Coal City Community Unit School District #1
Grundy County
Board Study Session of the Whole Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 28, 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, Quint Harmon, Cindy Klein, Matt Melvin, Ryan VanDuyne, and Ken Miller. Also in attendance were Superintendent Christopher Spencer, Director of Business Services Amanda Herrera-Ford, Director of Curriculum & Instruction Jennifer Kenney, Director of Student Services Luke Krippel, Secretary to the Board LaWanda Gagliardo, and Community Relations Specialist Ann Gill. Board Member Mindy Rampa was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Discussion on the 2026 Tentative Levy

Director of Business Services Amanda Herrera-Ford discussed the 2026 Tentative Levy. Mrs. Herrera-Ford provided the Board with a brief overview of the tentative levy, which included the assessed value of GE Hitachi. Mrs. Herrera-Ford followed the same strategy at the 2025 Levy. Mrs. Herrera-Ford will provide more detail to the Board at the next meeting.

Discussion on the FY28 School Calendar

Superintendent Christopher Spencer reviewed a draft of the 27 –28 school calendar. Mr. Spencer has worked with GAVC and will work with Union leadership to finalize the FY28 school calendar.

Discussion on Safety Advisory Committee Meeting

Superintendent Christopher Spencer provided the Board with a summary of the topics discussed at the Safety Advisory Committee Meeting.

Discussion on Streaming of Athletic Events

Superintendent Christopher Spencer discussed the streaming of athletic events within the district. Mr. Spencer informed the Board of the community's concern regarding connectivity issues with the streaming of athletic events. Those connectivity issues were with the provider and not the district's equipment. Mr. Spencer has since followed up with those who had concerns.

Discussion on Leasing of District Land

Director of Business Services Amanda Herrera-Ford discussed the current lease of district farmland. Mrs. Herrera-Ford also discussed the Board's history of how they have proceeded in the past. Mrs. Herrera-Ford will present this agenda item at the next Board meeting for action.

Finance Reports

The budget summary report, account activity report, bank reconciliation report, and bank statements for September were enclosed for review. Along with the treasurer's report, investment report for September were also enclosed for review. Detailed versions of these reports were available in the Business Office for review prior to the meeting.

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Open

a) Items not known at agenda preparation time – none.
b) Sharing Ideas / Information – Mr. Spencer reminded the Board of the upcoming Joint Annual Conference and asked Board members to inform him if they required transportation. Melissa Murphy, a parent in the district was in attendance and addressed the Board with concerns regarding her student. The Board thanked her for her time and will investigate the situation.

Closed Session

At 6:22 p.m. a motion made by Mr. Engelhardt and seconded by Mr. Harmon to go into closed session for the purpose of considering information regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, dismissal of specific employees, an individual student issue, and contract negotiations.

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

Mr. Engelhardt moved, and Mr. Harmon seconded to return to open session at 6:58 p.m.

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

Adjournment

Mr. Harmon moved, and Mr. Engelhardt seconded to adjourn at 6:59 p.m. the Board Study Session of the Whole meeting.

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Kenneth P. Miller, President

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Cynthia Klein, Secretary