

**Coal City Community Unit School District #1
Grundy County
Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 8, 2026**

THE MEETING BEGAN AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL IN THE GYMNASIUM

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, Cindy Klein, Matt Melvin, 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 Mindy Rampa was absent, and Board member Quint Harmon arrived at 6:40 p.m.

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.

High School Wrestling Coach Mark Masters was in attendance and recognized the wrestling team and the individual wrestlers that qualified for the State Tournament. Mr. Masters provided the Board with historical stats for Coal City's wrestling program in the State of Illinois. He also provided the Board with a summary of each student's performance in the season.

Middle School Wrestling Coach Joey Rivera was in attendance and recognized the individual wrestlers that qualified for the State Tournament.

Theatre Director Jack Micetich was in attendance and recognized those students that participated in the All-State Musical production. Mr. Micetich provided the Board with a summary of the student's rehearsal schedule in preparation for their performance.

Martin Ramirez was not available to attend the Board meeting due to prior obligations. Mr. Ramirez was to be recognized for making the Illinois Music Education Association All-State Honors Chorus.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ON MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE TO RECONVENE AT APPROXIMATELY 6:30 P.M.

At 6:22 p.m. Mr. VanDuyne moved, and Mrs. Klein seconded to adjourn the meeting to the district office.

Roll Call:

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

Nays:

Absent: Quint Harmon and Mindy Rampa

Motion: Carried.

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**DISCUSSION/ACTION ON MOTION TO RECONVENE THE BOARD MEETING
AT 6:30 P.M.**

Mr. Engelhardt moved, and Mr. Melvin seconded to reconvene the Board meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call:

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

Nays:

Absent: Quint Harmon and Mindy Rampa

Motion: Carried.

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

Earlier in the day Board member Matt Melvin sent an email to the Board President and the Superintendent requesting that the job descriptions be removed from the consent agenda and moved to old business as action items. Mr. Melvin also mentioned reports not being available for review once the Board book is posted. Superintendent Christopher Spencer stated the issue has been addressed.

President Miller asked if there were any items that the Board would like to remove from the consent agenda. Hearing no additional items to be removed, President Miller asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda and the following facility usage requests.

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

<u>Group</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Date</u>
CC Soccer Club	HS	04/08/26-06/03/26
Morris United Soccer Club	HS	05/14/26-05/15/26

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

MINUTES

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

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

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

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Activity Fund Reports – February 2026
Treasurer's Report – February 2026
Monthly Manual Check Report – March 2026

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Payroll Report – March 2026

Accounts Payable Report – April 2026

PERSONNEL

Resignations

- Brad Boresi – Athletic Director at the High School – Mr. Boresi’s last day will be June 30, 2026, which is the conclusion of the 25 – 26 school calendar.
- Eusebio (Joey) Rivera – 4th Grade Teacher at the Intermediate School – Mr. Rivera’s last day will be Tuesday, May 26, 2026.
- Arthur Stafford – Principal at the High School – Mr. Stafford’s last day will be June 30, 2026. Which is the conclusion of the 25 – 26 school calendar.

Employments – *pending satisfactory completion of all state requirements*

- Natalie Casey – Social Worker at the High School for the 26 – 27 school year – Ms. Casey is replacing Craig Warner.
- Jennifer Durkee – Kindergarten & 1st Grade Teacher Special Education Teacher at the Early Childhood Center – Ms. Durkee is replacing Mr. Pfeifer, who took another position in the district.

Leave Requests

- Sarah Cyrkiel – Math Teacher at the High School – Mrs. Cyrkiel is requesting a twenty-nine (29) day FMLA leave with, with use of accumulated sick leave in accordance with the Teacher’s Negotiated Agreement, from approximately Wednesday, August 12, 2026, through Wednesday, September 23, 2026. Mrs. Cyrkiel is also requesting unpaid FMLA from Thursday, September 24, 2026, through Thursday, May 27, 2027, which is the conclusion of the 26 – 27 school year. Mrs. Cyrkiel plans to return the start of the 27 – 28 school year.

Retirement Requests

- Amy Siefken – Art Teacher at the Middle School – Mrs. Siefken plans to retire at the conclusion of the 28 – 29 school year.

Extra-Curricular Resignations

- Ashley Jackman – Fall Color Guard Coach at the High School

Extra-Curricular Transfers

- Tommy Purcell – from Assistant Freshmen Football Coach to Assistant Sophomore Football Coach

Extra-Curricular Assignments

Athletic Director Brad Boresi is making the following recommendations for coaching/volunteer positions at the High School:

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- Olivia Drumm – Fall/Winter Dance Coach
- Joey Fatigante – Assistant Speech Coach
- Dylan Ludes – Assistant Speech Coach
- John Marsaglia – Assistant Speech Coach
- Nick Peters – Assistant Freshmen Football Coach

Roll Call.

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

Nays:

Absent: Quint Harmon and Mindy Rampa

Motion: Carried.

ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS

A. EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER REPORT

Principal Davidson Reported:

Calendar of Events:

March 26th - Kindergarten Fine Arts Showcase @ 6:30 p.m.

March 28th - April 6th - Spring Break

April 7th - Classes resume

April 7th - SPED Team Meeting @ 2:55 p.m.

April 8th - Staff Culture Committee Meeting @ 2:55 p.m.

April 9th - A Team Meeting @ 2:55 p.m.

April 10th - Coaler Friday

April 13th - SAP Team Meeting @ 2:55 p.m.

April 14th - SPED Team Meeting @ 2:55 p.m.

April 15th - Early Dismissal

April 15th - Kindergarten Round-Up

April 16th - 1st Grade Fine Arts Showcase @ 6:30 p.m.

April 17th - Coaler Friday

April 20th - CPI Team Meeting @ 2:55 p.m.

April 21st - Kindergarten Team Meeting @ 11:10 a.m.

April 21st - 1st Grade Team Meeting @ 12:05 p.m.

April 21st - SPED Team Meeting @ 2:55 p.m.

April 22nd - Attendance Committee Meeting @ 2:55 p.m.

April 23rd - Preschool Team Meeting @ 10:45 a.m.

April 23rd - Specials Team Meeting @ 2:55 p.m.

April 24th - Coaler Friday

April 27th - Spring Benchmarking Begins

April 27th - SAP Team Meeting @ 2:55 p.m.

April 28th - Preschool Team Meeting @ 10:45 a.m.

April 28th - Support Staff Team Meeting @ 2:55 p.m.

April 29th - Custodian Team Meeting @ 2:55 p.m.

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April 30th - PBS Committee Meeting @ 2:55 p.m.
 May 1st - Coaler Friday

Current Enrollment:

PreK: 192
 Kindergarten: 121
 1st Grade: 150
Total: 463 (in PowerSchool as of March 24th, 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:

March was a busy and exciting month at the ECC! Classrooms were filled with hands-on learning, special activities, and lots of opportunities for our students to grow both academically and socially.

One of the highlights of the month was our St. Patrick's Day celebrations. Students had so much fun designing and building leprechaun traps, hoping to catch that sneaky visitor! Classrooms were also buzzing with scavenger hunts to find the pot of gold, and Lucky Charms marshmallows even made their way into math lessons. While we found plenty of clues, the leprechaun managed to escape once again!

We have also been enjoying the much-welcomed change in weather. Warmer temperatures and sunshine have allowed students to spend more time outside, which has been a great boost

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for both energy and engagement throughout the day.

In addition to classroom learning, we are looking forward to our Kindergarten Fine Arts Showcase, “Puppy Parade,” at the end of the month. Events like this are a wonderful way to celebrate our students’ creativity and hard work, and we always appreciate the support from our families.

As always, we are grateful for the partnership we have with our families and appreciate your continued support. It has been a great month at the ECC, and we are looking forward to all that is ahead!

Recognition:

I would like to take a moment to recognize Gina Brooks for the incredible work she has done during her time at the ECC while Nurse Emily has been on maternity leave.

Gina stepped into the world of our “land of littles” with grace and flexibility. While she may not have fully known what to expect in a building of 400+ students ages 3–6, she quickly adapted and has been a tremendous support to both students and staff—especially in meeting the significant needs of some of our youngest learners.

Gina brings strong people skills, confidence, and a calm presence to our building each day. She has been a true team player and has made a positive impact in a short amount of time.

I am so thankful for the care and support she has provided to our ECC community. While we are excited to welcome Nurse Emily back after Spring Break, Gina will certainly be missed.

Thank you, Gina, for everything you have done for our students and staff!

B. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Trotter reported:

Calendar of Events:

March 28th - April 6th: Spring Break

April 7th: School Resumes

April 7th - 17th: IAR Make ups

April 15th: 11:45 Dismissal

April 23rd: 2nd Grade Fine Arts Showcase

April 30th: 3rd Grade Fine Arts Showcase

ES Enrollment:

2nd Grade: 145 students

3rd Grade: 141 students

Total: 286 (enrolled as of 3/27/2026)

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Personnel:

- Interviews were held for the new 3rd grade position

CCES Happenings and Recognitions:

- Staff and parents completed the 5Essentials Survey
- Students attended the high school performance of Frozen (amazing experience!)
- High school SADD members visited 2nd grade classrooms to read with students
- 3rd grade students completed the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR)
- Students participated in a sock hop to celebrate the end of testing and the start of Spring Break (PBIS event)
- Special thanks to 3rd grade teachers and staff for guiding students through their first experience with the IAR test

C. INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Carlson reported:

Calendar of Events:

3/28-4/6 Spring Break
4/7 School Resumes
4/7 Culture Club Meeting 3:10 p.m.
4/8 Student Council Meeting 7:30 a.m.
4/8-4/10 IAR (IL Assessment of Readiness) Make-up Testing
4/8 Lockdown Drill 2:30 p.m.
4/8 5th Grade Team Meeting 3:10 p.m.
4/9 CPI Meeting 3:10 p.m.
4/13 SAP Meeting 3:10 p.m.
4/14 PBS Meeting 3:10 p.m.
4/15 BLT (Building Leadership Team) Meeting/Data Review 8:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
4/15 11:45 Dismissal; 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Professional Development
4/15 Family Bags/Corn Hole Tournament 4:00 p.m.
4/16 SpEd Team Meeting 3:10 p.m.
4/17 4th Grade to CCMS for Band Concert 8:15 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.
4/20 - 4/24 4th Grade Band Instrument Trials During Music Classes
4/20 - A Team Meeting 3:10 p.m.
4/21 - 4/23 IL Science Assessment, 5th Grade
4/21 - 4/24 Book Fair
4/21 - 5th Grade Band Concert at CCHS 7:00 p.m.
4/22 - Student Council Meeting 7:30 a.m.
4/22 Specials Team Meeting 3:10 p.m.
4/23 Support Staff Meeting 3:10 p.m.
4/27-5/8 FastBridge Spring Benchmark Test Window
4/27 SAP Meeting 3:10 p.m.

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4/27 Band Meeting for Parents of 4th Graders in CCES Library 6:30-7:30 p.m.
4/28 TALC Meeting 3:10 p.m.
4/29 4th Grade Team Meeting 3:10 p.m.
4/30 Custodian Meeting 3:10 p.m.
4/30 & 5/1 Donuts with My Grown-ups 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. at Berst Center (tentative)

Current Enrollment:

4 th Grade	156
5 th Grade	154
Total:	310

Emergency/Crisis Drills Completed:

Evacuation/Fire	8/20/25; 10/10/25
Shelter-in-Place/Storm	8/21/25; 11/7/25; 2/18/26
Lockdown	8/22/25; 9/18/25*; 12/9/25
Bus Evacuation	9/4/25

*Armed Intruder

Previous Month in Review:

- We celebrated Read Across America Week 3/3-3/6. Students were given Dr. Seuss gifts each day (pencils, mini notepads, erasers, mini plush animals).
 - Tuesday - Silly Socks Day for *Fox in Socks* book
 - Wednesday - Blue Day for *One fish, two fish, red fish, blue fish* book
 - Thursday - Pajama Day for *Sleep Book*
 - Friday - Red, White, Blue Day for *The Sneetches* book
- On March 11th we had a PBS giant Kahoot event for students who had positive behavior at least 80% of the school days in January, February and March. The students had a fun and engaging time competing against each other each other trying to answer multiple choice questions as quickly as possible while trying to move up on the leaderboard.
- Our Evacuation/Fire Drill that was scheduled for March 17th was cancelled/postponed because it was too cold.
- On March 14th 14 staff members did the Polar Plunge to raise money for Special Olympics Illinois. We raised and donated \$7,079.
- On March 12th we walked to CCHS for a preview of their musical, *Frozen*.
- On March 20th we “Rocked our Socks” in recognition of World Down Syndrome Day (fell on a Saturday this year). Globally, people wear bright, mismatched or extra socks on 3/21 because Down Syndrome happens when the 21st chromosome is tripled.
- CCIS took the state IAR (IL Assessment of Readiness) tests 3/24-3/26. To keep the students motivated throughout the testing week, we gave them special test-taking messages along with small treats, and our student council provided gum and mints.
- March was Effort/Growth Mindset Month at CCIS, and we recognized students who went above and beyond with their effort and/or belief of improvement. Our teachers nominated 1 student each week throughout the month. Nominated students (listed below in the

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Student Recognition section) were recognized and given a piece of candy. Their names were also entered into a raffle for a chance to win a grand prize.

- We currently have 16 students in ASAP (After School Assistance Program); 7 students in 4th grade and 9 students in 5th grade. Recommended students receive homework help from 3:00-4:00 three days a week from Mrs. Rink or Mr. Leve.
- We had the following *additional* spirit days in March: Frozen Day, Green Day, Students Dress Like Teachers & Teachers Dress Like Students Day, and Spring Break Day.
- Every Friday was Coalers Spirit Day.

Student Recognition:

- Congratulations to following Students of the Week:
Week of 3/3: Skylar Wagner, Evan Calderon, Haley Seaward, Logan Frese
Week of 3/9: Cole Coleman, Mikey Tworek, Lillian Kubina, Colin Muhlenbruch
Week of 3/16: Avery Swanson, Simeon Leman, Harper Horath, Brady Loughran
Week of 3/23: Finley Gerrish, Coltin Allen, Haley Beckers, Lily Cerny
- Congratulations to our Effort/Growth Mindset Month winners:

Lily Cerny	Colin Muhlenbruch	Tempi Kuhel	Star Knight
Cecilia Greene	Edisa Romero	Macie Campbell	Ellie Blustein
Beckett Pfeifer	Caitelynn Wintermute	Shae Kline	Elliot Munsell
Vanny Ludes	Grayson Trofimchuck	Evie Gonzalez	Brentley Alcala
Kenley Faletti	McKenzie Hurt	Avery Swanson	Haley Seaward
Blakely Riley	Harley Quinn Connell	Ella Tyler	Benji Kania
Johnny Carver	Lincoln Wren	Harper Horath	Lilly Herbold
Kensley Schomig	Johnny Carver	Brinlei Bulhuis	Atticus Kee
Sebastian Kaluzny	Thomas Henderson	Eden Nicola	Layla Hunnings
Tyler Avery	Aubree Liccardi	Gwen Little	Autumn Mannoja
Savannah Zamora	Avalynn Hester	Brock Bailey	Madelyn Aleman
Colton Brncich	Sebastian Krawcewicz	Novah Rutherford	Emerson Hansen
Liam Duran-Reyes	Reid Trammel	Liam Santos	Ella Tyler
Benji Kania	Zayleigh Becker	Brayden Plata	Aaron Evans
- Congratulations to Eddie Gergits for advancing to the IESA State Wrestling tournament with the CCMS Coalers, which was held at NIU on March 13th and 14th.

Staff Recognition:

- I want to thank Holly Engstrom, Tracy Schmitz and Willow DeKruiff for helping to proctor the IAR (Illinois Assessment of Readiness).
- I want to thank Steve McCleary, Joey Rivera, and Savannah Jacobs for running our PBS Kahoot event.

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D. MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Stone reported:

April 1 - Paraprofessional Appreciation Day
April 6 – 10 - Assistant Principal's Week
April 7 - First Day of the last Exploratory Rotation from 2:50 p.m. - 3:20 p.m.
April 8 - IAR ELA Test from 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
April 8 - Board of Education Recognizing CCMS Student Athletes @ 6:00 p.m.
April 9 - IAR ELA Test from 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
April 10 - IAR ELA Field Test from 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
April 14 - CCMS Web Leaders Presenting Vaping Presentation for IS Students
April 15 - MS101 @ 2:50 p.m.
April 15 - Assembly - Character Trait
April 15 - Early Dismissal @ 12:00pm
April 17 - 5th Grade Band Preview Concert @ 9:00 a.m.
April 20 – 24 – Earth Week
April 22 – MS Choral Concert @ 7:00 p.m.
April 22 - Administrative Assistant's Day
April 23 – Thankful Thursday – Team 3
April 29 – 6th Grade GAVC Visit
April 29 – MS101 @ 2:50 p.m.

Enrollment:

6th Grade 139

7th Grade 137

8th Grade 157

Total: 433

Month in Review – March 2025

- Coal City Middle School participated in a staff professional development day on Wednesday, March 11, 2026. I want to give a shout out to our CCMS Math Department and ROE Instructional Coach, Rachel Sibley for their work and efforts so far this school year. On March 11, I was lucky enough to sit in on discussions and review building progress in the math meeting. I was also able to assist in developing our school improvement goals for math for next year.
- CCMS took the Illinois Science Assessment on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, and it went extremely well. Huge thank you to Mrs. Painter and our entire 8th grade team for doing such a great job with the day of testing.
- CCMS took the Illinois Assessment of Reading for Math at the end of March and ELA will be the following dates:
English Language Arts – April 8, 9, and 10

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Coal City Middle School Athletics

CCMS Athletics has concluded winter sports and has turned the page to our last sport of the season, and that is track. Our wrestling team traveled to Seneca for the Regional, Port Byron for the Sectional, and Dekalb for the State Tournament. The team took 4th place and brought home another State trophy! Brantley Brooks is the 112-pound state champion, other places finishers are listed below. Six students participated at the IESA State Chess Tournament the weekend of February 27 & 28. Mr. Hitchcock is our Chess Sponsor and spent the weekend in Peoria supporting our students. Track held indoor practices starting March 16th and got outside on the track towards the end of the week. This year's Coal Mine Classic will be held on Saturday, May 2nd.

CCMS Wrestling

Joey Rivera Head Coach

4th Place Team Finish

Eli Wix 65lbs

Hunter Sharwarko 65lbs 4th place

Eddie Gergits 70 lbs.

Leo Christensen 80lbs. 5th place

Brantley Brooks 112 State Champion

Eathyn Rivera 119 6th place

Zack Babcock 135 4th place

Nick Miller 185lbs

Track Coaches:

Corey Mikula - Head Boys Coach

Chad Larson - Head Girls Coach

Ashley Matsko

Tommy Fatigante

Val Clark

E. HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Stafford reported:

Calendar of Events:

→ April 9 - ACT Testing (*no senior attendance*)

→ April 15 - Early Dismissal

→ April 25 - Prom

→ April 28 - Chorus Concert

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Month in Review:

- Eighth Grade Parent Night - On March 11th, CCHS hosted its 8th grade parent night. The night started with a presentation on course options, basic information for incoming freshmen and post-secondary information. After the presentation, students and parents had the opportunity to tour the school and meet with people from each of the high school clubs and activities. Course selection was completed for all returning students for the 2026-27 school year.
- Polar Plunge - This year the high school gave students the opportunity to participate in the Polar Plunge. Between students and staff donations, the high school was able to raise over \$4,000 to contribute to Special Olympics. Staff and students did the plunge at the end of the school day on the March early dismissal day.

Recognition:

- At the induction ceremony on March 24th, the following CCHS students were inducted into the Pete DiPaolo Chapter of the National Honors Society. Each student chooses an influential teacher or coach to introduce them.

Brooklyn Adams, Liliana Aguirre, Khloe Anders, Izzy Anderson, Rhylan Brackett, Alex Carlson, Maddie Castle, Wyatt Chase, Dominick Chellino, Caroline Childers, Jacob Cimino, Brody D'Orazio, Kellen Forsythe, Theo Fritz, Ava Garrelts, Ava Hone, Avery Housman, Maddie Hutchings, Aubrey Jensen, Aidan Kenney, Maxx Kramer, Vanna Liebermann, Kieleigh Lowe, Devon McVey, Aidan Meister, Peyton Moore, Elizabeth Nadess, Carter Nicholson, Anastasia Papach, Laynah Pierard, Camryn Planeta, Martin Ramirez, Kayla Stalter, Kyla Stark, Livia Sulzberger, Emmaline Tibble, Jori Tucker, Gabby VanDuyne, Jaela Vasquez, Olivia Vota, Sam Vota, Ethan Wences, Gianna Zuccarello

Current Enrollment:

Freshmen:	162
Sophomore:	155
Junior:	162
Senior:	162
Total:	639

Discipline Report:

Inappropriate Behavior/Comments - 4
Vaping - 3
Class Cut/Left School - 5
Theft - 1
Physical Altercation - 1

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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>49</i>	<i>46</i>	<i>63</i>	<i>58</i>	<i>361</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>4</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>62</i>	<i>133</i>

<i>Coaler Academy Data</i>				
<i>Full Time</i>	<i>Hybrid</i>	<i>Intervention</i>	<i>Total Students</i>	<i>Pending Referrals</i>
<i>13</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>0</i>

<i>Out of District Placements</i>				
<i>Guiding Light</i>	<i>High Road - CP</i>	<i>High Road - MP</i>	<i>Menta</i>	<i>Total Students</i>
<i>2</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>11</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 for 25-26</i>
<i>192/220</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>0</i>

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G. CURRICULUM REPORT

Director Kenney reported:

Professional Development:

The last professional development session will be held on April 15th. 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.

Data Analysis Committee:

The district's data analysis committee will begin meeting after spring break. We will continue our discussion on the role that data plays in the district and how we will roll out the data analysis plan for the 2026-2027 school year. More to come on the decisions of the committee.

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

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H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Spencer reported:

1. FOIA Requests:

- A FOIA request was received from CT Mills from Public Info Access, Inc., requesting employee names that have assigned responsibilities for leadership, oversight, coordination, or supervisory authority at the district or central office level.
- A FOIA request was received from Justin Wenig requesting copies of contract, purchase agreements, and purchase orders regarding professional learning/development.

2. Monthly student enrollment figures were available for review.

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 30 – April 6 – Spring Break/No Student Attendance

April 7 – Classes Resume

April 8 – MS Track & Field Group Pictures

April 8 – GAVC Health Occ CMA/EKG Pinning Ceremony @ 5:00 p.m.

April 9 - 4th Grade Concert @ 7:00 p.m.

April 14 - Music Honor Society Induction @ 7:00 p.m.

April 15 - Early Dismissal

April 15 - Middle School Track Pictures

April 15 - Kindergarten Round-Up

April 16 - 1st Grade Fine Arts Showcase @ 6:30 p.m.

April 21 – 5th Grade Music & Band Concert @ 7:00 p.m.

April 22 - Middle School Choral Concert @ 7:00 p.m.

April 23 – 2nd Grade Fine Arts Showcase @ 7:00 p.m.

April 25 – High School Prom

April 28 – High School Choral Concert @ 7:00 p.m.

April 29 – GAVC Award Night

April 29 – Board Study Session of the Whole Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.

April 30 – 3rd Grade Fine Arts Showcase @ 7:00 p.m.

I. GRUNDY AREA VOCATIONAL CENTER REPORT

Mr. Engelhardt reported:

1. Approved the minutes of the February 26, 2026, Board of Control Meeting.
2. Approved the bills, payroll, and financial reports.
3. Mr. Terrel the Computer Graphics and Multimedia Design/Entrepreneurship instructor visited with the Board of Control and presented on his programs.
4. Assistant Director Gierke discussed how the 2026 - 2027 enrollment process was progressing.

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5. Assistant Director Gierke informed the Board of Control that GAVC had 24 qualifiers for SkillsUSA.
6. Assistant Director Gierke provided program updates on parent meetings for Cosmetology and Health Occupations as well as the job shadowing the Criminal Justice students were doing.
7. Assistant Director Gierke informed the Board of Control that the GAVC Scholarships has closed, and the recipients will be announced on April 29, 2026, at the GAVC Awards Ceremony. There were 95 total applications submitted.
8. Assistant Director Gierke informed the Board of Control that GAVC ran “Welcome to the Real World” at CCHS.
9. Assistant Director Gierke updated the Board of Control on Dual Credit.
10. Director Copes discussed the April calendar.
11. Director Copes provided an update on the GEDC Internship program. A total of 107 students were forwarded to companies for the 43 total positions.
12. Director Copes provided the Board of Control with from his meeting with RL Soholl regarding the upcoming projects for summer 2026.
13. Approved the minutes from February 2025 through April 2025 to Open Session for Public Inspection.
14. Approved the destruction of Closed Session Audio recordings from April 2024 to May 2024.
15. Approved the four-year agreement with Franklin Cosmetology Institute.
16. Approved the resolution to reduce the part-time Culinary Arts Instructor position due to lack of enrollment in the program.
17. Approved removing the Early Bird Automotive class for the 2026 - 2027 school year.
18. Approved removing the Late Bird Welding Class for the 2026 - 2027 school year.
19. Approved the re-employment of the Instructional faculty in their current positions as presented.
20. Approved the master schedule as presented.

Mr. Spencer mentioned that since Minooka is pulling out of GAVC, GAVC will get rid of late bird welding and early bird for automotive. Due to the decline in enrollment, there shouldn't be a waiting list for these courses, which will allow more students from the remaining schools to take those courses. Minooka will continue to send students for health occupation, cosmetology, aviation, and criminal justice.

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J. ATHLETIC DIRECTOR REPORT

Athletic Director Boresi reported:

2026 Summer Camp dates and time have been determined. Please see the attached spreadsheet with information.

The 2026 1A IHSA Dual Team State Champion wrestling team was recognized at the March Grundy Country Board meeting.

Congratulations to the following wrestlers that received IWCOA Academic All-State Honors:

Brody D'Orazio, Mason Garner, Evan Greggain, Noah Houston, Aidan Kenney, Cooper Morris, Luke Munsterman, Cade Poyner, and Brody Widlowski

All our spring sports had their first competitions except for boys' tennis - they open on Saturday, 4/4.

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. The building principals have either conducted interviews and are ready to make offers, or interviews are scheduled to take place in the coming weeks, and there should be hires for the May Board meeting.

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPEAL TO THE ILLINOIS PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD

The school district filed a tax assessment complaint with the Grundy County Board of Review regarding the assessment of the GE-Hitachi spent nuclear fuel storage facility. The result of that appeal kept the equalized assessed value of the plant at \$6,131,868. The evidence provided by the district's legal counsel warrants a much higher assessed value, which will be pursued at with the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board. This Resolution will allow the district's attorneys to file the tax assessment complaint.

Mr. Engelhardt, and Mrs. Klein moved seconded to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Appeal to the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board as presented, and to waive the reading of the Resolution.

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Roll Call.

Ayes: Dan Engelhardt, Cindy Klein, Quint Harmon, Ryan VanDuyne, Ken Miller
Nays:
Abstained: Matt Melvin
Absent: Mindy Rampa
Motion: Carried.

C. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON APPROVING THE LEAD MAINTENANCE JOB DESCRIPTION

At the March 25, 2025, Board Study Session of the Whole Meeting, Superintendent Christopher Spencer discussed the Lead Maintenance job description. A motion was made earlier in the meeting to move this item from the consent agenda to old business for board approval.

Mr. Engelhardt moved, and Mrs. Klein seconded to approve the Lead Maintenance job description, as presented.

Roll Call.

Ayes: Dan Engelhardt, Cindy Klein, Quint Harmon, Matt Melvin, Ryan VanDuyne, Ken Miller
Nays:
Absent: Mindy Rampa
Motion: Carried.

D. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON APPROVING THE INTERIM OPERATIONS MANAGER JOB DESCRIPTION

At the March 25, 2025, Board Study Session of the Whole Meeting, Superintendent Christopher Spencer discussed the Interim Operations Manager job description. A motion was made earlier in the meeting to move this item from the consent agenda to old business for board approval.

Mr. Engelhardt moved, Mr. VanDuyne seconded to approve the Interim Operations Manager job description, as presented.

Roll Call.

Ayes: Dan Engelhardt, Ryan VanDuyne, Quint Harmon, Cindy Klein, Matt Melvin, Ken Miller
Nays:
Absent: Mindy Rampa
Motion: Carried.

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NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON HAZARDOUS BUS ROUTE DECLARATION

The State Board of Education requires that school boards annually review the conditions of the hazardous bus areas and certify to the State whether the hazardous conditions remain unchanged. Areas that have been designated as hazardous will remain unchanged for the 2026 - 2027 school year.

Mr. VanDuyne moved, and Mr. Engelhardt seconded to approve the status of the existing Hazardous Busing Areas as presented and submit the certification to the State Board of Education and Illinois Department of Transportation.

Roll Call.

Ayes: Ryan VanDuyne, Dan Engelhardt, Quint Harmon, Cindy Klein, Matt Melvin, Ken Miller

Nays:

Absent: Mindy Rampa

Motion: Carried.

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON APPROVAL OF SUMMER CAMP DATES

Superintendent Christopher Spencer presented to the Board with the summer of 2026 camp dates.

Mrs. Klein moved, and Mr. Engelhardt seconded to approve the summer of 26 camp dates, as presented.

Roll Call.

Ayes: Cindy Klein, Dan Engelhardt, Quint Harmon, Matt Melvin, Ryan VanDuyne, Ken Miller

Nays:

Absent: Mindy Rampa

Motion: Carried.

C. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON APPROVAL OF THE QUARTERLY DROPOUT REPORT

The Quarterly Drop Out Report for the quarter ending March 11, 2026, was prepared and ready for Board approval. The approval of the Quarterly Drop Out Report is required by the State, which ensures that the School Board is informed of students leaving our school system.

Mr. VanDuyne moved, and Mrs. Klein seconded to approve filing the Quarterly Dropout Report with the Regional Office of Education for the quarter ending March 11, 2026.

Roll Call.

Ayes: Ryan VanDuyne, Cindy Klein, Dan Engelhardt, Quint Harmon, Matt Melvin, Ken Miller

Nays:

Absent: Mindy Rampa

Motion: Carried.

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D. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON APPROVAL OF THE IHSA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Athletic Director Brad Boresi made a recommendation to renew the membership with the Illinois High School Association (IHSA). Board action must be taken to certify that the Board voted to adopt and abide by the terms and conditions of the association for the 2026 - 2027 school term.

Mr. Engelhardt moved, and Mr. VanDuyne seconded to approve the membership renewal with IHSA, and to adopt and abide by the Constitution, By-laws, Terms and Conditions, Administrative Procedures, Guidelines, and Policies of the IHSA.

Roll Call.

Ayes: Dan Engelhardt, Ryan VanDuyne, Quint Harmon, Cindy Klein, Matt Melvin, Ken Miller

Nays:

Absent: Mindy Rampa

Motion: Carried.

E. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON SUPERINTENDENT EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION

Due to the current candidate shortage in certain employment areas, it has been a challenge for the school district to attract and hire candidates. To secure employment contracts in a timely manner, the Superintendent is requesting the authority to offer such contracts after consultation with the school Board President and Vice President. This authority would sunset on July 1, 2026.

Mr. Engelhardt moved, and Mrs. Klein seconded to authorize Superintendent Christopher Spencer to offer employment contracts for any such shortage positions within the district until July 1, 2026.

Roll Call.

Ayes: Dan Engelhardt, Cindy Klein, Quint Harmon, Cindy Klein, Matt Melvin, Ryan VanDuyne, Ken Miller

Nays:

Absent: Mindy Rampa

Motion: Carried.

F. FIRST READING ON REVISED DISTRICT POLICIES

The following District Policies have been revised and submitted for review. The Board Policy Committee will meet soon to discuss the revisions in depth.

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

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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
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 Electronic Networks
6:235-AP1, E2	Staff Authorization for Access to the District's Electronic Networks

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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 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

G. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH PROVEN IT FOR THE LEASE OF OFFICE EQUIPMENT

CSBO Jason Smith made a recommendation to enter a sixty (60) month financing and lease equipment agreement with Proven IT for small office equipment. The agreement is effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2031, at a monthly cost of \$8,320.00.

Mr. Engelhardt moved, and Mrs. Klein seconded to approve the sixty-month (60) lease agreement with Proven IT at an annual cost of \$99,840.00.

Roll Call.

Ayes: Dan Engelhardt, Cindy Klein, Quint Harmon, Matt Melvin, Ryan VanDuyne, Ken Miller

Nays:

Absent: Mindy Rampa

Motion: Carried.

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**H. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH APPLE
FINANCIAL SERVICES FOR LEASE OF MACBOOK COMPUTER EQUIPMENT**

CSBO Jason Smith made a recommendation to enter a financing and lease agreement with Apple Financial Services for the lease of MacBook computer equipment. This is a thirty-six (36) month, at a total cost of \$227,600.00.

Mrs. Klein moved, and Mr. Melvin seconded to approve the thirty-six (36) month financing lease with Apple Financial Services at a total cost of \$227,600.00, as presented.

Roll Call.

Ayes: Cindy Klein, Matt Melvin, Dan Engelhardt, Quint Harmon, Ryan VanDuyne, Ken Miller

Nays:

Absent: Mindy Rampa

Motion: Carried.

**I. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON APPROVAL OF THE LEASE AGREEMENT FOR 600
CHROMEBOOKS**

CSBO Jason Smith made a recommendation to enter a financing agreement with American Capital for the leasing of 600 Chromebooks. The forty-eight (48) month lease will begin July 1, 2026, at an annual cost of \$60,883.00.

Mr. Engelhardt moved, and Mr. VanDuyne seconded to approve the forty-eight (48) month lease of 600 Chromebooks with financing through American Capital at a total cost of \$224,375.00, as presented.

Roll Call.

Ayes: Dan Engelhardt, Ryan VanDuyne, Quint Harmon, Cindy Klein, Matt Melvin, Ken Miller

Nays:

Absent: Mindy Rampa

Motion: Carried.

**J. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON APPROVAL OF A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH
RIVERSIDE TECHNOLOGIES INC., (RTI)**

CSBO Jason Smith made a recommendation to renew the agreement with RTI with financing through American Capital for new data infrastructure and equipment upgrades. This is a forty-eight (48) month lease agreement at an annual cost of \$33,545.00.

Mr. Engelhardt moved, and Mr. Melvin seconded to approve the forty-eight (48) month lease with financing through American Capital for data infrastructure and equipment upgrades with RTI, at a total cost of \$123,625.00, as presented.

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Roll Call.

Ayes: Dan Engelhardt, Matt Melvin, Quint Harmon, Cindy Klein, Ryan VanDuyne, Ken Miller

Nays:

Absent: Mindy Rampa

Motion: Carried.

OPEN FOR ITEMS NOT KNOWN AT AGENDA PREPARATION TIME

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

1. In regard to agenda items – none.
2. In general (Limited to 5 minutes per person.) – none.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Engelhardt moved, and Mr. VanDuyne seconded to go to closed session at 6:52 p.m. for the purpose of considering information regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, dismissal of specific employees, administrative contracts, collective bargaining, and pending litigation.

Roll Call.

Ayes: Dan Engelhardt, Ryan VanDuyne, Quint Harmon, Cindy Klein, Matt Melvin, Ken Miller

Nays:

Absent: Mindy Rampa

Motion: Carried.

Mr. Engelhardt moved, and Mrs. Klein seconded to return to open session at 7:28 p.m.

Roll Call.

Ayes: Dan Engelhardt, Cindy Klein, Quint Harmon, Matt Melvin, Ryan VanDuyne, Ken Miller

Nays:

Absent: Mindy Rampa

Motion: Carried.

ACTION AS A RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION

Mr. VanDuyne moved, and Mr. Engelhardt seconded to approve the one (1) year administrative contract of Jeff Pacholski, as discussed and presented in closed session.

Roll Call.

Ayes: Ryan VanDuyne, Dan Engelhardt, Quint Harmon, Cindy Klein, Matt Melvin, Ken Miller

Nays:

Absent: Mindy Rampa

Motion: Carried.

Mr. Engelhardt moved, and Mr. VanDuyne seconded to approve the transfer and one (1) year administrative contract of Corey Mikula from high school Assistant Principal to Principal, as discussed and presented in closed session.

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Roll Call.

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

Nays:

Abstained: Quint Harmon

Absent: Mindy Rampa

Motion: Carried.

Mrs. Klein moved, and Mr. Engelhardt seconded to approve the administrative contract of Jason Smith, as discussed and presented in closed session.

Roll Call.

Ayes: Cindy Klein, Dan Engelhardt, Quint Harmon, Matt Melvin, Ryan VanDuyne, Ken Miller

Nays:

Absent: Mindy Rampa

Motion: Carried.

**BOARD STUDY SESSION OF THE WHOLE DATE: APRIL 29, 2026 @ 6:00 P.M.
In Coal City CUSD #1 Administrative Center Boardroom**

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Engelhardt moved, and Mr. VanDuyne seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 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