Coal City Community Unit School District #1
Grundy County
Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 5, 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, Cindy Klein, Mindy Rampa, Ryan VanDuyne, and Ken Miller. Also in attendance were Superintendent Christopher Spencer, Director of Business Services Amanda Herrera-Ford, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Jennifer Kenney, Director of Student Services Luke Krippel, Secretary to the Board LaWanda Gagliardo, and Community Relations Specialist Ann Gill. Board members Quint Harmon, and Matt Melvin 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. – none.
2. Board Secretary Cindy Klein read a thank you note received from the Village of Coal City.

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.

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

Group	Building	Date
Coal City Soccer Club	IS	03/09/27-03/25/27
Coal City Soccer Club	ES	04/05/27-06/13/27
Coal City Soccer Club	ES	08/03/26-10/18/26
Coaler Youth Softball	ES/IS	01/2027-04/30/27
Coaler Yough Softball	ES/IS	01/2027-05/01/27
Aligned Data Center	HS	08/06/26
Major School of Dance	PAC	05/31/27-06/06/27
CCPLD	PAC	08/10/26
GAVC	PAC	04/07/27-05/19/27
GAVC	PAC	04/29/27

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MINUTES
July 1, 2026 - Regular Meeting

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES
July 1, 2026 - Regular Meeting

FINANCIAL REPORTS
Activity Fund Reports – June 2026
Treasurer's Report – June 2026
Monthly Manual Check Report – July 2026
Payroll Report – July 2026 – *not available at time of posting*
Accounts Payable Report – August 2026

PERSONNEL

Resignations
- Holly Kilgore-Hogg – Reading Aide at the Early Childhood Center – Ms. Kilgore-Hogg's last day May 22, 2026.
- Cherie Sieger – Recess/Lunchroom Supervisor at the Intermediate School – Ms. Sieger's last day was May 22, 2026.
- Calin Wolcott – Classroom Aide at the Early Childhood Center – Ms. Wolcott's last day was May 22, 2026.
- Kaylee Ziolkowski – 1:1 Special Education Aide at the Elementary School – Ms. Ziolkowski's last day was May 26, 2026.

Employments - *pending satisfactory completion of all state requirements*
- Alexis Bricco – 1:1 Special Education Aide at the Early Childhood Center – Ms. Bricco's anticipated start date is August 12, 2026.
- Abbi Eberhard – Reading Aide/Recess/Lunchroom Supervisor at the Intermediate School. Ms. Eberhard is replacing Mr. Rose
- Joann Eberhard – 1:1 Special Education Aide at the Elementary School – Ms. Eberhard's anticipated start date is August 12, 2026. Ms. Eberhard is replacing Ms. Ziolkowski.
- Brenda Gerber - Recess/Lunchroom Supervisor at the Early Childhood Center – Ms. Gerber's anticipated start date is August 12, 2026.
- Lindsay McMillan – Assistant Secretary at the Middle School – Ms. McMillan's anticipated start date is August 6, 2026.
- Brandi Novak – Classroom Aide at the Elementary School – Ms. Novak's anticipated start date is August 12, 2026.
- Karissa Perkins – 1:1 Special Education Aide at the Early Childhood Center – Ms. Perkins' anticipated start date is August 12, 2026.
- Maria Radtke – Recess/Lunchroom Supervisor at the Intermediate School – Ms. Radtke's anticipated start date is August 12, 2026, and is replacing Ms. Sieger.
- Crystal Ramirez – Classroom Aide at the Intermediate School – Ms. Ramirez' anticipated start date is August 12, 2026.

- Desirae Randolph – Recess/Lunchroom Supervisor at the Middle School – Ms. Randolph's anticipated start date is August 12, 2026.
- Megan Tabler – Reading Aide at the Early Childhood Center – Ms. Tabler is replacing Ms. Hall and is anticipated to start August 12, 2026.
- Robert Terrel – Special Education Classroom Aide at the Elementary School.
- Megan Vargo – 1:1 Special Education Aide at the Early Childhood Center – Ms. Vargo's anticipated start date is August 12, 2026.
- Julie Watts – Recess/Lunchroom Aide at the Intermediate School. Ms. Watts is replacing Ms. Sieger, and Ms. Watts' anticipated start date is August 12, 2026.
- Jasimine Winnie – 3hr Reading Aide at the Elementary School – Ms. Winnie is replacing Ms. Kilgore-Hogg, and Ms. Winnie's anticipated start date is August 12, 2026.

Employee Transfers

- Jennifer Hall – Reading Aide/Recess Aide at the Early Childhood Center – Ms. Hall will transfer to a Classroom Aide for 1st Grade at the Early Childhood Center.

Extra-Curricular Assignments

High School Director John Cherry is making the following recommendation for coaching/volunteering positions:

Coaches:

- Kristen Wills – Assistant Girls Tennis Coach - Ms. Wills is replacing Sarah Cyrkiel
- Josh Eddy – Head Softball Coach at the High School – Mr. Eddy is replacing Mr. Monbrum.

Volunteers:

Eric Runions – Volunteer Assistant Girls Soccer Coach

Moving Closed Session Meeting Minutes to Open Session

June 24, 2026; June 10, 2026; April 8, 2026; February 4, 2026; January 7, 2026

Paraprofessional Reinstatements

Assignment	Paraprofessional Name	Building
Preschool Classroom Aide	Michelle Linn	ECC
Preschool Classroom Aide	Carol Biefledt	ECC
Preschool Classroom Aide	Michelle Hill	ECC
Preschool Classroom Aide	Cheri Eikey	ECC
Preschool Classroom Aide	Jenn Endrst	ECC
Preschool Classroom Aide	Cassandra Colegrove	ECC
1:1 Aide	Felicia Bohac	ECC
1:1 Aide	Abby Eunsgard	ECC
1:1 Aide	Kathryn Davis	ECC
1:1 Aide	Karissa Perkins	ECC
.5 1:1 Aide	Megan Vargo	ECC
Classroom Aide	Paula Nowdomski	ECC
1:1 Aide	Kathryn Long	ECC
1:1 Aide	Emily Cloe	ECC
1:1 Aide	Lauryen Pflibsen	ECC
1:1 Aide	Kayla Hyzy	ECC
1:1 Aide	Lauren Pratl	ECC
1:1 Aide	Kim Fisher	ECC
1:1 Aide	Abbie Granger	ECC
1:1 Aide	Lorena Solecki	ECC
Classroom Aide	Julie Jackman	ECC
Classroom Aide	Calin Wolcott	ECC
Classroom Aide	Jennifer Hall	ECC
Classroom Aide	Samantha Harsh	ECC
1:1 Aide	Kara Olson	ECC
1:1 Aide	Alexis Bricco	ECC

Classroom Aide	Rachel Rose	ES
Classroom Aide	Alicia Foote	ES
Classroom Aide	Colleen Berta	ES
Classroom Aide	Jaimie Bianchetta	ES
Classroom Aide	Michelle Powers	ES
Classroom Aide	Robert Terrel	ES
1:1 Aide	Kaylee Ziolkowski	ES
1:1 Aide	Brittany Jeff	ES
1:1 Aide	Katie Sinkula	ES
1:1 Aide	Lori Johnson	ES
1:1 Aide	Tasha Nash	ES
1:1 Aide	Kloey Lind	ES
Classroom Aide	Stephanie Barkley	IS
Classroom Aide	Tara Charles	IS
Classroom Aide	Regan Ullrich	IS
Classroom Aide	Karen Carlson	IS
Library Aide	Niki Planeta	IS
1:1 Aide	Taylor Oswald	IS
1:1 Aide	Kelsey Monshua	IS
1:1 Aide	Olivia Barrientos	IS
Classroom Aide	Ronnette Ksiazak	MS
Classroom Aide	Beth Babcock	MS
Classroom Aide	Many Eaton	MS
Classroom Aide	Tammy Shepherd	MS
Classroom Aide	Mercedes Neal	MS
Classroom Aide	Amy Bova	MS
PE Aide	Holly Stellano	MS

1:1 Aide	Cheryl Strle	MS
1:1 Aide	Cassidy Gazda	MS
1:1 Aide	Nicole Smith	MS
1:1 Aide	Keegan Clampitt	MS
Classroom Aide	Jody Jackson	MS
1:1 Aide	Emily Perry	MS
Classroom Aide	Joy Williams	HS
1:1 Aide	Sara Helland	HS
Classroom Aide	Shannon Caher	HS
1:1 Aide	Jenn Frashier	HS
1:1 Aide	Sarah Rowader	HS
Classroom Aide	Donna Harmon	HS
Coaler Academy	Andrea Huston	HS

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

ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS

A. EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER REPORT

Principal Davidson Reported:

Calendar of Events:
August 10th - 11th - New Teacher Orientation
August 12th - 14th - Teacher's Institute
August 13th - ECC Back to School Night @ 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
August 17th - 1st Day of Student Attendance
August 31st - ECC Picture Day
August 31st - 1st Day with ALL of Kindergarten

Current ECC Enrollment for 2026-2027:
PreK: 100
Kindergarten: 113
1st Grade: 123
Total: 336 (in Infinite Campus as of July 31st, 2026)

****Numbers are most likely skewed as we are learning to use Infinite Campus and I am unsure how to find these exact numbers at this time****

Under Construction...Building Something Great

As summer winds down, excitement is building at the Coal City Early Childhood Center! While our building has looked a little different over the past few months, one thing has remained the same—our commitment to creating a safe, welcoming, and engaging place for children to learn and grow.

Our theme for the 2026-2027 school year is **Under Construction**, and it couldn't be more fitting. Throughout the summer, crews have been hard at work completing a major slab jacking project to strengthen and preserve our building for years to come. While the construction has left behind a few visible reminders that the work is still in progress, countless hours have gone into ensuring the ECC is safe, functional, and ready to welcome students back. Repairs continue each day, classrooms are being reassembled, and finishing touches are being completed as we prepare for another incredible year.
Just like our building, we believe learning is always under construction. Every day, our students are building friendships, confidence, independence, and a lifelong love of learning. Our teachers and staff are continually growing, learning, and finding new ways to help every child succeed. Construction isn't always neat, but the finished product is always worth the work.

We are especially excited to welcome our newest Kindergarten class to **Coal City Unit District #1**! For many of our students, this year marks the beginning of an exciting educational journey filled with new friendships, new experiences, and countless opportunities to grow. We also look forward to welcoming back our returning preschool and first-grade students and watching them continue to thrive.

Behind the scenes, our teachers, support staff, custodians, office staff, and maintenance team have spent the summer preparing classrooms, organizing materials, learning together, and getting everything ready for a successful start. Their dedication ensures that when students walk through our doors, they are greeted by smiling faces and classrooms filled with opportunities to learn.

The countdown to the first day of school is officially on, and we can't wait to welcome our ECC families back in just a few short weeks. Thank you for your patience and support as our building continues to be **Under Construction**. Together, we're building something far greater than a school—we're building relationships, confidence, curiosity, and a strong foundation for every child's future.

Recognition:
As we prepare to welcome students back to the Early Childhood Center, I want to take a moment to recognize two groups of people who have truly embodied this year's theme, **Under Construction**.

Our Custodial Team

If you've stepped into the ECC recently, you've seen firsthand that preparing our building for another school year has been anything but ordinary. With a major construction project taking place throughout the summer, our custodial team has worked tirelessly through dust, debris, changing timelines, and constant adjustments to make our building safe and welcoming for students and staff. While only about one-third of the building is completely finished, the progress is already exciting to see. Every classroom that has been put back together, every hallway that has been cleaned, and every space that has been prepared is a direct reflection of their dedication and pride in our school. Their work often happens behind the scenes, but it is impossible to overlook the tremendous effort they have put into getting the ECC ready for another school year. We are incredibly grateful for everything they have done—and continue to do—as our building remains under construction.

Our Office Staff

This summer has also brought another major change: the implementation of our new student information system. Learning a new system while helping hundreds of families prepare for the school year is no small task. Our office staff has approached every challenge with patience, flexibility, and a willingness to learn. They have spent countless hours answering questions, troubleshooting issues, and supporting families as we all navigate something completely new together. Change is rarely easy, but they have handled it with professionalism, kindness, and an unwavering commitment to helping others. Their positive attitude has made a challenging transition much smoother for our staff and our families.
As we begin this new school year, I couldn't be more thankful for these incredible teams. They remind us that construction isn't just about buildings—it's about the people who show up every day, solve problems, adapt to change, and help build something great.
Thank you for everything you do for our students, staff, and families. The foundation you are helping build will impact our school for years to come!

B. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Trotter reported:

Calendar of Events:
August 10th & 11th: New Teacher Orientation
August 12th, 13th, & 14th: Teacher Institute Days
August 13th: Back to School Night
August 17th: First Day of Student Attendance
August 31st: School Pictures

ES Enrollment:
2nd Grade: 146 students
3rd Grade: 142 students
Total: 288 (enrolled as of 7/31/2026)

Personnel:
- Kristin Wills will be joining our 3rd grade team
- Katie Sobin and her team will be returning to the Elementary School this year
- Jasimine Winnie will join our team as a 3-hour reading aide

CCES Happenings and Recognitions:
- June and July were busy at the ES. We worked on updating the class lists and reworking our schedules to coordinate with the ECC
- The building is taking shape thanks to Julie, Lynn, and Tim. They have done an amazing job of freshening up the building and moving our classrooms around since the Intermediate School will be reopening
- Thanks to Brian and the entire maintenance crew for moving the Intermediate School items back and for bringing all of the Elementary School items that were in storage back to us in a timely manner
- Thanks to Anne Watson for spending a great deal of time in the building during the month of July to call parents and assist them with the registration process

C. INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Carlson reported:

Calendar of Upcoming Events:
8/5 – CCIS Reopening Open House 4:00 p.m.; Ribbon Cutting 5:50 p.m.
8/10-8/11 – New Teacher/Staff Orientation 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
8/10 – New Student & 4th Grade Orientation 9:00 a.m.
8/10 – 5th Grade Orientation 10:00 a.m.
8/12-8/14 – Teacher/Staff Institute Days
8/13 – Back to School Night/Open House 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
8/17 – First Day of Student Attendance 8:00 a.m. - 1:25 p.m.
8/19 – Evacuation/Fire Drill 2:00 p.m.
8/20 – Shelter/Storm Drill 9:00 a.m.
8/21 – Lockdown Drill 1:15 p.m.

Anticipated Enrollment:
4th Grade 143 - 6 sections; 23-24 students per section
5th Grade 154 - 7 sections; 21-23 students per section
Total 295

As of 7/29/26:
New Students - 4
Move-outs - 3

Personnel:
I would like to welcome the following staff to CCIS for the 2026-2027 school year:

- Natalie Gill ~ 4th Grade Special Education Co-Teacher
- Moree Harney ~ 5th Grade Special Education Co-Teacher
- Megan Homerding ~ Health Aide/Assistant Secretary
- Nikki Planeta ~ Library Aide - Transfer from the ECC
- Olivia Barrientos ~ Special Education Aide, 5th Grade 1:1
- Taylor Oswald ~ Special Education Aide, 4th Grade 1:1
- Karen Carlson ~ Special Education Aide, 4th Grade Cross Cat - Transfer from HS
- Abbi Eberhard ~ Reading Aide
- Julie Watts ~ Recess Aide
- Maria Radtke ~ Recess Aide

Preview of August:

- New Student & 4th Grade Orientation will take place on Monday, August 10th from 9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. We will meet in the South Gym for approximately 25 minutes where I will speak to the students and parents/guardians. Around 9:30 a guided tour will take place along with Q/A.
- Fifth Grade Orientation will take place on Monday, August 10th at 10:00 a.m. We will meet in the North Gym. We've never had a 5th grade orientation before, but I think this is important to offer because these students haven't attended CCIS before, so I want to make sure they have the opportunity to get acclimated with the building.
- Back to School Night is planned for Thursday, August 13 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. This is a fun evening for students to meet their teacher and bring their school supplies.
- The first day of student attendance is Monday, August 17 from 8:00-1:25. We anxiously await to meet our students and to get to know them on the first day of school. We are excited for our students to get to know us, and we can't wait to show them our Back-to-School Video. Of course, we are thrilled to be back "home" at CCIS!

D. MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Stone reported:

Calendar of Events:
July 27 - CCMS Softball Tryouts from 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
August 3 - CCMS Baseball Tryouts at 8:00 a.m.
August 5 – CCMS Soccer Tryouts at 8:00 a.m.
August 10 - 6th Grade Orientation 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
August 10 - New Student Orientation – 11:30 a.m.
August 10 & 11 - New Teacher Orientation from 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

August 12, 13 & 14 - No School - Teachers Institute
August 17 - First Day of Students 8:30 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.
August 31 - CCMS School Picture Day during P.E.

Enrollment Numbers on 7/29:

6th Grade	156
7th Grade	140
8th Grade	137
Total:	**433**

Personnel Report:
We have several new staff members who will be joining CCMS in the Fall of 2026.

New CCMS hires to Unit District #1 are:
- Meg Marlin – 6th Grade Math
- Taylor Gunier – 8th Grade ELA
- Jacqualyn Henrichsen – 8th Grade ELA
- Xander Smith – Self-Contained Special Education Teacher
- David Lange – MS/HS Chorus Teacher
- Jeff Pacholski – CCMS Asst. Principal/Athletic Director
- Lindsay McMillan – CCMS Asst. Secretary

Staff Members with new roles this school year:
- Nick Peters – 8th Grade Special Education

I am very excited about the new additions to the CCMS Staff and look forward to seeing them teach and work with the students of CCMS.

Month in Review – Summer 2026
Andrew Brimm and the CCMS Band students participated in Band Camp from July 20 - 24. The camp culminated with a Concert/Ice Cream Social on July 25 at CCHS. We had a great turnout with the concert and Mr. Brimm did an excellent job in preparing our CCMS band students. I appreciate Mr. Brimm's flexibility through the chaos of construction projects this summer! I am looking forward to a great year for our band students and the band program.

Walk-in Registration took place on July 9th and July 14th at the Coal City Middle School. At the present time, we have 5 new students who have registered at CCMS for the 2026-27 school year. Special thanks to Jill Fatlan for her work on the registration process.

Coal City Middle School Athletics

CCMS Athletics are set to begin in August with softball, baseball, and soccer.

- **Softball:** Tryouts were held on July 27th and 28th, and we had a great turnout! We have 33 student-athletes participating across our JV and varsity teams this year. The girls will open their season on August 5th for the JV squad and August 8th for varsity.
- **Baseball:** Tryouts were held on August 3rd and 4th, with practice beginning on August 5th. Opening day for the baseball team is August 12th against Channahon.
- **Soccer:** Soccer starts on August 7th, and we anticipate having approximately 40 to 50 athletes participate. The team opens its season on August 18th against Minooka.

CCMS Softball Coaches
Brad Schmitt – A Team
Steph Vucsko – B Team

CCMS Baseball Coaches
Payton Hutchings– A Team
Nate Wills – B Team
Mike Pfeiffer – C Team

CCMS Soccer
Mike Kostbade - Last year coaching before retirement!
Katherine Drey

E. HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Stafford reported:

Calendar of Events:
August 1 - Band Preview at the Stadium (6:00 p.m.)
August 5 - Football Begins
August 7 - Freshman Orientation (8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.)

August 10 - Walk Your Schedule Day (9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.)
August 10 - All other fall sports begin
August 10 & 11 - CCHS New Staff Orientation
August 14 - Meet the Coalers
August 15 - Fall Sports Pictures (8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)
August 17 - First Day of School
August 19 - Club Coaler Day
August 20 - Picture Day
August 20 - College Admissions Night - 6:30 p.m. in the PAC

Recognition:

AP Results -

- 152 students out of 182 students received at least one passing score (3 or higher) - 83.5%
- We gave 341 exams last year - 260 of those exams received a passing score - 76.25%
- Of those exams, 48 of them received the highest score (5). This was achieved by 30 different students (some students received more than one 5).
- There were 22 scholars, 19 scholars with honor, and 22 scholars with distinction.
- We will be recognizing our AP scholars on the first day of school during an assembly and we will be recognizing all students that received a passing score on September 25th at the home football game.

Month in Review:

- Band Camp finishes up on August 1st. 53 students are participating in marching band and 14 students in color guard.
- The high school welcomed 9 new families at walk in registration.
- Summer school is in the books.
  - June Session - 19 High Schoolers and 4 Middle Schoolers
  - July Session - 14 High Schoolers and 2 Middle Schoolers
- Coal City High School new staff:
  - Becky Williams - Assistant Principal
  - John Cherry - Athletic Director
  - Emily Bonnell - Math
  - Kathryn Drey - English
  - David Lange - Choir
  - Natalie Casey - Social Worker
  - Angela Roudis - Special Ed

Current Enrollment:

Enrollment numbers are unknown currently; we are still working on updating information in Infinite Campus.

F. 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**	**Approved**
IDEA Preschool	**$11,412**	**Pending ISBE Approval**
IDEA Part B	**$498,885**	**Pending ISBE Approval**
Title I	**$199,012**	**Pending ISBE Approval**
Title IV	**$14,893**	**Pending ISBE Approval**

Illinois State Board of Education Grants
The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) was required to conduct a survey of parents of children with disabilities in our district in January 2026 to gather feedback regarding their perceptions of how schools facilitated their involvement to improve services and results for children with disabilities. This was done as part of the agency's annual assessment pertaining to Indicator 8 of the State Performance Plan. The 18-question survey, which was developed by the National Center for Special Education Accountability Monitoring, was provided to a representative sample of parents throughout the state. The survey results will be used for program improvement and to provide information for the Annual Performance Report that is submitted to the U.S. Department of Education Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP).

A summary of the district's survey results is provided below. We are pleased to report that Coal City CUSD 1 outperformed the state average on all 18 questions provided within this survey.

2026 ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
IDEA State Performance Plan Indicator 8 and Item Analysis Report

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Coal City CUSD 1: 85 Received / 382 Delivered (22.3%)

Average Agreement Across All 25 Survey Items

Indicator 8 Summary*	
State Target Percentage:	73.00%
State Indicator 8 Percentage:	68.54%
District Indicator 8 Percentage:	72.94%

	Total	Very Strongly Disagree (1-1.99)	Strongly Disagree (2-2.99)	Disagree (3-3.99)	Agree (4-4.99)	Strongly Agree (5 - 5.99)	Very Strongly Agree (6.00)
Number of Parents	85	1	5	17	21	24	17
Percentage of Parents	100%	1.2%	5.9%	20.0%	24.7%	28.2%	20.0%

The full survey results, along with the State report is attached below.
Indicator 8 Report 2026
Indicator 8 State Report 2026

Vacancies
Full-Time Paraprofessionals

G. CURRICULUM REPORT

Director Kenney reported:

Director of Curriculum and Instruction - August Board Report

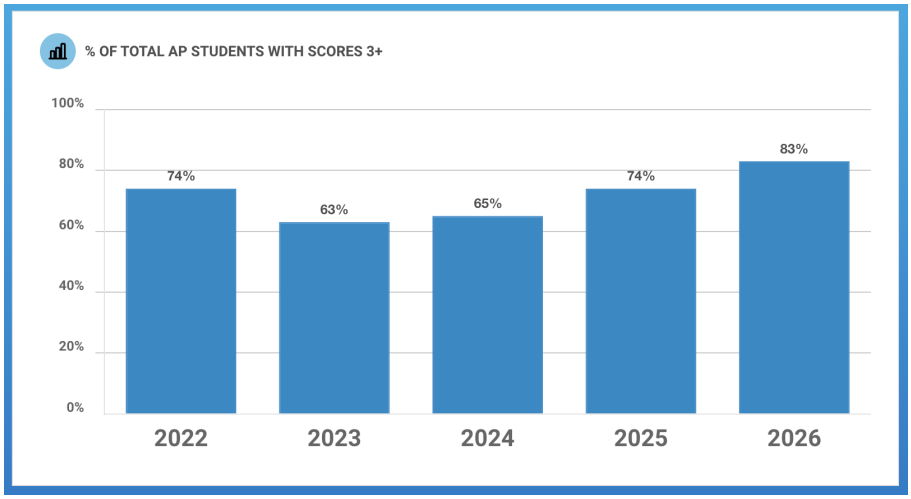
Department News:
All curriculum and assessment summer work is complete. The following curricula have been updated and need approval:

- Zoology, Statistics, Pre-Algebra (8th grade math), Math 6, Math 6+, Math 7, Math 7+, Digital Animation, 6th Music, Concert Singers, Coaler Choir, Jewelry, Piano 1, Music Technology 1, Music Technology 2, AP Language, AP Literature, Statistics, 6th Choir, 7th/8th Choir, 5th Beginning Band, 6th Cadet Band, 7th/8th Band, History of Sports, History Through Film, 6th PE, PreAP English 1, PreAP English 2, English 1, Practical English

The following are new courses that will be offered at the high school:

- Lifetime Fitness
- AP Physics (replaces Honors Physics)
- PreAP English 1 (replaces Honors English 1)
- PreAP English 2 (replaces Honors English 2)

Standardized Testing/Accountability:
Advanced Placement results for the 2025-2026 school year are in. Once again, our students are performing at high levels, and we are extremely proud of their hard work. Our AP teachers have worked hard to prepare them to obtain higher levels in these college prep courses. Any student who scores a 3 or higher on their exam will receive college credit in the state of Illinois. This graph shows the improvements that have been made over the last 5 years. 83% of our AP students earned a 3 or higher on their exam, giving them college credit.



Below are the scores from the 2025-2026 school year. Green indicates that we were higher than the state in that area. Red indicates that we were below.

Total Tests	341		
5	48	14.08%	
4	113	33.14%	
3	99	29.03%	76.25%
2	67	19.65%	23.75%
1	14	4.11%	

World History	31	3.19	
5	2	6.45%	
4	12	38.71%	
3	9	29.03%	74.19%
2	6	19.35%	25.81%
1	2	6.45%	

State	3.39	
5	15.00%	
4	41.00%	
3	17.00%	73.00%
2	22.00%	27.00%
1	5.00%	

Global	3.21	
5	14.00%	
4	36.00%	
3	16.00%	66.00%
2	226.00%	34.00%
1	8.00%	

US Hist	40	3.63	
5	4	10.00%	
4	21	52.50%	
3	11	27.50%	90.00%
2	4	10.00%	10.00%
1	0	0.00%	

State	3.35	
5	15.00%	
4	37.00%	
3	23.00%	75.00%
2	17.00%	25.00%
1	8.00%	

Global	3.29	
5	14.00%	
4	36.00%	
3	23.00%	73.00%
2	19.00%	27.00%
1	8.00%	

US Gov	34	3.88	
5	7	20.59%	
4	19	55.88%	
3	5	14.71%	91.18%
2	3	8.82%	8.82%
1	0	0.00%	

State	3.52	
5	25.00%	
4	30.00%	
3	24.00%	79.00%
2	15.00%	21.00%
1	7.00%	

Global	3.42	
5	23.00%	
4	28.00%	
3	25.00%	76.00%
2	16.00%	24.00%
1	8.00%	

Spanish	15	2.4	
5	1	6.67%	
4	0	0.00%	
3	4	26.67%	33.33%
2	9	60.00%	66.67%
1	1	6.67%	

State	3.47	
5	19.00%	
4	31.00%	
3	33.00%	83.00%
2	15.00%	17.00%
1	3.00%	

Global	3.53	
5	22.00%	
4	31.00%	
3	31.00%	84.00%
2	14.00%	16.00%
1	3.00%	

Human Geo	35	3.14	
5	3	8.57%	
4	10	28.57%	
3	12	34.29%	71.43%
2	9	25.71%	28.57%
1	1	2.86%	

State	3.31	
5	22.00%	
4	27.00%	
3	21.00%	70.00%
2	22.00%	30.00%
1	8.00%	

Global	3.23	
5	20.00%	
4	26.00%	
3	21.00%	67.00%
2	23.00%	33.00%
1	10.00%	

English Lit	52	3.5		***State***	3.24		***Global***	3.21	
5	8	15.38%		5	17.00%		5	16.00%	
4	17	32.69%		4	26.00%		4	26.00%	
3	21	40.38%	88.46%	3	30.00%	73.00%	3	31.00%	73.00%
2	5	9.62%	11.54%	2	17.00%	27.00%	2	17.00%	27.00%
1	1	1.92%		1	10.00%		1	10.00%	

English Lang	49	3.24		***State***	3.33		***Global***	3.21	
5	6	12.24%		5	17.00%		5	15.00%	
4	16	32.65%		4	29.00%		4	27.00%	
3	15	30.61%	75.51%	3	32.00%	78.00%	3	33.00%	75.00%
2	8	16.33%	24.49%	2	14.00%	22.00%	2	16.00%	25.00%
1	4	8.16%		1	8.00%		1	10.00%	

Calculus AB	13	4.38		***State***	3.22		***Global***	3.25	
5	7	53.85%		5	16.00%		5	21.00%	
4	5	38.46%		4	32.00%		4	29.00%	
3	0	0.00%	92.31%	3	20.00%	68.00%	3	16.00%	66.00%
2	1	7.69%	7.69%	2	23.00%	32.00%	2	23.00%	34.00%
1	0	0.00%		1	10.00%		1	12.00%	

Stats	23	2.96		***State***	3.21		***Global***	3.02	
5	2	8.70%		5	18.00%		5	18.00%	
4	7	30.43%		4	23.00%		4	23.00%	
3	5	21.74%	60.87%	3	22.00%	63.00%	3	22.00%	63.00%
2	6	26.09%	39.13%	2	16.00%	37.00%	2	16.00%	37.00%
1	3	13.04%		1	21.00%		1	21.00%	

Physics - *Not AP Class*	11	2.00		***State***	3.18		***Global***	3.19	
5	0	0.00%		5	19.00%		5	21.00%	
4	0	0.00%		4	26.00%		4	25.00%	
3	2	18.18%	18.18%	3	26.00%	71.00%	3	24.00%	70.00%
2	7	63.64%	81.82%	2	15.00%	29.00%	2	14.00%	30.00%
1	2	18.18%		1	15.00%		1	17.00%	

Chemistry	13	2.92		***State***	3.35		***Global***	3.35	
5	1	7.69%		5	17.00%		5	17.00%	
4	1	7.69%		4	32.00%		4	30.00%	
3	7	53.85%	69.23%	3	29.00%	78.00%	3	30.00%	77.00%
2	4	30.77%	30.77%	2	16.00%	22.00%	2	17.00%	23.00%
1	0	0.00%		1	7.00%		1	6.00%	

Music Theory	6	3		***State***	3		***Global***	2.98	
5	1	16.67%		5	18.00%		5	19.00%	
4	1	16.67%		4	18.00%		4	17.00%	
3	1	16.67%	50.00%	3	23.00%	59.00%	3	24.00%	60.00%
2	3	50.00%	50.00%	2	25.00%	41.00%	2	26.00%	40.00%
1	0	0.00%		1	13.00%		1	15.00%	

3-D Art	2	3		***State***	3.07		***Global***	3.1	
5	0	0.00%		5	6.00%		5	7.00%	
4	0	0.00%		4	24.00%		4	25.00%	
3	2	100.00%	100.00%	3	44.00%	74.00%	3	43.00%	75.00%
2	0	0.00%	0.00%	2	22.00%	26.00%	2	23.00%	25.00%
1	0	0.00%		1	4.00%		1	2.00%	

2-D Art	2	4		***State***	3.28		***Global***	3.35	
5	1	50.00%		5	12.00%		5	12.00%	
4	0	0.00%		4	28.00%		4	30.00%	
3	1	50.00%	100.00%	3	40.00%	80.00%	3	43.00%	85.00%
2	0	0.00%	0.00%	2	15.00%	20.00%	2	13.00%	15.00%
1	0	0.00%		1	5.00%		1	3.00%	

Drawing	1	2		***State***	3.41		***Global***	3.42	
5		0.00%		5	15.00%		5	16.00%	
4		0.00%		4	33.00%		4	31.00%	
3		0.00%	0.00%	3	34.00%	82.00%	3	36.00%	83.00%
2		1.00%	1.00%	2	14.00%	18.00%	2	14.00%	17.00%
1		0.00%		1	4.00%		1	4.00%	

In addition, we have the largest number of AP Scholars in Coal City history. Below are the number of

scholars that we have, along with the descriptions of the honors.

AP Scholar - Granted to students who receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams
AP Scholar with Honor - Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.
AP Scholar with Distinction - Granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.

2024-2025			
Scholar Summary (Total Students: 55; Average Score: 3.55)			
	AP Scholar	**AP Scholar with Honor**	**AP Scholar with Distinction**
Number of Scholars	25	7	23
Average Score	3.1	3.45	3.91

AP Scholars:

Aguirre; Lilliana D.	AP Scholar
Berger; Gavin C.	AP Scholar
Bergin; Sean A.	AP Scholar
Berta; Keaton D.	AP Scholar
Chellino; Dominick	AP Scholar
Dames; Adrian M.	AP Scholar
Davidson; Cambree K.	AP Scholar
Elberts; Courtney A.	AP Scholar
Francisco; Hayden F.	AP Scholar
Fritz; Theodore V.	AP Scholar
Gabehart; Keirsten P.	AP Scholar
Grunwald; Aubrey L.	AP Scholar
Hall; Rebecca L.	AP Scholar
Lemmons; Colton J.	AP Scholar
Mannering; Brian S.	AP Scholar

McVey; Devon G.	AP Scholar
Micetich; Julian E.	AP Scholar
Pierard; Laynah G.	AP Scholar
Ramirez; Martin B.	AP Scholar
Schimandle; Colin J.	AP Scholar
Serna; Adia	AP Scholar
Van Duyne; Gabrielle K.	AP Scholar

Anderson; Dahlilah I.	AP Scholar with Honor
Carlson; Alexander H.	AP Scholar with Honor
Castle; Madelyn I.	AP Scholar with Honor
Forsythe; Kellen D.	AP Scholar with Honor
Kohler; Kyla J.	AP Scholar with Honor
Larsen; Lana R.	AP Scholar with Honor
Lowe; Kieley A.	AP Scholar with Honor
Miller; Layla B.	AP Scholar with Honor
Murphy; Avery M.	AP Scholar with Honor
Nadess; Elizabeth G.	AP Scholar with Honor
Noffsinger; Dane M.	AP Scholar with Honor
Olson; Jordan T.	AP Scholar with Honor
Papach; Anastasia	AP Scholar with Honor
Pedigo; Hunter M.	AP Scholar with Honor
Smith; Sophie N.	AP Scholar with Honor
Vota; Olivia L.	AP Scholar with Honor
Votta; Nicolas M.	AP Scholar with Honor
Weatherbee; Olivia P.	AP Scholar with Honor

Wills; Winter R.	AP Scholar with Honor

Cimino; Jacob V.	AP Scholar with Distinction
D'Orazio; Brody A.	AP Scholar with Distinction
Fitzpatrick; Rowan W.	AP Scholar with Distinction
Foster; Nathan A.	AP Scholar with Distinction
Gill; Carter A.	AP Scholar with Distinction
Hansen; Kamryn C.	AP Scholar with Distinction
Harding; Austin P.	AP Scholar with Distinction
Houston; Noah D.	AP Scholar with Distinction
Kenney; Aidan E.	AP Scholar with Distinction
Kenney; Anthony J.	AP Scholar with Distinction
Kramer; Maxx J.	AP Scholar with Distinction
Liebermann; Vanna G.	AP Scholar with Distinction
Lovell; Mackenzie L.	AP Scholar with Distinction
Meister; Aidan J.	AP Scholar with Distinction
Natyshok; Logan C.	AP Scholar with Distinction
Perino; Lance E.	AP Scholar with Distinction
Poyner; Cade J.	AP Scholar with Distinction
Sage; Olivia L.	AP Scholar with Distinction

Seeley; Liam J.	AP Scholar with Distinction
Vanek; Rhaina E.	AP Scholar with Distinction
Vota; Sophia M.	AP Scholar with Distinction
Wills; Evelyn R.	AP Scholar with Distinction

H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Spencer reported:

1. **FOIA Requests:**
   - A FOIA request was received from Keaton Walsh from Data Branch requesting all products from: CivicPlus, Inrix, Replica, Streetlight Data, Hoover, Karcher, Nascare, and Sanitaire from 2022 to present.
   - A FOIA request was received from Eli Sutton from the Data Branch Research Team requesting records from 2022 to present that capture the pricing details of any engagement: Rapid Identity, Tools4Ever, Classlink, Clever, Learn21, ManageAD, Tenfold Security, and CPSI Publishing.
   - A FOIA request was received from Dana Hollis from the Data Branch requesting all purchase orders from January 1, 2023, to present.
   - A FOIA request was received from Ashley Johnson from the Data Branch requesting contracts, PO's, RFP etc.…from: Helios Ed/Core, Droplet, and Docusign from 2022 to present.
   - A FOIA request was received from Scarlett Perry from the Data Branch requesting contracts, PO's, RFP etc.…from: Centegix, Raptor Technologies, Singlewire, Boxlight, Quicklert, Vivi, Audio Enhancement, CareHawk, and Valcom from 2022 to present.
   - A FOIA request was received from Candace Fuller from the Data Branch requesting contracts, PO's, RFP etc.…from: Texthelp, Everway, Read and Write, GoGuardian, iBoss, Lightspeed Systems, Linewize, and Securly from 2022 to present.
   - A FOIA request was received from Marissa Keegan from the Data Branch requesting contracts, PO's, RFP etc.…from: 95 Percent Group, Core Learning Edmentum, iStation, IXL Learning, Amplify, Curriculum Associates (i-Ready Learning), and Imagine Learning from 2022 to present.

2. **Internships:**
   - Christina Morales a student at University of St. Francis will complete her Social Worker Internship with Cealy DePersia, Social Worker at the Middle School for the 26 – 27 school year.
   - Chloe Berns a student at Governors State

3. Monthly student enrollment figures were available for review.

DATES TO REMEMBER
July 27 & 28 – Senior Pictures
August 7 – Freshmen Orientation from 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
August 10 – 4th Grade and New Student Orientation at IS from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
August 10 – 5th Grade Orientation at IS from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
August 10 – 6th Grade Orientation at MS from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
August 10 – 7th, 8th and new student Grade Orientation at 11:30 a.m.
August 12, 13, & 14 – Teacher's Institute Day – No Student Attendance
August 13 – Back to School Night at the ECC from 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
August 13 – Back to School Night at the ES from 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
August 13 – Back to School Night at the IS from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
August 13 – Back to School Night at the MS from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
August 14 – Meet the Coalers at the High School at 5:00 p.m.
August 15 – High School Sports Pictures
August 17 – First Day of Student Attendance
August 19 – Preschool Screening at the Early Childhood Center 8:30am – 2:00pm
August 20 – Picture Day at the High School
August 26 – Board Study Session of the Whole Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
August 31 – Preschool Screening at the Early Childhood Center 8:30am – 2:00pm
August 31 – Picture Day for ECC, ES, IS & MS
Joint Annual Conference Friday Focus Workshops Registration is available.

I. GRUNDY AREA VOCATIONAL CENTER REPORT

Mr. Engelhardt reported:

NO JULY MEETING

J. ATHLETIC DIRECTOR REPORT

Athletic Director Cherry reported:

Board Report

High School Athletics

FROM THE ATHLETIC ***DIRECTOR'S DESK***

MR. CHERRY

I would like to take a moment to thank everyone for their warm welcome to the district. It has been refreshing to have so many people who have been so helpful as I slowly learn my way around the district and its history. Everyone has made this feel like home for me already and I am very grateful for everyone being so patient with me as I get started and ask lots of questions.

AN INVITATION FROM CCHS

JOIN US FOR MEET THE COALERS NIGHT

📅 Friday, August 14th starting at 5:00 p.m.

📍 CCHS Stadium

Come out and meet the student-athletes as they prepare to start the upcoming fall season.
Concessions and apparel will be for sale during the evening.
5:00pm - Boys Soccer Scrimmage
6:30pm - Introduction of all fall varsity sports teams
6:45pm - Band Performance
6:55pm - Dance Team Performance
7:05pm - Cheerleaders Performance
7:15pm - Football Scrimmage
This is a perfect opportunity to support our talented students, as a new school year gets underway!
Admission is free, and all are welcome!
We can't wait to see you there 🏈⚽🏐⛳🎾📣

SUMMER RECAP

SUMMER CAMPS AND ACTIVITIES FINISH

Youth summer camps have all wrapped up for this season. Coaches were all very pleased with the attendance and work that the students put in during their times at the various camps. Youth camps were held in football, boys and girls basketball, tennis, wrestling, softball, and baseball. High school summer camps and workouts are wrapping up and getting ready to head into the upcoming season. The "dead week" for the IHSA has been moved to the week of July 4th, which has allowed coaches to run their camps right up to the start of the season and transition into the season with almost no disruptions.

ATHLETICS HIGHLIGHTS

Fall Seasons Ready for Kickoff

Fall sports are ready to get underway, with football starting practice on August 5th and the rest of the teams starting on August 10th. The football season has been moved up a week this year to accommodate the expansion of the football playoffs. This added a week to the postseason and led to the moving of the start date up by one week. Football will open the season on the road at Pontiac on August 21st. All fall girls' sports will open their season on August 24th, with volleyball on the road at Prairie Central, girls' tennis at home vs Morris, and girls' golf headed to Seneca. Boys' soccer will start the season at home vs Serena on August 27th, and boys golf will start the year at the Breeden Classic in Kankakee on August 17th.

Future Plans

The admin team and I have begun looking at options to provide digital ticketing and credit card payment as an option at events and possibly even concessions. We have met with several providers to see what choices can be offered to give us this flexibility, and we are looking into other options with vendors we already use to see if this is something that we can adopt moving forward.

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/ACTION ON AGREEMENT BETWEEN COAL CITY COMMUNITY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE VILLAGE OF BRACEVILLE

At the April 29, 2026, and May 27, 2026, Board Study Session of the Whole meetings, Superintendent Christopher discussed the Easement Agreement with the Village of Braceville. At the June 10, 2026, this item was tabled. This item was presented for Board approval.

Mr. Engelhardt moved, and Mr. VanDuyne seconded to approve the easement agreement between the CCCUSD1 and the Village of Braceville.

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

B. FIRST READING ON REVISED DISTRICT POLICIES

The following board policies were submitted for review. The Board Policy Committee will meet to discuss the revised policies in more depth before the final reading.

2:70-E	Checklist for Filing Board Vacancies by Appointment
2:120-E3	Resolution to Appoint a Delegate to the Illinois Association of School Boards Delegate Assembly
2:220-E1	Board Treatment of Closed Meeting Verbatim Records and Minutes
2:220-E3	Closed Meeting Minutes
2:220-E5	Semi-Annual Review of Closed Meeting Minutes
2:220-E8	School Board Records Maintenance Requirements and FAQs
2:230	Public Participation at School Board Meetings and Petitions to the Board
3:70	Succession of Authority
4:110-AP2	Bus Driver Communication Devices; Pre-Trip and Post-Trip Inspection; and Bus Driving Comments
4:170-AP1, E1	Accident or Injury Form
4:170-AP1, E2	Memo to Staff Members Regarding Contracts By Media About a Crisis
4:170-AP2	Routine Communications Concerning Safety and Security
4:170-AP4	National Terrorism Advisory System
4:175	Convicted Sex Offender; Screening; Notifications
4:180-AP1	School Action Steps for Pandemic Influenza or Other Virus/Disease
5:20-AP	Sample Questions and Considerations for Conducting the Internal Harassment in the Workplace Investigation
5:40	Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease
5:40-AP	Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease
5:70	Religious Holidays
5:100-AP	Staff Development Program
5:110	Recognition for Service
5:130-AP	Email Retention
5:140	Solicitations By or From Staff
5:185-AP	Resource Guide for Family and Medical Leave
5:220-E	Unsatisfactory Performance Report for Substitute Teachers
5:240	Suspension
5:270-E	Notice of Employment
6:60-AP1, E2	Resources for Biking and Walking Safety Education
6:70	Teaching About Religions
6:70-AP	Teaching About Religions
6:80	Teaching About Controversial Issues
6:120-AP4	Care of Students with Diabetes
6:190	Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities
6:235-E4	~~Keeping Yourself and Your Kids Safe on Social Networks~~ Online Safety

	Resources
7:30	Student Assignment and Intra-District Transfer
7:60-AP1	Challenging a Student's Residence Status
7:60-AP2	Establishing Student Residency
7:60-AP2, E1	Letter of Residence from Landlord in Lieu of Lease
7:60-AP2, E2	Letters of Residence to Be Used When the Person Seeking to Enroll a Student Is Living with a District Resident
7:60-AP2, E3	Evidence of Non-Parent's Custody, Control, and Responsibility of a Student
7:80	Release Time for Religious Instruction/Observance
7:130	Student Rights and Responsibilities
7:190-E1	Aggressive Behavior Reporting Letter and Form
7:190, E4	Acknowledgement of Receiving Student Behavior Policy and Student Conduct Code
7:200-E1	Short Term Out-of- School Suspension (1-3 Days) Reporting Form
7:240-AP1	Code of Conduct for Extracurricular Activities
7:330	Student Use of Buildings. – Equal Access
7:330-E	Application ~~for~~ to Establish Noncurriculum Related Student Groups ~~t~~That Are Not School Sponsored ~~to~~ and Request for Free Use of School Premises for Meetings
8:10	Connection with the Community
8:70	Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities

NEW BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON VALIDATED CURRICULUM

Summer curriculum and assessment writing was completed. Copies of completed curricula are available for review on the district's website and were now presented for adoption. Superintendent Christopher Spencer and Board President Miller thanked Mrs. Kenney for organizing the summer work and all the certified staff that took the time to come in over the summer to complete this work.

https://www.coalcityschools.org/families/curriculum

Mrs. Rampa moved, and Mr. Van Duyne seconded to approve the formal standards aligned curricula for all completed subject areas as presented.

Roll Call.
Ayes: Mindy Rampa, Ryan Van Duyne, Dan Engelhardt, Cindy Klein, Ken Miller
Nays:
Absent: Quint Harmon and Matt Melvin
Motion: Carried.

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON ACCEPTING THE DONATION FOR THE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

A donation was made in the amount of $19,000.00 for the Intermediate School playground from the Jeschke family. The playground equipment has been ordered along with a new swing set. Superintendent Christopher Spencer and Board President Miller thanked the Jeschke family for their generous donation.

Mr. VanDuyne moved, and Mr. Engelhardt seconded to approve a donation in the amount of $19,000.00 from the Jeschke family

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

C. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL WITH THREE RIVERS EDUCATION FOR EMPLOYMENT SYSTEMS

The FY27 membership with TREES was presented for renewal. TREES oversees grant funds for Career and Technical Education initiatives.

Mr. Engelhardt moved, and Mrs. Klein seconded to approve the annual membership renewal with TREES in the amount of $1,121.75

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

D. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON AGREEMENT RENEWAL WITH BILINGUAL THERAPIES

Director of Student Services Luke Krippel made a recommendation to renew the agreement with Bilingual Therapies to provide America Sign Language interpreting services for the 26 – 27 school year. There's a thirty (30) day clause to terminate the agreement if it's determined the services are no longer needed, or if this is not the best route for the district.

Mr. Engelhardt moved, and Mrs. Rampa seconded to approve the agreement with Bilingual Therapies to provide American Sign Language interpreting for the 26 – 27 school year.

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

E. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON APPROVING THE FY27 THREAT ASSESSMENT PLAN

Director of Student Services Luke Krippel discussed the 26 – 27 Threat Assessment Plan for the district. There were some additions added to the plan, and it was presented for Board approval.

Mr. VanDuyne moved, and Mrs. Klein seconded to approve the 26 – 27 district Threat Assessment Plan, as presented.

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

F. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON APPROVAL OF 2026 - 2027 GOLF FACILITIY

High School Athletic Director John Cherry made a recommendation to renew the agreement with Cinder Ridge Golf Course for the 26 – 27 school year.

Mr. VanDuyne moved, and Mr. Engelhardt seconded to approve the agreement with Cinder Ridge Golf Course, for the 26 – 27 school year.

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

G. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON APPROVAL OF THE AUDITORIUM SUPERVISOR JOB DESCRIPTION

Superintendent Christopher Spencer tabled the discussion on the Auditorium Supervisor job description at this time.

H. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON APPROVAL OF AN AGREEMENT WITH SNAP! MOBILE

Superintendent Christopher Spencer made a recommendation to enter into an agreement with Snap! Mobile. Snap! Mobile will provide registration and scheduling for middle school athletics. This is a three (3) year agreement at a total cost of $2,775.00.

Mr. Engelhardt moved, and Mrs. Rampa seconded to approve the three (3) year agreement with Snap! Mobile at a total cost of $2,775.00, as presented.

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

Coal City Community Unit School District #1
Grundy County
Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 5, 2026

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. VanDuyne moved, and Mrs. Rampa seconded to go to closed session at 6:13 p.m. for the purpose of considering information regarding pending litigation.

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

Mr. Engelhardt moved, and Mrs. Klein seconded to return to open session at 6:21 p.m.

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

ACTION AS A RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Engelhardt moved, and Mr. VanDuyne seconded to approve the settlement agreement with Judiciocracy LLC, and Coalition Opposing Governmental Secrecy.

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

BOARD STUDY SESSION OF THE WHOLE DATE: AUGUST 26, 2026 @ 6:00 P.M.
In Coal City CUSD #1 Administrative Center Boardroom

NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 2, 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 6:22 p.m. President Miller asked if there was any opposition to the motion, hearing none considers the motion approved.

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Kenneth P. Miller, President

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Cynthia Klein, Secretary