Orchestra for the high school musical. Superintendent Christopher Spencer discussed the donation. The Music Boosters donation was broken into two (2) donations. \$1,000 was a true donation, and \$7,000 was fronted to pay for the professional musicians in the PIT, fundraising will take place to reimburse the \$7,000 to the Music Boosters.

Mr. Engelhardt moved, and Mr. VanDuyne seconded to approve the donation in the amount of \$8,000 from the Music Boosters for the PIT Orchestra, as presented.

Roll Call.

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

Nays:

Absent: Matt Melvin

Motion: Carried.

C. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON ACCEPTING THE DONATION FROM CONSTELLATION

A donation was received from Constellation in the amount of \$1,010.00 to the District. Former Board member Shawn Hamilton volunteered his time at Constellation for this donation to be received. This donation will go towards a new sound system in the softball and baseball fields. The School Board and Superintendent Christopher Spencer thanked Mr. Hamilton for volunteering his time for this donation to be received.

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Mr. Harmon moved, and Mrs. Rampa seconded to accept the donation from Constellation in the amount of \$1,010.00

Roll Call.

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

Nays:

Absent: Matt Melvin

Motion: Carried.

D. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON ACCEPTING THE DONATION FROM THE ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

The Athletic Boosters made a final donation to the school district in the amount of \$19,564.00. CSBO Jason Smith discussed the application of this donation. The Athletic Boosters has been dissolved, and this was their final donation to the district.

Mr. Engelhardt moved and Mrs. Rampa seconded to accept of the donation from the Athletic Boosters in the amount of \$19,564.00.

Roll Call.

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

Nays:

Absent: Matt Melvin

Motion: Carried.

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

A School Site Donation in the amount of \$3,115.52 was received from Grundy County. A resolution was prepared for acceptance of the school site donation.

Mr. Harmon moved, and Mrs. Klein seconded to approve the resolution to accept the School Site Donation from Grundy County in the amount of \$3,115.52, and to waive the reading of the resolution.

Roll Call.

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

Nays:

Absent: Matt Melvin

Motion: Carried.

OPEN FOR ITEMS NOT KNOWN AT AGENDA PREPARATION TIME

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

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CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Harmon moved, and Mr. Engelhardt seconded to go to closed session at 7:04 p.m. for the purpose of considering information regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, dismissal of specific employees, and an individual student issue.

Roll Call.

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

Nays:

Absent: Matt Melvin

Motion: Carried.

Mrs. Rampa moved, and Mr. Harmon seconded to return to open session at 8:05 p.m.

Roll Call.

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

Nays:

Absent: Matt Melvin

Motion: Carried.

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

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE: APRIL 8, 2026 @ 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 8:05 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