Coal City Community Unit School District No. One
Board of Education Meeting
Coal City CUSD #1 District Office Boardroom, 550 S. Carbon Hill Road
July 1, 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**
   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 Employments
   Approval of Transfers
   Approval of Leave Requests
   Approval of Extra-Curricular Assignments
   Approval of Facility Use Requests

4. **Administrative/Committee Reports**
   A. Student Services Report
   B. Curriculum Report
   C. Superintendent's Report
   D. Grundy Area Vocational Center Report
   E. Athletic Director Report

5. **Communications from the Floor**

6. **Old Business**
   A. Discussion/Action on the Tentative Operating Budget

7. **New Business**
   A. Discussion/Action on Appointment of the Title IX Coordinator, Non-Discrimination Coordinator, and Sex Equity Hearing Officer
   B. Discussion/Action on Appointment of Liaison of Student Records of the Department of Children and Family Services
   C. Discussion/Action on Continuing Disclosure Undertaking
   D. Discussion/Action on Appointment of the District's Freedom of Information Act Officer
   E. Discussion/Action on Approving the Head of Technology Job Description
   F. Discussion/Action on Approving an Agreement with ARC Facilities
   G. Discussion on Regional Office of Education Annual Inspection

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 of specific employees, and administrative contracts.

   Action as a Result of Closed Session

Possible Approval of Administrative Contracts

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.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

1. In regard to agenda items

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

Section 3

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 June 10, the Board Study Session of the Whole of June 24, the May Activity Fund Reports; May Treasurer's Report, the June Monthly Manual Checks report; the June Payrolls, the July Accounts Payable, personnel items including approval of employments, transfers, leave requests, extra-curricular assignments, and to approve the following building usage requests as listed:

Group	Building	Date
Small Town Theatrics	PAC	07/17/26-07/19/26
IL Valley Industries	HS	03/10/27
CC Miners	HS	08/16/26-09/26/26
CC Miners	HS	10/07/26-10/08/26
CC Miners	MS	07/27/26-10/29/26

YMCA	MS	01/16/27-03/06/27
Grundy Area FFA	MS	08/29/26

Roll Call.

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

Section 4

ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS

A. STUDENT SERVICES REPORT

Director Krippel reported:

Illinois State Board of Education Grants

The following grants have been received and are pending approval from the Illinois State Board of Education.

Preschool for All (PFA)	**$411,223**
IDEA Preschool	**$11,412**
IDEA Part B	**$498,885**
Title I	**$199,012**
Title IV	**$14,893**

Vacancies

Full-Time Paraprofessionals

B. CURRICULUM REPORT

Director Kenney reported:

Department News:
The teachers from various departments and grade levels have completed summer curriculum work. This year has been a quieter year as we are not requiring new guide sheets for our assessments. Staff members completed over 950 hours of summer curriculum work, focusing on new assessments, updating curriculum, and converting over to the Illinois State Standards. Thank you to the Board of Education for allowing us to continue our work to improve learning in the district.

ACT Results:
ACT results are back in and corrected. ACT scores were originally retracted due to scoring errors. The new results have slight changes for our students, with no scores decreasing. All

scores have a maximum of 36, with writing having a maximum score of 12. Comparison results will be available in the fall once school designations have been released.

Composite	English	Math	Reading	Science	STEM	Writing	ELA
Mean Score	Mean Score	Mean Score	Mean Score	Mean Score	Mean Score	Mean Score	Mean Score
19.3	18.2	20.2	19.4	19.5	20.1	6.4	18.2

Follow Up:
Below is the 5-year plan as presented at the board meeting. This will begin next year with a focus on math and continue until all subject areas have been reviewed.

2026-2027 School Year

- K-5 - Mathematics assessment and curriculum deep dive
- 6-12 - One course deep dive
- Fine Art and PE - review assessments and curriculum alignment
- Hiring of District Math Coach
- Transition to ISS in math
- Professional development on math standards and instructional methods (K-5)
- Professional development in mathematics with Rachel Sibley (6-12)
- Professional development on data analysis for department leaders
- Data Analysis Committee convenes to create analysis plan

2027-2028 School Year

- K-5 - Science and CTE assessment and curriculum deep dive
- 6-12 - One course deep dive
- Fine Art and PE - review assessments and curriculum alignment
- Identify needs of science and CTE in district
- Professional development on NGSS (K-12) and revise standards to match ISS
- Professional development on data analysis for all teachers
- Data analysis on all mathematics and one course assessments to begin

2028-2029 School Year

- K-5 - ELA assessment and curriculum deep dive
- 6-12 - One course deep dive
- Fine Art and PE - review assessments and curriculum alignment
- Identify needs of ELA in district
- Transition to ISS in ELA
- Professional development in ELA (K-12)
- Data analysis on all science and CTE assessments to begin
- Continued data analysis of mathematics
- Review of mathematics process from 2026-2028 to assess further needs of department

2029-2030 School Year

- K-5 - Social Studies assessment and curriculum deep dive
- 6-12 - One course deep dive
- Fine Art and PE - review assessments and curriculum alignment
- Identify needs of Social Studies in district
- Transition to ISS in SS
- Professional development in SS (K-12)
- Data analysis on all ELA assessments to begin
- Continued data analysis of mathematics and science
- Review of science process from 2027-2029 to assess further needs of department

2030-2031 School Year

- K-5 - review all assessment data and make revisions as indicated with data analysis
- 6-12 - One course deep dive or review of all data analysis for changes
- Professional development TBD
- Data analysis on all Social Studies assessments to begin
- Continued data analysis of mathematics, science, and ELA
- Review of ELA process from 2028-2030 to assess further needs of department

Upcoming Work:
There is still much work to be done in my office. We will focus on state-required mandates for teacher training, setting up professional development for the upcoming school year, and training for Infinite Campus. The 2026-2027 school year will focus on instructional practices and school improvement plans. More details will follow in the upcoming months.

C. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Spencer reported:

1. At the April 8, 2026, Board meeting, the Board authorized the Superintendent to employ personnel as needed due to current candidate shortage. This authority will sunset on July 1, 2026. The following will be employed for the 2026 – 2027 school year, *pending satisfactory completion of all state requirements:*

   Certified Staff:
   - John Cherry – High School Athletics Director. Mr. Cherry's anticipated start date is July 1, 2026. Mr. Cherry is replacing Mr. Boresi.

   - Kristina Lardi – Math Interventionist for the District. Ms. Lardi's anticipated start date is August 10, 2026.

   Support Staff:
   - Renee Bergmark – 3hr Food Server at the High school. Ms. Bergmark's anticipated start date is August 14, 2026.

2. **FOIA Requests:**

- A FOIA request was received from Carson from Data Branch requesting all products from ESS/ESI, Kokua Education, Scoot Education, Zed Education and Build ED from 2002 to present.

- A FOIA request was received from Daniel Cramer from Upgraid requesting utility statements for district owned/operated facilities for the past 12 months, and facility condition assessment, building condition assessment, deferred maintenance report, facility master plan, long-range facility plan, or capital improvement/investment plan relating to district facilities; Energy audit, energy assessment, ASHRAE audit, energy-conservation-measure study, performance-contracting feasibility assessment, or similar facility-energy report after January 1, 2020.

- A FOIA request was received from Ms. Walters requesting emails, text messages, draft proposed surplus IGA Projection & TIF area map.

- A FOIA request was received from Catarina Mascarenhas from Judiciocracy, LLC requesting public entity's email service provider, entity's Junk Mail, E-Mail Spam, and/or filters related to handling unsolicited emails and/or messages from unknown senders, including but not limited to documentation showing retention periods, filtering, safe senders, junk/spam senders, blocked senders, and any reporting mechanism for the same.

3. **Student Teachers**

- Nathan Conrad, a student at Illinois State University will complete his student teaching in the fall at the elementary and middle school, with P.E. Teachers Branden Petersen and Mark Masters.

- Ryan Wisneski, a student at Illinois State University will complete his student teaching in the fall at the high school with Social Studies Teacher Dave Sinkular. (

DATES TO REMEMBER

July 3 – Office Closed in Observance of the 4th of July
July 9 – Walk-in Registration from 7:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
July 14 – Walk-in Registration from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
July 29 – Board Study Session of the Whole Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.

D. GRUNDY AREA VOCATIONAL CENTER REPORT

Mr. Engelhardt reported:

1. Approved the Minutes of the May 28, 2026, Board of Control Meeting.
2. Approved the bills, payroll, and financial reports.
3. Assistant Director Gierke provided the Board of Control with the College and Career Readiness Indicators (CCRI) data.
4. Assistant Director Gierke informed the Board of Control that 173 students with IEP's and 504's was served in 2025 - 2026.

5. Assistant Director Gierke discussed the opportunity for new staff to participate in the ICTA Back to School Retreat in July.
6. Assistant Director Gierke informed the Board of Control with the dates of the Teacher Institute days in August.
7. Assistant Director Gierke informed the Board of Control that 117 students held employment in positions that were related to their program area.
8. Assistant Director Gierke informed the Board of Control that 444 students obtained an industry recognized certificate.
9. Assistant Director Gierke informed the Board of Control that a total of 225 students completed 60 plus hours of work-based learning.
10. Director Copes updated the Board of Control on the July and August calendar.
11. Director Copes provided the Board of Control with an update on Project House #28. He stated that the house is on schedule and maybe a little ahead of schedule.
12. Director Copes presented the tentative budget for FY27.
13. Director Copes provided the Board of Control with an update on the passage of SB 3070, which allows students in Vocational School to have a waiver of the foreign language requirement.
14. Approved the FY27 tentative budget.
15. Approved the FY27 Budget Hearing date for August 27, 2026, at 5:20 p.m.
16. Approved and authorized the Director to offer teacher and/or support staff contracts for positions that are or could become available.
17. Approved allowing the GAVC office to make summer payments.
18. Approved the GAVC e-learning plan as presented.
19. Approved Joan Tully, Bookkeeper's retirement request.
20. Approved the resolution authorizing the Director to finalize the purchase of the Fields of Saratoga lot.

E. ATHLETIC DIRECTOR REPORT

Athletic Director Boresi reported:

2026 CCHS June Athletic Report

Summer camps have been in full swing. So far, we have had over 500+ youth camp participants.

Youth Tennis	June 1-5
Wrestling Youth	June 8-12
Youth Girls Basketball	June 1-5
Youth Football	July 13-17
Youth Volleyball	July 6-10
Youth Boys Basketball	June 8-12

Youth Soccer	June 15-19
MS Wrestling	June 1-5
Youth Softball	July 13-17
Youth Baseball	July 20-24
Youth Cheer Camp	June 22-26

This is the first year in which IHSA No-Contact week has been changed to the week of the 4th of July. The No-Contact is June 28th until July 4th. Fall sports begin on August 10th with football starting on August 5th.

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 THE 2026 – 2027 TENTATIVE OPERATING BUDGET

The tentative budget represents the compilation of an effort that annually begins the preceding fall. Numerous groups, as well as individuals, have an opportunity to provide input on this final product.

The district is legally required to have its Tentative Operating Budget on display for public inspection for a period of not less than thirty (30) days. Interested individuals may inspect the formal document in the District Administration Office at 550 S Carbon Hill Road, between Monday, July 13, 2026, and Wednesday, September 2, 2026. The legal notice, when published, meets the legal requirements of the State of Illinois.

A SUGGESTED MOTION:

To approve the 2026 - 2027 Tentative Budget as presented and to approve the legal notice for public hearing that said budget is available for public inspection for no less than thirty (30) days at the District Administration Office from July 13, 2026, until the Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 2, 2026.

Roll Call.

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

Section 7

NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON APPOINTMENT OF THE TITLE IX COORDINATOR, NON-DISCRIMINATION COORDINATOR, AND SEX EQUITY HEARING OFFICER

The Board must annually take formal action to appoint a Title IX and Non-Discrimination Coordinator and Sex Equity Hearing Officer.

A SUGGESTED MOTION:

To approve the appointment of Amanda Herrera-Ford as the Title IX and Non-Discrimination Coordinator and Sex Equity Hearing Officer for the 2026 - 2027 school year.

Roll Call.

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

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON APPOINTMENT OF THE LIAISON OF STUDENT RECORDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

The Board must annually take formal action to appoint a liaison to facilitate enrollment and transfer of students records in the legal custody of the Department of Children and Family Services.

A SUGGESTED MOTION:

To approve the appointment of Director of Student Services, Luke Krippel as the liaison for student records for the Department of Children and Family Services for the 26 – 27 school year.

Roll Call.

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

C. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON CONTINUING DISCLOSURE UNDERTAKING

A Federal requirement for school districts with outstanding bond debt is that each district must provide a "Continuing Disclosure" report to certain repositories. The proposal from Raymond James and Associates, will assist the district with continuing disclosure obligations at a fee of $1,750 is attached for review.

A SUGGESTED MOTION:

To accept the proposal from Raymond James & Associates, Inc. to provide the District with the annual Continuing Disclosure for a fee of $1,750, as presented.

Roll Call.

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

D. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON APPOINTMENT OF THE DISTRICT'S FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT OFFICER

The Freedom of Information Act, Public Act 096-0542, states that "The General Assembly herby declares that it is the public policy of the State of Illinois that access by all persons to public records promotes the transparency and accountability of public bodies at all levels of government. It is a fundamental obligation of government to operate openly and provide public records as expediently and efficiently as possible in compliance with the Act." It is a requirement of this act to appoint a FOIA officer.

A SUGGESTED MOTION:

To appoint Amanda Herrera-Ford as the Freedom of Information Act Officer and Open Meetings Act Officer for Coal City Community Unit School District #1 FY27.

Roll Call.

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

E. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON APPROVING THE HEAD OF TECHNOLOGY JOB DESCRIPTION

Superintendent Christopher Spencer will present and discuss the Head of Technology job description.

A SUGGESTED MOTION:

To approve the Head of Technology job description, as presented.

Roll Call.

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

F. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH ARC FACILITIES

Superintendent Christopher Spencer is making a recommendation to enter an agreement with ARC Facilities. ARC Facilities provides instant access to facilities information at any time. This is a five (5) year agreement from 2027 through FY31.

A SUGGESTED MOTION:

To approve the five (5) year agreement with ARC Facilities, as presented.

Roll Call.

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

H. DISCUSSION ON REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION ANNUAL INSPECTION

Superintendent Christopher Spencer will discuss the Regional Office of Education Annual Inspection Report for the 25 – 26 school year.

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 of specific employees, 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

ACTION AS A RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION

A SUGGESTED MOTION:

To approve the administrative contract of John Cherry as the high school Athletics/Activities Director, as discussed and presented in closed session.

Roll Call.

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

A SUGGESTED MOTION:

To approve the administrative contract of _____ as Head of Technology, as discussed and presented in closed session.

Roll Call.

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

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

NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE: AUGUST 5, 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.