

**Coal City Community Unit School District #1
Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 6, 2017**

ROLL CALL

President Ken Miller called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. in the Coal City Community Unit School District #1 District Office Board Room. In attendance were Board members Robert Bianchetta, Mary Gill, Shawn Hamilton, Chuck Lander and Ken Miller. Board members Jeff Emerson and Quint Harmon were not in attendance. Superintendent Kent Bugg, CSBO Jason Smith, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Tammy Elledge, Director of Special Populations Sandy Rakes, Board Secretary Karen Vota, and member of the press Ann Gill were also in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE FOR COAL CITY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #1

President Miller stated that the Board of Education approved a tentative 2017 property tax levy on Wednesday, November 1, 2017. A notice was published in the Coal City Courant newspaper on Wednesday, November 22, 2017. President Miller asked if there were any guests who wanted to make a comment on the proposed property tax increase. President Miller asked again if there were any questions or comments and hearing none, considered the public hearing on the proposed property tax increase closed.

CALL TO ORDER

After the public hearing, President Miller called the regular meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. with the board members answering roll call present: Robert Bianchetta, Mary Gill, Shawn Hamilton, Chuck Lander, Ken Miller. Board members Jeff Emerson and Quint Harmon were not in attendance.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Bianchetta moved and Mr. Lander seconded to go in to closed session at 6:02 p.m. for the purpose of considering information regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees.

Roll Call.

Ayes: Robert Bianchetta, Chuck Lander, Mary Gill, Shawn Hamilton, Ken Miller

Absent: Jeff Emerson, Quint Harmon

Nays:

Motion Carried.

When the Board returned to open session, President Miller called the regular meeting back to order at 6:31 p.m. with the board members answering roll call present: Robert Bianchetta, Mary Gill, Shawn Hamilton, Chuck Lander, and Ken Miller. Board members Jeff Emerson and Chuck Lander were not in attendance.

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NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

1. Introduction/acknowledgement of guests. President Miller welcomed those in attendance.
2. Secretary Gill read a note from Third Grade Teacher Cristin Bormet and Intermediate School Principal Tracy Carlson thanking the Board for sponsoring the annual Holiday Luncheon.

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. Board Member Robert Bianchetta asked to remove the employer paid HSA contribution for district administrators from the consent agenda.

Mr. Hamilton moved and Ms. Gill seconded to approve the amended consent agenda including:

MINUTES

November 1, 2017 – Regular Meeting
November 13, 2017 – Special Meeting

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES




November 1, 2017 – Regular Meeting - None
November 13, 2017 – Special Meeting

FINANCIAL REPORTS



Activity Fund Reports – October 2017
Treasurer’s Report – October 2017
Monthly Manual Check Report – November 2017
Payroll Report – November 2017
Accounts Payable Report – December 2017

PERSONNEL

Employment – pending satisfactory completion of all state requirements







-  Riley McClenning – Permanent Custodial Substitute
-  Leah Hajdu – 5 hour per day IT Data Support Staff at the District Office
-  Jim Price – Full-Time Custodian at the High School

Employee Transfers





-  Deb Campos – from full-time 1:1 special education aide at the Middle School to full-time special education aide at the High School effective 11/2/2017.
-  Michelle Wren – from part-time classroom aide to full-time classroom aide at the Middle School effective 11/2/2017.

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Leave

-  Valerie Clark – 6th Grade English Teacher – Ms. Clark is requesting a twenty-three (23) day paid maternity leave with use of accumulated sick leave in accordance with the Teacher’s Negotiated Agreement, from February 20, 2018 through March 23, 2018. She is also requesting a forty (40) day unpaid Family Medical Leave from April 3, 2018 through May 29, 2018, which is the end of the school year. She plans to return at the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year.
-  Krystal Olivier – custodian at the Middle School – Ms. Olivier is requesting a twenty-seven (27) day paid maternity leave with use of twenty (20) accumulated sick leave days and seven (7) PTO days in accordance with the SEIU Local #73, from December 11, 2017 through January 16, 2018. She is also requesting a three (3) day unpaid leave for days that do not meet the holiday pay requirements from January 17 through January 19, 2018. She plans to return on Monday, January 22, 2018.
-  Michelle Painter – school counselor at the Middle School – Ms. Painter is requesting a thirteen (13) day paid medical leave with use of accumulated sick leave in accordance with the Teacher’s Negotiated Agreement, from November 17, 2017 through December 8, 2017. She plans to return on Monday, December 11, 2017.
-  Amanda Palmer – custodian at the Intermediate School – On July 6, 2017, the Board approved a thirty (30) day paid maternity leave beginning August 17, 2017 and a ten (10) week unpaid Family Medical Leave. Amanda is requesting an additional eight (8) FMLA days, with a return date of Tuesday, December 26, 2017.
-  Jessica Zierman – Kindergarten teacher at the Early Childhood Center – Ms. Zierman is requesting a forty-three (43) day paid maternity leave with use of accumulated sick leave in accordance with the Teacher’s Negotiated Agreement, from February 9, 2018 through April 20, 2018. She plans to return on Monday, April 23, 2018.
-  Tammy Francisco – Assistant Cook at the High School – On August 2, 2017, the Board approved a twelve (12) week Family Medical Leave from August 18, 2017 through November 10, 2017. Tammy is requesting an additional unpaid leave of absence for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year.

Extra-Curricular Assignments

-  HS Assistant Speech Coach (due to numbers) – Kara Erb
-  HS Assistant Speech Coach (due to numbers) – Jim Ludes (split)
-  HS Assistant Speech Coach (due to numbers) – Stephanie Vahle (split)
-  MS Math Team Coach – Ashley Matsko

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

-  Updated Job Description – Extra-Curricular Coaches/Sponsors
-  Updated Job Description – District Athletic Director

BUILDING USE REQUESTS

<u>Group</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Ins.</u>	<u>Date</u>
Coal City Cyclones Baseball	IS	Yes	11/17/17-3/23/18
Lil Coalers Wrestling Club	HS	Yes	11/2/17-3/15/18
Lil Coalers Wrestling Club	IS	Yes	11/2/17-3/15/18
Coal City Baseball	IS	Yes	1/9/18-3/19/18

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Child Evangelism Fellowship of IL	ES	Yes	1/16/18-4/10/18
Coal City Baseball	IS	Yes	1/12/18-3/23/18
Morris Soccer Association	IS	Yes	12/12/17-2/27/18
YMCA Girls Soccer	IS	Yes	12/7/17-2/8/18

Roll Call.

Ayes: Shawn Hamilton, Mary Gill, Robert Bianchetta, Chuck Lander, Ken Miller

Nays:

Motion Carried.

Mr. Hamilton moved and Mr. Lander seconded to approve an employer paid HSA contribution for district administrators as listed.

Board member Robert Bianchetta asked Dr. Bugg to review the reason for the employer paid HSA contribution for administrators. Dr. Bugg noted that one of the major changes in the 2014 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the teachers was the move from a health insurance plan with a \$100 deductible to one that qualified as a High Deductible Health Plan with an HSA component. This High Deductible Health Plan required a single deductible of \$1,300 and a family deductible of \$2,600. To help offset the added deductible cost to the Union members, the Board provided 6% raises plus step in the first year of the Collective Bargaining Agreement. That 6% raise has compounded each year of the agreement, essentially paying the cost of the increased deductible for the Union employees.

At the time this new collective bargaining agreement was passed, the administrators were all under a contract that provided a 2.5% raise. Because the administrative team did not receive the benefit of the 6% increases that have compounded annually for the teachers, the Board decided to make a contribution to the HSA for the administrators to cover the cost of their deductible.

Next year, the Board asked to reassess this practice in accordance with any new insurance language that may be negotiated in a new collective bargaining agreement with the Teachers' Union.

Roll Call.

Ayes: Shawn Hamilton, Chuck Lander, Robert Bianchetta, Mary Gill, Ken Miller

Nays:

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ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS

A. EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER REPORT

Principal Spencer Reported:


Calendar of Events:

December 5	Tim Hanning and The Kids Pro Show, 9am
December 6	Tim Hanning and The Pro Kids Show for Families-6:30pm
December 6	Early Dismissal
December 12	Armed Intruder Drill
December 12	PSO Meeting @ 6:30 IS
December 13	ECC BLT Meeting
December 15	DLT Meeting (8:30-10:30)


Administration:

Bus Slips	10
Inappropriate Physical Contact	10
Disorderly Conduct	3
Disruptive	5
Removed from Class	1
Safety Violation	1

Personnel:

 Ms. Wilson returned from her Maternity leave this month. We appreciated the work that Allison Wiade did while Ms. Wilson was away.

Month in Review:

 On October 31, we held our annual Halloween Parade around the ECC parking lot. It turned out to be a perfect day and we had a huge crowd as usual.

 Congratulations to the Junior Women's Club Early Childhood Center Student of the month!
Kindergarten Student: Jace Shapiro

B. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Spencer reported:

Calendar of Events:


December 5	Tim Hanning and The Kids Pro Show, 1:30pm
December 6	Tim Hanning and The Pro Kids Show for Families-6:30pm
December 6	Early Dismissal
December 7	ES BLT Meeting
December 12	Armed Intruder Drill
December 12	PSO Meeting @ 6:30 IS
December 15	DLT Meeting (8:30-10:30)

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Administration:

Bus Slips 3
Inappropriate Physical Contact 2

Personnel:

 Mrs. Jill Vironda had a baby boy the first week of November. Congratulations to Mrs. Vironda and her family.

Month in Review:

-  On October 31, we held our annual Halloween Parade around ES neighborhood. It turned out to be a perfect day and we had a huge crowd as usual.
-  November 10, Mrs. Davison and Mr. Spencer hosted 10 students that were part of our Bingo Board. The students were able to enjoy a couple donuts and visit with each other.
-  November 10, the ES held a PBS celebration. Each grade level had a Dance Party. Everyone had a great time!
-  Congratulations to the Junior Women's Club Elementary School Student of the month! 2nd Grader: Colton Bailey
-  November 20, Third Grade teacher, Mrs. Watson had a local community member stop by and discuss his collection of fossils and the history of fossil in our area.

C. INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Carlson reported:

Calendar of Upcoming Events:

11/22-11/24 – No School – Thanksgiving Break
11/27-12/1 – Grandparents Week During Library Time
11/27 – Problem Solving Meeting 9:00
11/27 – Specials Team Meeting 3:10
11/28 – TALC 3:10
11/29 – Student Council Meeting 7:30 a.m.
11/29 – 5th Grade Team Meeting 3:10
11/30 – 5th Grade Band Concert 7:00 p.m. at CCHS
12/1 – Street Corner Symphony Concert 7:00 p.m. at CCHS
12/4 – 5th Grade MS Wrestling Begins
12/5 – Madrigals Perform at CCIS in the Afternoon
12/5 – PBS 3:10
12/5 – CCIS Coat Closet 4:15-5:45 p.m.
12/6 – Tim Hannig's Pro-Kids Show 8:15 a.m.
12/6 – 11:35 Dismissal – 5th Grade has Specials
12/6 – Pro-Kids Show Family Night Performance @ CCHS 6:30 p.m.
12/7 – School Store 7:40 a.m.
12/7 – A Team 2:00

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12/7 – Custodian Meeting 3:00
12/12 – Armed Intruder Drill 1:10 p.m.
12/12 – TALC 3:10
12/12 – PSO Meeting 6:30 p.m.
12/13 – SpEd Team Meeting 7:30 a.m.
12/13 – Student Council 7:30 a.m.
12/13 – BLT Meetings
12/13 – 4th Grade Team Meeting 3:10
12/15 – DLT 8:30 a.m.
12/18 – Specials Team 3:10
12/19 – PBS 3:10
12/20 – 5th Grade Team Meeting 3:10
12/22 – PBS Event – Bingo, Hot Chocolate, Candy Canes
12/25-1/5 – Winter Break

Current Enrollment:

4th Grade 163

5th Grade 138

Total 301

We also have three additional 5th grade students enrolled in other special education programs.

Emergency/Crisis Drills Completed:

Evacuation 8/24/17; ~~10/23/17~~ Rained Out; 10/26/17

Shelter-in-Place/Storm 8/22/17; 11/1/17

Lockdown 8/23/17

Bus Safety/Evacuation 9/18/17

Student Discipline in Previous Month:

Bus Slips 1

Stealing 1

Disruptive in Class 3

Inappropriate Language 4

Inappropriate Physical Contact 4

Disrespectful to Staff 2


Disrespectful to Peers 3

Inappropriate Internet Search 2

Excessive Noise 3











Not Keeping Hands/Feet to Self 2

Personnel:






 We welcomed Erin Christopher to CCIS. Erin returned to our kitchen as a cafeteria server. She previously worked in the kitchen at CCHS.

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Previous Month in Review:

-  During the month of October, students brought in non-perishable food items that were donated to the Coal City Food Pantry in November.
-  During the last week of October, Firefighter Nick from the CCFD spoke to all of our students during PE about fire safety, smoke detectors, and practicing a fire drill at home.
-  Our Student Council sold “Candy Apples for Community” in October. We raised \$1228.30 and were able to make a donation to our Coat Closet and Help for Hope.
-  CCIS celebrated Red Ribbon Week October 23-27. Red Ribbon Week is part of a national drug awareness program. The purpose of the program is to raise awareness of alcohol and other drug-use and to promote a drug-free environment in our schools and community. Students received a Red Ribbon Week sticker, an “I Love My Drug-Free Selfie” cell phone pencil sharpener, and a Red Ribbon Week friendship bracelet. Student Council also sponsored the following dress up days: Monday – Making good decisions is magical! (Disney Day) Tuesday – Our future is too bright to make bad decisions! (Sunglasses Day) Wednesday – Save the day by making good decisions! (Superhero Day) Thursday – Put on a smile and make good choices! (Emoji Day) Friday – Red Day to support Red Ribbon Week
-  On October 25th, the 5th grade science teachers held the 8th annual after school Cupcake Launch. There were 25 cupcake launchers this year. The launch is an optional 5th grade project that promotes creativity, collaboration, and family fun. The top launchers were: **Manual Launchers** 5th place – 48.1 feet – Aidan Picard (The Reclaimer) 4th place – 60.7 feet – Isabella Aeschliman (Sparkly Sweet Launcher) 3rd place – 76.7 feet – Mackenzie Messina, Melody Kinder (Cupcakeanator) 2nd place – 90.1 feet – Cam Harrington, Elarik Shoulders (Junk Shot) 1st place – 110.5 feet – Zander Meents (Batter Blaster) **Air Cannon Launchers** 3rd place – 110.8 feet – Trevor Perino (Cupnialator) 2nd place – 222.1 feet – Ayden Housman, Alec Waliczek, Grady Gillan (Big Bertha) 1st place – 225.5 feet – Mackenzie Croxton (EMC Cannon)
-  October 27th was Mix It Up Day at CCIS to promote tolerance and build new friendships. Mix It Up Day encourages students to identify, question, and cross social boundaries. This is a national campaign that thousands of schools participate in during lunch. Students have identified the cafeteria as the place where social divisions are most clearly drawn. On 10/27, we asked students to move out of their comfort zones and connect with someone new over lunch. Interacting with those who are different from you can build empathy and understanding. Our hope is that the activity will help to prevent bullying and increase a sense of belonging at school. Students played a game and answered questions about themselves in order for them to get to know each other’s interests, backgrounds, and goals.
-  On November 2nd, students walked to CCHS to watch the first act of the HS Play, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*.
-  Our third annual Mother/Son Fall Ball was held on Thursday, November 9th from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at CCIS. All CCIS boys were invited to the dance with their Moms or other significant adult role model. We had a DJ for entertainment, and pizza, popcorn, lemonade and a color photograph where included with the ticket price. We had 224 students/parents attend!
-  CCIS held Let’s Make a Difference Week during the week of November 13th to help stock Help for Hope. Each day of that week, students were asked to bring in different donations (snacks, non-perishable food items, personal care products, and baby products).
-  On November 17th CCIS had a Thanksgiving staff potluck. All staff members were asked to bring in their favorite Thanksgiving dish to share with everyone.





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-  On November 20th we held a Perfect Attendance Social during the first 30 minutes of the school day. Seventy-four students had perfect attendance for Trimester 1. They were able to listen to music and play basketball, 4-square, and board games during the social.
-  CCIS collected leftover Halloween candy for the troops as a Veterans Day service project. Our school District donated approximately 400 pounds of candy to Operation Gratitude to be distributed to deployed veterans.
-  Our After School Assistance Program (ASAP) currently includes 24 students – fourteen in 4th grade and ten in 5th grade. ASAP meets three days a week from 3:00-4:00 with Mrs. Cowherd and Mrs. Rink.
-  Student Council sponsored all of our dress up days for Red Ribbon Week (listed above), Red, White and Blue Day on November 10th and Twin Day on November 17th.
-  Mrs. Cowherd's 4th grade class is collecting winter clothes of all sizes (jackets, hats, scarves, gloves, boots) to help Coal City Intermediate School provide FREE clothing to the public. Donations can be brought to the CCIS Office. Shopping dates are December 5 and January 11 from 4:15 - 5:45 p.m.

Student Recognition:

-  Congratulations to following Students of the Week: **Week of 10/23:** Devon McVey, Kyndra Cox, Trevor Perino and Mackenzie Croxton **Week of 10/30:** Sydney Larson, Luke Munsterman, Alexa Wiltz and Hunter Nettles **Week of 11/6:** Logan Hausman, Fianna Gregory, Carter Gill and Layla Miller **Week of 11/13:** Logan Vance, Emma Rodriguez, Avery Powell and Jake Peters
-  Congratulations to Evelyn Wills, who was chosen by the Coal City Junior Woman's Club for the Junior Student of the Month Program. Evelyn started a classroom activity where she slipped a card in a student's desk for doing something nice to others. Then that student passes the card on to someone else for doing something nice.

Staff Recognition:

-  I would like to thank Mrs. Cowherd for organizing the CCIS Coat Closet and teaching her class the importance of community service.
-  I would like to thank Mrs. Talty for decorating CCIS for Mother/Son Fall Ball.
-  I would like to thank the following staff, who volunteered at the Mother/Son Fall Ball: Ms. Talty, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Scrogam, Mrs. Gernenz, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Stahler, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Leve, Mr. Boresi, Mrs. Cowherd, Ms. Miller, Mrs. Rink, Mrs. Prendergast, Miss O'Donnell and Mrs. Jelm.
-  I want to recognize the following staff members, who received the weekly CCIS Kudos:
 - Ms. Talty for joining 5th grade on their field trip as a health aide
 - Mr. Boresi for being a crossing guard
 - Mrs. Stahler for always helping with literacy
 - Mrs. Rink for planning the 5th grade field trip to Goose Lake Prairie

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D. MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Johnson reported:

Calendar of Events




November 22 - 26 No School – Thanksgiving Break
 November 29 Board Study Session – 6:00pm – CCHS
 November 30 5th/6th Grade Band Concert – 7:00pm – CCHS
 December 6 Tim Hanning and the Pro-Kids Show Assembly – 11:00am
 12:00pm EARLY DISMISSAL
 Staff Development Day
 Board of Education Meeting – 6:00pm – CCMS
 December 11 Music Boosters Meeting – 7:00pm – CCMS
 December 12 7th/8th MS Band Concert – 7:00pm – CCHS
 December 19 8th Grade Chorus Concert – 7:30pm – CCHS
 December 22 2nd Quarter Classes End
 Dec. 23-Jan. 7 NO SCHOOL – Winter Break
 January 8 Teacher Institute Day
 January 9 Classes Resume

CCMS DISCIPLINE REPORT

As of end of 10/23

Month		Year to Date
1	Out-of –school suspensions	2
1	In-school-suspension	7
0	Bus suspensions	0
23	Behavior-related detentions	38

Month in Review – November

-  CCMS students participated in Red Ribbon Week the week of October 23-27. Special thanks to Kathy Walsh and the CCMS Student Council for their work on Red Ribbon Week.
-  On October 24, CCMS 8th Grade Students traveled to Morris High School for the 3rd Annual Grundy County Vocational Center Career Fair. 8th grade students were able to visit a variety of local businesses and vendor and learn about the different fields and to better understand what type of schooling they would need to enter into that field in the future. Special thanks to the GAVC staff for sponsoring this event for our 8th grade students.
-  On November 2, Cealy DePersia and forty CCMS students attended the Peers Offering Positive Solutions (POPS) Workshop at the Morris Christian Church. The event is a leadership seminar for both middle school and high school students.

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-  On November 4, the Coal City Middle School Speech Team traveled to Gardner Grade School for the IESA Speech Contest. Students participated in solo acting, impromptu speaking, duet acting, improv duet acting, and chorale reading. At the end of the day, students brought home ten first place finishes, two second place finishes, and one third place finish. A major honor in the speech competition is to receive the Judge's Choice Award. This is where each judge picks the top two performances he or she has seen for the day. Four Coal City students received this honor. **Amelia Fritz** – Impromptu Speaking **Daniel Rulien** and **Jacob Zickefoose** – Duet Acting **Braiden Young** – Solo Acting **Jacob Zickefoose** – Solo Acting. Please congratulate the following students for their participation in the contest: **Dana Albrecht, Madison Biggerstaff, Eli Fritz, Amelia Fritz, Shana Kelly, Aidan Kostbade, Izzy Kostbade, Dylan Ludes, Jerzie Nicola, Elaina Patten, Chloe Peacock, Daniel Rulien, Elizabeth Sacco, Landen Selio, Max Tucker, Braiden Young, Jacob Zickefoose.** Special thanks to our CCMS Speech Coaches, Jen Munsterman, Michelle Sobieck and Rachel Shore for their work with the Speech Team.
-  The CCMS Fall Dance was held on November 3. The dance was sponsored by the CCMS Student Council. DJ services were provided by Thunder Productions and Scott Patterson. Coal City PSO provided refreshments for the students. NHS students also attended to help with supervision of the students. Thanks to Kathy Walsh and the CCMS Student Council for their work organizing this event for CCMS students.
-  Coal City Middle School held a Veterans Day Assembly on November 15. CCMS was fortunate to have our local veterans speak with the student body. Mr. Charles Brown, a veteran of the U.S. Navy and Commander of the local VFW, talked with the students about the history of WWI and the history of the St. Juvin Post in Coal City. Officer Kevin Jones talked with the students about WWI weapons that he owns. At the assembly, Jim Hitchcock has honored at the St. Juvin Post Educator of the Year. Jim was presented a certificate for his work with the local VFW and helping bring our veterans to the school for our annual assembly. Jim has also been nominated by the St. Juvin Post for the State Educator of the Year Award. We hope to hear about this award in the next few weeks. Special thanks to Mr. Brown, Officer Jones and the other Coal City Veterans who attended the event and shared their knowledge with us. Also, special thanks to Jim Hitchcock and Tom Ruzinok for helping organizing this event for our CCMS students. Finally, thanks to Mr. Blunk and the CCMS Band for performing for the student body and Mrs. McDowell, **Courtney Meyer, Erica Esparza, Trinity Barrus** and **Liz Kenney** for singing the National Anthem.
-  Coal City Schools held a Staff Development Day on November 16 at CCHS/CCMS. CCMS teachers and staff members attended various trainings facilitated by Coal City District staff.
-  Students observed Thanksgiving Break from November 22-26.

E. HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Principal Hamann reported:


Calendar of Events:


December 6 Board Meeting –
December 5 HS Choral Concert
December 8 - 10 Madrigal Dinner
December 14 HS Band Concert
December 20 – 22 Semester 1 Exams
December 26 – 29 Lisle Girls Basketball Tournament


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December 26 – 30 Plano Boys Basketball Tourney
January 8 Teachers Institute
January 9 Semester 2 classes begin.


Recognition:


-  **Nick Berta** was this year's DAR winner as selected by his fellow seniors from a final three nominations by the staff.


-  GAVC Welding students participated in the Local Union 597 Pipefitters Welding Contest on October 28th. GAVC finished 1st and 2nd plus had six others in the top 20. Placing for Coal City were **Nick Zuppa** who took 7th place and **Jacob Krug** took 12th.


-  The following visual art students were chosen to attend the I-8 Art Workshop in Seneca on November 15th. **Teresa Humphrey, Lexi Clarke, Sydney Richards, Emily Powers, Gianna Mance.**


-  CCHS Art Department had five representatives in Joliet Junior College Area High School Art Exhibition. Those students were **Madison Lander, Jessica Winslow, Leslie Youskevitch, Lexi Clarke and Emily Powers.** Their work is on display through December 6th at the Laura A. Sprague Gallery at Joliet Junior College.

-  The following students were chosen to attend this year's POPS conference on November 2nd; **Bridget Kauzlaric, Lindsay Stopka, Madeline Tucker and Erica Forehand.**


-  There were 24 students who were chosen and attended the I-8 Honors Chorus Festival on Monday, November 6th: **Courtney Allen, Miranda Ramirez, Gavyn Williams, Jon Englert, Lani Sztapka, Jeremy Krizmanic, Adam Wren, Richard Bell, Ava Riley, Jenna Super, Ryan Rutkowski, Gavin Elrod, Kaylee Groves, Samantha Kenney, Luke Manietta, Gaby Schoeneck, Jada Mills, Hayleigh Roach, Rylee Endrst, Kelly VanderKarr, Haley Jenke, Dakota Englert, Nicole Combes and Dianna Sterba**

-  The following students received the Director's Award at Grundy Area Vocational Center for the month of October: **Gina Isberg**, Computer Graphics and Multimedia Design; **Blake Adams**, Culinary Arts; **Sadie Brewer**, Early Childhood (CCHS)

-  The following students received the Director's Award at Grundy Area Vocational Center for the month of November: **Kyle Goad**, Computer Graphics and Multimedia Design and **Trevor McIntire**, Building Trades.

-  The Marching Coalers finished off their marching season with performances at Metamora and Downers Grove South. The Marching Coalers were awarded 1st place in the Open Class for Percussion Standstill Performance and Best Percussion, Best Auxiliary, Best Drum Major, Crowd Pleaser, and 1st Overall Place in Class 4A at the Metamora Marching Band Invitational.

Month in Review:

-  National Honor Society sponsored the annual student/staff blood drive on Monday, November 20th. Mrs. Cathy Lyons and the NHS students coordinated this valuable activity with the Heartland Blood Center.

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- 🍁 Mrs. Bonnie McDowell and some of her students collected turkeys and food supplies on behalf of Coal City Unit District # 1 to help support Help for Hope and the many in need this Thanksgiving season.
- 🍁 CCHS will be holding their armed intruder drill on December 4th in conjunction with the Coal City Police Department. drills by the State of Illinois.
- 🍁 A big thank you to Harlan Kennell and his FBLA students for hosting Haunted Hallways again this year. Over 1400 kids and adults from the community attended the event.
- 🍁 On November 18th the Footnotes under the direction of Bonnie McDowell, held their annual Jazz and Java night. The event was well attended and the kids did a great job.

Current Enrollment Figures as of November 21st, 2017

9 th Grade	175
10 th Grade	173
11 th Grade	168
<u>12th Grade</u>	<u>169</u>
Total	685

Discipline Report for November as of 11/21

Tardies	1
Truant/Unexcused absence	4
Drug Offenses	3
Electronic Devices	2
<u>Fighting</u>	<u>2</u>
 Total	 12

F. SPECIAL POPULATIONS REPORT

Director Rakes reported:

Special Education


- 🍁 The comprehensive withdrawal plan was presented to ISAC committee in Springfield on December 6, 2018. The ISAC board will vote on approval of the plan on December 7, 2018. Results will be shared at the next board meeting. Comprehensive plan is available for review.

Preschool


- 🍁 The program currently has 54 out of 60 spots filled in the PFA(Preschool for All grant) portion of preschool. The only open spots in PFA are for preschoolers with IEP's. The expectation is that they will be filled by the end of January. There is a waitlist of 8 for the PFA portion of preschool.
- 🍁 Overall there are currently 143 preschoolers. There are currently 17 special education open spots. There are 13 pending special education evaluations.
- 🍁 There are 3 more county wide screenings after the first of the year. It is anticipated that all of the available openings will be filled by March.

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Preschool for All Expansion Grant Opportunity

 I attended the Sharing a Vision Conference in October. After speaking with other directors, I received additional information on the expansion grant. The PFA Expansion Grant is an opportunity to provide an all-day (6 hours) program for our most at risk 4-year-old preschoolers before sending them to Kindergarten. This is a new grant opportunity that became available last year. If the district submitted the grant, 100% of the cost of the program would be covered by the grant. This grant is similar to the PFA grant where it is competitive every 3 years and automatically renewed (if funds are available) on the non-competitive years.


504's

 There are currently 90 students that have been identified as needing 504's. This includes our current health plans. This is an increase of 18 students from this time last year.


G. CURRICULUM REPORT

Director Elledge reported:


Department Information:

 The department leaders have been designing and leading the professional development sessions during early dismissals this semester. They have been focusing on their individual department goals. Preliminary feedback from the department leaders has been primarily positive.

Professional Development:

 We are teaming up with Wilmington school district and the Gardner schools to bring Mark Scharenbroich to our institute day in January. Mr. Sharenbroich is an award winning motivational speaker focusing on building connections within schools. He will be giving a 90-minute keynote address starting at 8:30 that day and then will follow-up with a workshop portion for an additional 75-minutes. Information about Mr. Sharenbroich can be found at his website at <http://www.nicebike.com/>. We hope that board members will be able to join us on January 8th for breakfast and the presentation.

Communication:

 Our post engagements and total likes to our Facebook page continue to increase with additional current events being supplied by Mr. Micetich and his students. His hard work is appreciated.

H. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Bugg reported:

1. The Board sponsored luncheon will be served in each building on Wednesday, December 6, 2017.
2. Governors State University Student Lindsey Ramirez will be completing her practicum requirements with Middle School Counselor Michelle Painter during the second semester of the 2017 – 2018 school year.
3. The 2017-2018 District Immunization Summary Report was received from school nurses Melissa Vigna and Danielle Meyer.

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- 4 **Enclosures**
 - A. Monthly student [enrollment](#) figures

DATES TO REMEMBER

12/23/17 - 1/7/18 Winter Break
1/8/18 Teacher Institute Day
1/9/18 Classes Resume

I. SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE REPORT

Mr. Harmon reported:

1. Approved the personnel consent agenda.
2. Approved a \$1 million Treasurer's Bond for Michaeline Tooley, Administrative Agent Treasurer.
3. Approved the recommendation to make no changes to the funding rates and employee contributions for both the PPO and the HDHP insurance plans. Additionally, the Board approved an Insurance Committee recommendation to change life insurance carriers from Sun Life to Lincoln at an annual financial savings of \$721 with the rate guaranteed for two years.
4. Approved an application to the ISBE for a variance from Section 226.720(b) of the Illinois Administrative Code to extend the age range of students within the multi-needs classroom at Saratoga School.

J. GRUNDY AREA VOCATIONAL CENTER REPORT

Mr. Lander reported:

1. Director Copes and presented an update on the new Agriculture and Engineering programs for the 2018-2019 school year. The Agriculture program will be housed at Coal City High School.
2. Discussions have begun with Franklin Cosmetology about renewing the current contract with GAVC.
3. Approved the lowest responsible bid for Property and Casualty Insurance and Workers Compensation Renewal as presented.
4. Approved posting the Ag. Education Instructor position immediately.

Director Lance Copes and Assistant Director Jeanne Skube were present to discuss their new Agriculture Education program that will be housed at CCHS starting in August, 2018. The program will consist of students from the four feeder high schools to GAVC as well as Wilmington and Reed-Custer High Schools. During the first year of the program, the course offerings will be Agronomy and Animal Science. This GAVC program will also be offering an FFA chapter, which will utilize the property owned by District #1 at the corner of Spring and Berta Roads as their hands-on project area.

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K. ATHLETIC DIRECTOR REPORT

Athletic Director Dan Hutchings reported:

November 14 Winter Photo Day
November 20-25 Turkey Tournament
-Varsity & Sophomore Boys Basketball Tournament
-GSW, IC Prep, Morris, Serena, Beecher, Peotone, Manteno

Boys Basketball Numbers: 7 Seniors, 4 Juniors, 11 Sophomores, 14 Freshmen

Girls Basketball Numbers: 4 Seniors, 6 Juniors, 10 Sophomores, 15 Freshmen

Wrestling: 3 Seniors, 8 Juniors, 16 Sophomores, 12 Freshmen

Winter Poms: 3 Seniors, 5 Juniors, 5 Sophomores, 3 Freshmen

Basketball/Competitive Cheerleading: 9 Seniors, 2 Juniors, 3 Sophomores, 1 Freshmen

Middle School Wrestling and Volleyball practice begins the week of Nov. 27

L. GROUNDS REPORT

Head of Grounds Matt Hook was in attendance to review a written report that summarizes the projects and activities that have been performed on the district grounds and sports fields this past year.

M. FIELD TRIPS

<u>Grade/Group</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Teacher Responsible</u>
6-8 Grade Writing Warriors	JJC	11/30/17	Rachel Shore
Footnotes	Museum Science&Ind Shriners Hospital Palmer House	12/1/17	Bonnie McDowell

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

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

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OLD BUSINESS

A. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON THE 2017 TAX LEVY

Section 17-11 of the School Code requires the school board of each district to ascertain, as near as practicable, annually, how much money must be raised by special tax for transportation purposes, if any, for educational purposes and for operations and maintenance purposes for the next ensuing year. These amounts must be certified and filed with the County Clerk on or before the last Tuesday in December annually. The Certificate of Tax Levy form may be used to meet the requirement of this section. The 2017 tentative levy was adopted at the November Board meeting. The board must adopt the final 2017 Property Tax Levy. The final levy was reviewed.

Mr. Bianchetta moved and Mr. Hamilton seconded to adopt the 2017 Property Tax Levy for the Coal City Community Unit School District #1 and approve the certification and filing with the Grundy and Will County Clerk as follows:

Educational	\$15,813,638
Operations/Maintenance	\$3,323,890
Transportation	\$1,414,421
IMRF	\$314,316
Working Cash	\$223,950
Social Security	\$353,605
Special Education	\$312,666
Life Safety	\$39,289
Tort	\$223,164
Leasing	\$235,737
TOTAL LEVY	22,254,676

Roll Call.

Ayes: Robert Bianchetta, Shawn Hamilton, Mary Gill, Chuck Lander, Ken Miller
Nays:
Motion Carried.

B. DISCUSSION ON STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

One of the 2017 Strategic Goals is to, "Review the LLT report on high school course offerings and make recommendations for any changes necessary to better meet the needs of students." Principal Hamann was in attendance to review recent course offering and curricular changes that have taken place at the high school.

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**C. DISCUSSION/ACTION FOR AUTHORITY TO GO OUT FOR BIDS FOR
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

At the November 13 Special Board Meeting, the Board listened to a presentation by District administration regarding the current state of transportation services. The Board is in the final year of a contract with Illinois Central School Bus to provide these services for the District, and are currently weighing their options for transportation services after this fiscal year. The Board also reviewed information regarding current boundaries for bus eligible students, and all areas deemed hazardous by the Illinois Department of Transportation. Board members Mary Gill and Robert Bianchetta agreed to review transportation bid specifications with District Administration.

Mr. Hamilton moved and Mr. Lander seconded to authorize administration to go out for bids for transportation services for the 2018-2019 school year.

Roll Call.

Ayes: Shawn Hamilton, Chuck Lander, Robert Bianchetta, Mary Gill, Ken Miller

Nays:

Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A. 2017 STATE ASSESSMENT DATA

Tammy Elledge discussed the 2017 State Assessment data which included comparison data from area school districts that is always requested by the Board. The Board asked numerous questions regarding this data. They gave accolades when appropriate, and also questioned areas in need of improvement. The Board reiterated their expectation for continuous improvements throughout the District.

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON 2017 SCHOOL REPORT CARD

The district is required to approve the School Report Card prepared by the State of Illinois. The District Report Card summarizes the size of our district, student demographics, average class sizes, information regarding administration and staff, financial information and information regarding student performance on state tests. The 2017 State Report Cards, relative to this information was reviewed. The Board highlighted many of the metrics on the School Report Card that are worthy of further inspection. The report cards will be available for public inspection on the District website as required by law.

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Mr. Hamilton moved and Ms. Gill seconded to accept the findings outlined in the 2017 State Report Card as presented by the Illinois State Board of Education and to prepare the report card for distribution.

Roll Call.

Ayes: Shawn Hamilton, Mary Gill, Robert Bianchetta, Chuck Lander, Ken Miller

Nays:

Motion Carried.

C. DISCUSSION ON POSSIBILITY OF APPLYING FOR PRE-SCHOOL EXPANSION GRANT

Dr. Bugg discussed the possibility of applying for a Pre-School Expansion Grant. The PFA Expansion Grant is an opportunity to provide an all-day (6 hours) program for our most at risk 4-year-old preschoolers before sending them to Kindergarten. This is a new grant opportunity that became available last year. If the district submitted the grant, 100% of the cost of the program would be covered by the grant. This grant is similar to the PFA grant where it is competitive every 3 years and automatically renewed (if funds are available) on the non-competitive years. Board members were in favor of submitting the grant application.

D. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON MID-YEAR GRADUATION/EXCLUSION REQUESTS

The high school guidance office received requests for mid-year graduation. Principal Hamann recommended that the following students be considered eligible for mid-year graduation/exclusion. The students requesting mid-year graduation have met the necessary requirements for graduation. Those receiving mid-year exclusions will complete their requirements through correspondence courses by April 1, 2018.

Mr. Lander moved and Ms. Gill seconded to approve the following mid-year graduates: Student number 2018019, 2018054, 2018015, and the following mid-year exclusions: Student number 2018069, 2018267, 2018000 and 2018093.

Roll Call.

Ayes: Chuck Lander, Mary Gill, Robert Bianchetta, Shawn Hamilton, Ken Miller

Nays:

Motion Carried.

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

The Freedom of Information Act, Public Act 096-0542, states that "The General Assembly hereby 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.

Mr. Bianchetta moved and Mr. Hamilton seconded to appoint Jason Smith as the Freedom of Information Act Officer and Open Meetings Act Officer for Coal City Community Unit School District #1 for calendar year 2018. President Miller asked if there was any opposition to the motion, hearing none, considered the motion carried.

F. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON GRUNDY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBERSHIP

The District has received a request from the Chamber to renew the annual membership. District #1 has been a long-time member of this organization.

Mr. Lander moved and Ms. Gill seconded to approve payment of the annual membership fee of \$265 to the Grundy County Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Roll Call.

Ayes: Chuck Lander, Mary Gill, Robert Bianchetta, Shawn Hamilton, Ken Miller

Nays:

Motion Carried.

G. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON TUITION STUDENT

Out-of-District parents requested approval for their child to attend Coal City High School as a tuition student, beginning January 2018. The tuition cost for the 2017-2018 school year is \$12,962. The tuition will be prorated for the remainder of the school year.

Mr. Bianchetta moved and Ms. Gill seconded to approve the out-of-district request for a student to attend the Coal City High School on a tuition basis for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year as per the state guidelines. President Miller asked if there was any opposition to the motion, hearing none, considers the motion carried.

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H. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON AGREEMENT WITH EDLIO FOR WEBSITE DESIGN AND SANGHA APP

One of the objectives listed under Unit #1 Community of the 2017 Strategic Plan was to determine how to maximize the effectiveness and efficiency of District communication efforts. The Learning Leadership Team (LLT) has been reviewing this topic and generally felt that a mobile app would be beneficial. The group has been working with CSBO Jason Smith and Webmaster Tammy Elledge to review various products. CSBO Jason Smith recommended to enter into an agreement with Edlio, LLC to provide website design and access to the Sangha App.

Mr. Hamilton moved and Mr. Lander seconded to approve the three-year agreement with Edlio, LLC for website design and Sangha App at a cost of \$10,948 per year plus a first year set up fee of \$1,500.

Roll Call.

Ayes: Shawn Hamilton, Chuck Lander, Robert Bianchetta, Mary Gill, Ken Miller

Nays:

Motion Carried.

I. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON AGREEMENT WITH IBOSS, INC. FOR WEB SECURITY AND FILTERING

CSBO Jason Smith made a recommendation to enter into an agreement with iboss, Inc. to provide web security and filtering. Iboss introduced its Distributed Gateway Platform in 2016, the world's first web gateway as a service, delivered via a unique node-based cloud architecture. The three-year agreement has an annual cost of \$12,960.

Mr. Hamilton moved and Mr. Lander seconded to approve the three-year agreement with iboss, Inc. at a cost of \$12,960 per year as presented.

Roll Call.

Ayes: Shawn Hamilton, Chuck Lander, Robert Bianchetta, Mary Gill, Ken Miller

Nays:

Motion Carried.

J. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON BOARD MEMBER COMPENSATION FOR OFFICIATING

In order for School Board member Chuck Lander to be paid for officiating basketball games, the Board will need to take formal action.

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Mr. Hamilton moved and Ms. Gill seconded to approve School Board member, Chuck Lander, to officiate basketball games for Coal City School District and to receive the normal compensation for officiating.

Roll Call.

Ayes: Shawn Hamilton, Mary Gill, Robert Bianchetta, Ken Miller

Abstain: Chuck Lander

Nays:

Motion Carried.

K. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON SCHOOL SITE DONATION FROM THE VILLAGE OF DIAMOND

A School Site Donation in the amount of \$8,198.40 was received from the Village of Diamond. A resolution has been prepared for acceptance of the school site donation.

Mr. Bianchetta moved and Mr. Lander seconded to approve the resolution to accept the School Site Donation of \$8,198.40 from the Village of Diamond and to waive the reading of the resolution.

Roll Call.

Ayes: Robert Bianchetta, Chuck Lander, Mary Gill, Shawn Hamilton, Ken Miller

Nays:

Motion Carried.

L. DISCUSSION ON THE 2018 – 2019 DRAFT ROLL-OVER SCHOOL CALENDAR

The 2018 – 2019 draft roll-over school calendar was reviewed.

OPEN FOR ITEMS NOT KNOWN AT AGENDA PREPARATION TIME – none.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

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

**BOARD STUDY SESSION OF THE WHOLE DATE: Wed., Dec 27, 2017 @ 6 P.M.
In Coal City CUSD #1 Administrative Center Board Room**

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE: Wednesday, January 10, 2018 @ 6 P.M.
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ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Gill moved and Mr. Bianchetta seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. President Miller asked if there was any opposition to the motion, hearing none considers the motion approved.

Kenneth P. Miller, President

Mary Gill, Secretary