

Central A&M Community Unit District 21

Regular Meeting

April 17, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Central A&M Community Unit District #21 in the counties of Shelby, Christian and Macon counties, Illinois was duly called and held on the 17th day of April 2023 at the Central A&M District Office within the boundaries of the district.

Board President Josh Burgener called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, and Secretary Tim Dowd called the roll. Members answering present were Tim Dowd, Chris Just, Collin Townsend, Brock Boltz, Bryan Bender, Beth Sams and Josh Burgener

Also present were Courtney Hiler, Alexis Black, Kristy Keown and Carol Dance. Dr. Heck and Charles Brown were absent.

Guests present were: Sam Moore, Chief Hale, Chief Wade, Derek Page, Aaren Rutan, Kenneth and Kathryn Mentzer, Kristi Hebert, Donna White and Abby Corzine.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Beth Sams.

PUBLIC AND EMPLOYEE COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS

- A. Teacher Talk – None
- B. Student Talk – Sam Moore – Student Council. Upcoming events are the Elections, Meeting with Rep. Steve McLure and HS Staff Appreciation week.
- C. Citizens Agenda – Discussion regarding the proposed School Resource Officer. Chief Hale and Chief Wade provided more information. The cost would be \$32,000 to \$33,000 per officer. The two villages would pay the same amount for each officer. This would be a 9 month position.
- D. Request of Use of Facilities to be Added to the Agenda – None
- E. Items to be Added to the Current Agenda – None

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

BOND & GREGORY NEWS:

We were visited by a Mad Scientist, Electric Eli! He shared all kinds of cool experiments about air molecules and sound! We love the Mad Scientist assembly every year!

Preschool screening was held on March 22 ... we screened 24 students. We currently have 15 still on our wait list, so we definitely will have a full program with a long wait list again. Kindergarten screening will be Wednesday, April 26th 12:00-7:00 p.m. We have 24 coming from our program, and we are planning on 17 from Bright Beginnings. There are

usually 8-10 that show up for registration over the summer. With a few second year kindergarten children, we are estimating around 55 students for 2023-2024.

The FFA brought the petting zoo to Bond on Friday! The students loved having the high school students and the animals there! Thanks to the HS for allowing these students to participate!

Field trip season is underway. Our students are getting to experience several cool trips through the Shelby County Ag in the Classroom program. Bond will be traveling to the Zoo and Children's Museum in Decatur. Students from Gregory will be venturing to the capital and Lincoln museum. Gregory students are preparing for their book to movie trip to the theater in Pana.

March Kindness Challenge Winner was Roland Lawrence!

We took the IAR tests at Gregory last week, all of the students did well with the scheduling. Fifth grade will take the Science Assessment April 20th.

We have plans in place for our end of the year activities. May days will begin on May 1st, and field day plans are underway.

MIDDLE SCHOOL:

- Musical
 - April 15th & 16th
- Track 15
 - On April 10th the 8th grade Track students competed in their final home meet as middle school students. We want to congratulate the following 8th graders on the successes: Zach Snow, Emmett Stenger, Max Taylor, Kadyne Higgins, Cash Rowcliffe, Joe Dewitt, Talan Rhodes, Dawson Templeton, Ashlyn Hunter, Charleigh Minott, Mackenzie White, Olivia Kerby, Sarah Sanders, Shilar Sperry, Kaydence Wilkinson and Shelby Younker.
- State Testing
 - Completed
- Scholastic Bowl 6
 - On April 13th the 8th grade Scholastic Bowl students were celebrated. We want to congratulate the following 8th graders on the successes: Madden Metzger, Caleb Just, Cash Rowcliffe, Sarah Sanders, Shilar Sperry and Sophie Sullivan.
- Class Trips
 - Mrs. Jordan has been working extremely hard to develop an exciting class trip for each grade level that does not extend outside of school hours. This year each class will head out into nature at Wolf Creek campgrounds. Where they will participate in team building, nature walks, games, laughter and so much more.
- 8th Grade & 5th Grade

- 8th Grade students are scheduled to visit the high school on May 12th to tour the building and talk with the seniors on what to expect in high school.
- 5th Grade students will be visiting the middle school on May 8th to meet with the 6th graders and tour the middle school.
- Grades
 - We are tracking several students' grades as we come to the end of the school year in preparation for summer school and retention.
- Benchmark Testing
 - Our final round of benchmark testing will be April 26th. We will use this data to track improvements throughout the year and to place students in RTI for the next school year.
- Scheduling
 - The master schedule has been finalized and Mrs. Shivley has started scheduling students for the 2023-2024 school year.

HIGH SCHOOL:

A BIG congratulations goes to Samantha Hazelwonder for being elected the Section 16 FFA President Wednesday night during the section elections! She will spend the next year serving the FFA members of Section 16, along side the other newly elected officers. Congratulations Samantha! We are so proud of you and happy for you! Thank you to Neelie Gaither and Karsyn And ricks for serving as voting delegates for our chapter!

Testing day ..Seniors were out job shadowing (as Jade did at ADM) or visiting colleges.

Juniors were at First Baptist Church in Moweaqua taking the SAT. Thanks very much to the FBC for allowing us to use their facility.

Freshmen and Sophomores stayed at CAM and completed the PSAT in the morning. In the afternoon, they participated in a variety of classes our talented staff put together:

Mr. Rork - Smoking meats

Mr. Weakly - Grilling

Mr. Justin Smith - Caring for Reptiles

Mr. Pakula - Soccer

Mr. Niebrugge and Mr. Champley - Video Games

Mrs. Griesemer - Crochet

Mr. Lehman - Board Games

Mr. Renshaw - Dungeons and Dragons.

We also had movies and a chill room. Thanks to Mr. Renshaw for organizing this effort.

Other notes:

The High School Musical performances were this past weekend at the MS.

Wonderful to see so many Raiders give up their Easter break morning to support Joni Virden, who spoke at a Gift of Hope ceremony in Decatur today. The ceremony was to mark National Donate Life Month. Joni Virden spoke in memory of her son Keegan, who was able to donate his organs to 10 people in July. Mrs. Virden also represented the communities of Central A&M High School and Meridian High School as she presented a check for \$3,500 to Gift of Hope. The money was half of the money raised at the annual A&M vs. Meridian basketball game in January, the Cakes for a Cause game. Meridian and Central A&M decided to give the money to two causes in the name of Keegan and Conner. The other half will be presented in the coming weeks.

Congratulations to Sophomore Lyndi Woods for being named the Shelbyville Manor Bounce Back Player of the Week! Lyndi qualified for the Indoor State Track Meet last week in the Hurdles.

Our chapter officers had a great time at the state capitol for Ag Legislative Day! We had the opportunity to meet Director of Agriculture, Jerry Costello and deliver lunches and commodity baskets to senators and representatives. It was a great day promoting Agriculture Education!

Thank you so much to South Central FS for their generous donation to our chapter for participating in the Bucket Challenge during National FFA Week! Our officers met with Julie Tomlinson today as she presented them with a check. Thanks again! We really appreciate your support of FFA and Agriculture Education!

Congratulations to Ty Bliss for being named the February Member of the Month at our March FFA Meeting. Ty is wrapping up his freshman year and has been very active in FFA throughout the year! Ty has participated in Agronomy, Dairy Foods, Food Science, Vet Science, and Poultry Judging CDE's as well as attended and helped out with many other events. Congratulations Ty!

Congrats to this week's Central A&M/Crawford's Raider of the Week!

Carter Manuel is the daughter of Jessica Manuel. Carter was nominated by staff members for her work in the classroom, especially her work with last week's Mental Health Awareness week. Carter was also recently inducted into National Honor Society. At Central A&M, Carter has been involved as a Class Vice President, Student Council member, Football Manager, Scholastic Bowl, Choir, Track Manager, Art Club, and School Musical. She was also a part of the Millikin Vocal Fest and Honor Choir. Outside of Central A&M, Carter is involved with helping out at Parents Night Out at her church, going on a mission trip with 1-N-C youth group this summer, community service projects with the youth group and being with my family and friends. Carter plans to attend Millikin University and major in Biology Education with endorsements in History. She has plans to become a high school science teacher. Congrats, Carter!

Well after 3yrs Central A&M Art Club returned to Rembrandt Society Art Convention. We had a great time and can't wait to build on what we learned today. Lenna Kearney received a third place in B/W drawing for her work entitled "Rat Birthday". Miley Mizeur also received a third place for her sculpture entitled "Gold Mushroom".

Mrs. Rund and the New Media and Yearbook students visited Lake Land College to learn about Media Production. Looks like a valuable experience. Thank you to Lake Land for providing this experience.

Mr. Renshaw and some of the Scholastic Bowl team visited the Field Museum in Chicago. Interesting trip for these scholars.

Representatives from Sloans, StaffQuick, ADM, Caterpillar, Mueller, Ring Container, and Decatur Memorial Hospital attended to help our Raiders work on resumes and other job skills. We have two sessions remaining. The goal is that these seniors will have full-time job offers before graduation. It is not enough to just hand these kids a diploma and say good luck! There are opportunities out there. Thanks again to Mirinda Rothrock and Dave Schrock from the Decatur Regional. Chamber of Commerce for securing the employers.

KEMMERER VILLAGE CAMPUS SCHOOL DCFS.... 9 SCHOOL/FSP.... 9

Summer School plans are taking shape. We want to do a Life Skills Course to address needed things such as Typing Skills, Social Emotional Learning, and Healthy Habits. The plan is for students to gain one elective credit toward their High School Career.

Having another cottage opened up is wonderful. New staff along with new clients can always be interesting. There is still a lot of construction going on around campus, one of which is the cleaning out of the 'Big House'.

One of my aides and her mother are volunteering Wednesdays after work to help sort, and organize pictures found in the 'Big House' dating back as far as the 1930's. It is a great trip down memory lane for them as they used to be house parents out at Kemmerer when Melissa was younger.

Residents trained hard for the State Bowling Tournament held on the 13th. They really enjoyed the Dodgeball Tournament and the Chess Tournament as well. They have started training for Track and have started a garden too.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Kristy Keown

NO EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADOPT AGENDA-MOTION

A motion was made by Brock Boltz and seconded by Chris Just to adopt the agenda as presented. The roll was called and members answered as follows: Bender, aye, Boltz, aye, Dowd, aye, Just, aye, Sams, aye, Townsend, aye and Burgener, aye. Motion passed 7-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting – March 20, 2023
- B. Approval of Minutes of Executive Session – March 20, 2023
- C. Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting – March 23, 2023
- D. Approval of Minutes of Special Executive Session - March 23, 2023
- E. Approval of School Wide Consolidated Title Gran Plans
- F. Approval of the Payment of Current Bills

A motion was made by Chris Just and seconded by Bryan Bender to approve the consent agenda as presented. The roll was called and members answered as follows: Bender, aye, Boltz, aye, Dowd, aye, Just, aye, Sams, aye, Townsend, aye and Burgener, aye. Motion passed 7-0.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

- A. Employment Needs of the District
 - i. Approval of PREK Aide

A motion was made by Collin Townsend and seconded by Chris Just to Approve Hope Rupert as PreK Aide effective immediately as presented. The roll was called and members answered as follows: Bender, aye, Boltz, aye, Dowd, aye, Just, aye, Sams, aye, Townsend, aye and Burgener, aye. Motion passed 7-0.

- ii. Approval of Kindergarten Aide

A motion was made by Brock Boltz and seconded by Beth Sams to Approve April Smith as Aide effective April 19, 2023 as presented. The roll was called and members answered as follows: Bender, aye, Boltz, aye, Dowd, aye, Just, aye, Sams, aye, Townsend, aye and Burgener, aye. Motion passed 7-0.

- iii. Approval of Middle School Fall/Winter Coaches for 2023-24 SY

A motion was made by Collin Townsend and seconded by Beth Sams to Approve the following as MS Fall/Winter Coaches for the 2023-2024 SY:

MSVB	Vanessa Rork
MS Girls Track	Kaitlyn Villanueva
MS Softball	Ashley Corzine
MS Baseball	unfilled

8 th Girls Basketball	Lindsay Paradee
7 th Girls Basketball	Faye Higbee
8 th Boys Basketball	Danny Himes
7 th Boys Basketball	Josh Evans
MS Boys Track	Caleb Ludwig

The roll was called and members answered as follows: Bender, aye, Boltz, aye, Dowd, aye, Just, aye, Sams, aye, Townsend, aye and Burgener, aye. Motion passed 7-0.

iv. Approval of High School Fall/Winter Coaches for SY 2023-24 SY

A motion was made by Brock Boltz and seconded by Collin Townsend to Approve the following as HS Fall/Winter Coaches for the 2023-2024 SY:

Athletic Director	Sean Hayes
Head Boys Basketball Coach	Rob Smith
HS Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach	Jameson Smith
HS Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach	Shawn McQuire
HS Volunteer Asst. Boys Basketball Coach	Steve Berg

The roll was called and members answered as follows: Bender, aye, Boltz, aye, Dowd, aye, Just, aye, Sams, aye, Townsend, aye and Burgener, aye. Motion passed 7-0.

B. Committee Items for Discussion

Student and District Activities

SRO Update

Building and Grounds

Lights for MS parking lot – done

Flooring update

Transportation

Buses came 3/22 – still waiting on SPED bus

C. Consideration of Request for the Use of Facilities

A motion was made by Brock Boltz and seconded by Collin Townsend to Accept the use of use of facilities as presented:

1. FCA Community Event, HS Gym, Cafeteria and All Purpose Room, 4/29/23, 100+ people. 5:00 – 7:00 pm.

The roll was called and members answered as follows: Bender, aye, Boltz, aye, Dowd, aye, Just, aye, Sams, aye, Townsend, aye and Burgener, aye. Motion passed 7-0.

D. Additions to the Agenda – None

E. Correspondence – None

F. Announcements/Reminder of Workshops/Meetings/Virtual Event-
None

ADJOURNMENT

A Motion was made by Collin Townsend and seconded by Chris Just to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 P.M. The roll was called and members answered as follows: Bender, aye, Boltz, aye, Dowd, aye, Just, aye, Sams, aye, Townsend, aye and Burgener, aye. Motion passed 7-0.

Josh Burgener, Board President



Tim Dowd, Board Secretary