

Coal City Community Unit School District #1
Grundy County
Board Study Session of the Whole Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 24, 2026

Call to Order

President Miller called the Board Study Session of the Whole meeting to order at 6:12 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 Business Services Amanda Herrera-Ford, 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 members Quint Harmon and Mindy Rampa were absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Miller led the Board, and others present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Discussion on District Transformation

Superintendent Christopher Spencer provided the Board with an update on the District Transformation Plan. Mr. Spencer started with giving credit to Mrs. Kenney, the Director of Curriculum & Instruction for recommending this plan for the district; this plan was developed by the State. Dr. Halloran has gone through this plan and will assist the Coal City District Transformation Committee with navigating this process. The Committee will meet now through December and look at how the district can improve now and in the future. Mr. Spencer believes that Strategic Plan Goals will come out of these meetings. Mr. Spencer will keep the Board updated on the progress the Committee makes.

Discussion on Tentative Operating Budget

Director of Business Services Amanda Herrera-Ford presented the Board with the Tentative Operating Budget for FY27. A question on contingencies was asked and discussed.

Discussion on FY27 Staffing Update

Superintendent Christopher Spencer provided the Board with an update on staffing needs for FY27. Mr. Spencer informed the Board that all the certified staff positions are filled. The Early Childhood Center held interviews for their Library/P.E. Aide position and should have a candidate at next week's Board meeting.

Discussion on District Curriculum and Instruction Improvement Plan

Director of Curriculum & Instruction Jennifer Kenney presented and discussed the Curriculum and Instruction Improvement Plan for the next 5 years. Mrs. Kenney provided the Board with a summary of how they came up with the layout/foundation of the plan. Mrs. Kenney also provided the Board with a summary of how each year will look for the next five years and what subjects will be focused on each year. The Board thanked Mrs. Kenney for her efforts and asked to be kept abreast on progress.

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

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statements for May 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 May were also enclosed for review.

Open

- a) Items not known at agenda preparation time – Mr. Spencer provided the Board with an update on the Intermediate School progress. Teachers were allowed to go in and start setting up their classrooms, and there is a little bit more clean up that needs to take place.
- b) Sharing Ideas / Information – none.

Closed Session

At 6:30 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Engelhardt and seconded by Mr. VanDuyne to go into closed session for the purpose of considering information regarding compensation for specific employees and pending litigation.

Roll Call.

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

Nays:

Absent: Quint Harmon and Mindy Rampa

Motion: Carried.

Mr. Engelhardt moved, and Mr. Melvin seconded to return to open session at 6:44 p.m.

Roll Call.

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

Nays:

Absent: Quint Harmon and Mindy Rampa

Motion: Carried.

Adjournment

Mr. VanDuyne moved, and Mr. Engelhardt seconded to adjourn at 6:44 p.m. the Board Study Session of the Whole meeting.

Kenneth P. Miller, President

Cynthia Klein, Secretary