

Coal City Community Unit School District #1
Grundy County
Board of Study Session of the Whole Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 29, 2026

Call to Order

President Miller called the Board Study Session of the Whole meeting to order at 6:25 p.m. with the board members answering roll call present: Quint Harmon, 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 Dan Engelhardt was absent, and Board Member Cindy Klein left at 6:52 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at the Special Board Meeting held earlier in the evening.

Discussion on Worker's Compensation Insurance Renewal

CSBO Jason Smith presented the Board with the renewal rates for the district's worker's compensation insurance. The same guidelines for the health insurance are the same guidelines for the worker's compensation insurance. The increased number in claims is increasing the premium. Mr. Smith provided the Board with a summary of those percentages, and the percentage increase is still less than what it would be if the district was not a part of the co-op.

Discussion on Intermediate School Renovation Project Update

Superintendent Christopher Spencer provided the Board with an update on the intermediate school renovation project. The painting is happening, the crash pads have been added to the walls, the acoustics ceiling has been installed in the band room, the flooring will be installed in about two (2) weeks; the flooring will be a firm rubber flooring. The work is scheduled to be completed by mid-July, and in August teachers will be able to get into the building and set their classrooms. The restrooms will receive new fixtures and partitions. The administration is considering a dedication and community tour. Mr. Spencer was able to share updated photos with the Board of all the progress.

Discussion on FY27 Staffing Update

Superintendent Christopher Spencer provided the Board with an update on staffing for FY27. Mr. Spencer went through each building's open positions (if there were any) and the status of the interview process. Mr. Spencer plans on having a mentorship program in place for the administration at the high school, and he also plans on meeting with Mr. Mikula monthly to ensure his success in the position.

Discussion on Maintenance Position

CSBO Jason Smith discussed a request to hire an additional maintenance staff member in lieu of renewing the Preventative Maintenance Agreement for HVAC systems. The administration has been happy with the services provide by Glade but feels like the current maintenance staff is missing out vital knowledge and experience by not doing some of this work themselves. The administration will get the position posted with the hope of identifying a candidate, if not, renewing the agreement with Glade will be option.

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Discussion on Athletic/Activities Secretary Position Update

Superintendent Christopher Spencer provided the Board with an update on the Athletic/Activities Secretary position. The staff member in this position schedules buses and ensures the concession stand is stocked. Currently there is another staff member who receives a stipend to staff the concession stand, and the administration would like to give these responsibilities to the Athletic/Activities Secretary. The revenue from the concession stand pays the salary of this employee.

Second Reading on Revised District Policies

The first reading took place at the April 8, 2026, Board meeting. This is the second reading on the revised district policies. Mr. Spencer met with the Board Policy Committee yesterday, and tonight he discussed policy 4:165 with the Board. The final reading will take place at the May 6, 2026, Board Meeting.

2:140-E	Guidance for Board Member Communications, Including Email Use
2:150-AP	Superintendent Committees
2:200	Types of School Board Meetings
2:200-AP	Types of School Board Meetings
2:220	School Board Meeting Procedure
2:250	Access to District Public Records
2:250-AP1	Access to and Copying of District Public Records
2:250-AP2	Protocols for Record Preservation and Development of Retention Schedules
2:250-E2	Immediately Available District Public Records and Web-Posted Reports and Records
2:260	Uniform Grievance Procedure
2:265	Title IX Grievance Procedure
4:40	Incurring Debt
4:140-E4	Resolution to Increase Driver Education Fees
4:165	Awareness and Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Grooming Behaviors
4:170-AP6, E2	Notification to Staff and Parents/Guardians of CPR and AED Video
5:30	Hiring Process and Criteria
5:30-AP1	Interview Questions
5:30-AP2	Investigations
5:30-AP2, E1	Notice of Preliminary Hiring Decision Based on Conviction Record
5:30-AP2, E2	Notice of Final Hiring Decision Based on Conviction Record
5:50	Drug- and Alcohol-Free Workplace; E-Cigarette, Tobacco, and Cannabis Prohibition
5:90-AP1	Coordination with Children's Advocacy Center
5:190-E1	Notice to Parents of Their Right to Request Their Child's Classroom Teachers' Qualifications
5:250	Leaves of Absence
5:330	Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves

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6:20-AP	Remote and/or Blended Remote Learning Day Plans(s)
6:50	School Wellness
6:65	Student Social and Emotional Development
6:100	Using Animals in the Educational Program
6:100-AP	Dissection of Animals
6:100-E1	Guidelines and Application for Using Animals in School Facilities for Educational Purposes
6:100-E2	Student Permission for Exposure to Animals
6:145	Migrant Students
6:170	Title I Programs
6:170-AP1	Checklist for Development Implementation, and Maintenance of Parent and Family Engagement Compacts for Title I Programs
6:170-AP1, E1	District-Level Parent and Family Engagement <u>Plan</u> ~~Compact~~
6:170-AP1, E2	School-Level Parent and Family Engagement <u>Plan</u> ~~Compact~~
6:170-AP2	Notice to Parents Required by Elementary and Secondary Education, McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance, and Protection of Pupil Rights Law
6:180	Extended Instructional Programs
6:235-AP1, E1	Student Authorization for Access to the District's Electronric Networks
6:235-AP1, E2	Staff Authorization for Access to the District's Electronic Networks
6:235-AP2	Web Publishing Guidelines
6:235-E3	Online Privacy Statements
7:20	Harassment of Students Prohibited
7:50	School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools
7:100	Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students
7:185	Teen Dating Violence Prohibited
7:190-E2	Student Handbook Checklist
7:220	Bus Conduct
7:230	Misconduct by Students with Disabilities
7:240	Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities
7:240-AP2, E1	Consent to Participate in Extracurricular Drug and Alcohol Testing Program
7:260	Exemption from Physical Education
7:280	Communicable and Chronic Infectious Diseases
7:285-AP	Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response, and Management Program
7:300	Extracurricular Athletics
7:300-E2	Certificate of Physical Fitness for Participation in Athletics
7:305-AP	Program for Managing Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries
7:340-AP1	School Student Records
7:340-AP1, E1	Notice to Parents/Guardians and Students of Their Rights Concerning a Student's School Records
7:340-AP1, E3	Letter to Parents and Eligible Students Concerning Military Recruiters and

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	Postsecondary Institutions Receiving Student Directory Information
7:340-AP1, E4	Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Military Recruiter Access to Students and Student Information
8:90	Parent Organization and Booster Clubs

Discussion on District Restraint Time Out (RTO) Plan

Director of Student Services Luke Krippel discussed the revisions of the District's RTO Plan. Mr. Krippel explained that every district must have a plan to keep students safe when another student becomes unsafe. There have been some amendments to the plans, and Mr. Krippel is presenting it for Board member knowledge.

Discussion on the Easement Request from the Village of Braceville

CSBO Jason Smith discussed the request for access to the easement at the intersection of Spring and Berta Rd. from the Village of Braceville. Braceville has been in communication with the Village of Diamond, the Fire Station, and the Village of Coal City regarding this request. They are now contacting the school district, as this work would run directly through district property.

Discussion on GEDC 2027 Fees

Superintendent Christopher Spencer discussed the 2027 fees for GEDC. Their \$300 fee has been the same since 2005, they planning to raise it to \$1,000.

Finance Reports

The bank reconciliation report, budget summary report, trial balance, and balance sheet, were enclosed, along with the cash reports, check reconciliation report, cleared check report, and bank statements for March were prepared 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 March were also enclosed for review.

Mr. Smith informed that Board that the tax extension was received and once it's received back from the district's attorney, Mr. Smith will get it filed with the county.

Open

- a) Items not known at agenda preparation time – none.
- b) Sharing Ideas / Information – Mr. Spencer reminded the Board members of the upcoming GEDC Legislative Breakfast.

There were no agenda items to be discussed in closed session.

Adjournment

Mr. Harmon moved, and Mrs. Rampa seconded to adjourn at 7:04 p.m. the Board Study Session of the Whole meeting.

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Kenneth P. Miller, President

Cynthia Klein, Secretary