

Central A&M Community Unit District #21
Board of Education Meeting
December 15 , 2025
District Office Board Room - 406 E Colegrove - Assumption, IL

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Board President, Josh Burgener.

Members Present:

- Brian Bender
- Brock Boltz, Vice President
- Kay Jordan
- Aaren Rutan, Secretary
- Chris Just, Treasurer
- Collin Townsend
- Josh Burgener, President

Members Absent:

- NA

Also present:

- Sacha Young, Superintendent
- Larry Daly, High School Principal
- Brian Pekovich, Gregory Principal
- Kristy Keown, Business Manager

Guests:

- Police Chief Hale, Moweaqua Police Department
- Middle School Speech Team, Team Sponsors and Family Members

2. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Burgener.

3. Public and Employee Comments or Questions

A. Student Talk - The Middle School Speech Team was introduced by their sponsor, Kim Hilton. Eighth grade members Lily Rund, Layla Musik, and Tessa Allen performed a skit "Up, Up and Gone." This performance won a Division 1

Rating at the Speech Contest as well as the Judges Choice Award. They were commended for their excellent performance.

B. Teacher Talk - NA

C. Citizens Agenda - (the opportunity for those present to address the Board)

Chief Hale from the Moweaqua Police Department presented information

on the recent budget issues that have arisen in the City of Moweaqua. On behalf of the City Council, Chief Hale informed the Board that the Mayor had asked him to present a possibility of an increase in funding for the Moweaqua campus School Resource Officer (SRO), but City Council members had also expressed that the District may need to pay for up to 100% of the salary for the SRO. The current salary of \$68,000 was noted. Chief Hale expressed concern about the possibility of the upcoming cuts to the police department, which would result in possible cuts of the SRO.

D. Request for Use of Facilities - NA

E. Items to be Added to the Current Agenda - NA

4. Administrative Reports

A. High School Principal Daly reported about holiday activities that have been in full swing, noting his first "Cocoa Corner" and the Christmas concert of fifth grade through high school. He commended Sarah Sanders from the chorus and Noah Hebert from the band. Member Jordan asked how his first year was going and he stated that he is enjoying working with our students and staff and enjoys being a Raider.

B. Gregory Intermediate School Principal Pektivitch reported that he had also attended the fifth grade through high school Christmas concert and also commended the performances of Central A&M students. He shared about the upcoming movie day for all students. Pektivitch also discussed participation in the reunification plan cooperative with other districts in our area and the effectiveness of the activities he has attended. Member Jordan asked Pektivitch how he is doing and he stated that he also enjoys his work at Gregory and had been learning a lot.

Member Boltz asked about indoor recess and gym space and there was some discussion about the issues with gym space.

C. The Bond Elementary and Middle School reports were provided by Principal Black in written form. Principal Black was absent.

D. The Kemmerer Village School report was provided by Principal Dance in written form. Principal Dance was absent.

5. Financial Report

The financial report was provided by Business Manager Keown.

6. Executive Session (Closed Meeting)

Action - A motion was made by Townsend and seconded by JJordan to enter into Executive Session for discussion of matters relating to employment, compensation or other matters appropriate for closed session as mandated per 5ILCS120/2-Motion. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Bender - yes, Boltz - yes, Jordan - yes, Rutan - yes, Just - yes, Townsend - yes, Burgener - yes. The motion passed unanimously. Executive Session was entered at 7:54pm.

7. Return to Open Session

Action - A motion was made by Bender and seconded by Just to return to Open Session. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Boltz - yes, Jordan - yes, Rutan - yes, Just - yes, Townsend - yes, Burgener - yes, Bender - yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Open Session resumed at 8:15pm.

8. Adopt Agenda Motion

Action - A motion was made by Townsend and seconded by Boltz to adopt the agenda as presented. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Jordan - yes, Rutan - yes, Just - yes, Townsend - yes, Burgener - yes, Bender - yes, Boltz - yes. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Consent Agenda

Action - A motion was made by Townsend and seconded by Bender to approve the consent agenda as presented with:

- Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting - November 17, 2025
- Approval of the Payment Current Bills

The roll was called and members voted as follows: Rutan - yes, Just - yes, Townsend - yes, Burgener - yes, Bender - yes, Boltz - yes, Jordan - yes. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Items for Discussion and/or Action

Action A - A motion was made by Boltz and seconded by Just to approve the 2025 Tax Levy as presented. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Just - yes, Townsend - yes, Burgener - yes, Bender - yes, Boltz - yes, Jordan - yes, Rutan - yes. The motion passed unanimously.

Action B - Employment Needs of the District:

1. A motion was made by Boltz and seconded by Townsend to approve a Clayton Worker as High School Girls Basketball Assistant Coach as presented for the 25-26 School Year. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Townsend - yes, Burgener - yes, Bender - yes, Boltz - yes, Jordan - yes, Rutan - yes, Just - yes. The motion passed unanimously.
2. A motion was made by Boltz and seconded by Bender to accept the resignation of Craig Plain as High School Assistant Football Coach as presented. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Townsend - yes, Burgener - yes, Bender - yes, Boltz - yes, Jordan - yes, Rutan - yes, Just - yes. The motion passed unanimously.
3. A motion was made by Boltz and seconded by Jordan to accept the resignation of Jameson Smith as High School Assistant Football Coach as presented. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Bender - yes, Boltz - yes, Jordan - yes,

Rutan - yes, Just - yes, Townsend - yes, Burgener - yes. The motion passed unanimously.

4. A motion was made by Just and seconded by Rutan to approve the PRESS Issue 120 policy updates as presented. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Boltz - yes, Jordan - yes, Rutan - yes, Just - yes, Townsend - yes, Burgener - yes, Bender - yes.

PRESS Policy Updates 120 (Second Reading)

1:10 School District Legal Status

1:20 District Organization, Operations, and Cooperative Agreements

1:30 School District Philosophy

2:10 School District Governance

2:80 Board Member Oath and Conduct

2:120 Board Member Development

2:130 Board-Superintendent Relationship

2:150 Committees

2:240 Board Policy Development

2:270 Discrimination and Harassment on the Basis of Race, Color, and National Origin Prohibited

2:120-E2 Exhibit - Website Listing of Development and Training Completed by Board Members

2:220-E4 Exhibit - Open Meeting Minutes

2:220-E7 Exhibit - Access to Closed Meeting Minutes and Verbatim Recordings

3:30 Chain of Command

4:10 Fiscal and Business Management

4:30 Revenue and Investments

4:50 Payment Procedures

4:80 Accounting and Audits

4:90 Student Activity and Fiduciary Funds

4:140 Waiver of Student Fees

4:180 Pandemic Preparedness; Management; and Recovery

4:190 Targeted School Violence Prevention Program

5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment
5:90 Abused and Neglected Child Reporting
5:100 Staff Development Program
5:20-E Resolution to Prohibit Sexual Harassment
5:190 Teacher Qualifications
5:200 Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal
5:220 Substitute Teachers
5:270 Employment At-Will, Compensation, and Assignment
5:280 Duties and Qualifications
5:300 Schedules and Employment Year
6:20 School Year Calendar and Day
6:40 Curriculum Development
6:60 Curriculum Content
6:160 English Learners
6:260 Complaints About Curriculum, Instructional Materials, and Programs
6:280 Grading and Promotion
6:300 Graduation Requirements
6:310 High School Credit for Non-District Experiences; Course Substitutions; Re-
Entering Students
6:320 High School Credit for Proficiency
7:10 Equal Educational Opportunities
7:150 Agency and Law Enforcement Requests
7:70 Attendance and Truancy
7:90 Release During School Hours
7:130 Student Rights and Responsibilities
7:140 Search and Seizure
7:180 Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment
7:190 Student Behavior
7:290 Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention
7:300 Extracurricular Athletics
7:310 Restrictions on Publications; Elementary Schools

7:315 Restrictions on Publications; High Schools

7:325 Student Fundraising Activities

7:340 Student Records

8:30 Visitors to and Conduct on School Property

8:80 Gifts to the District

8:110 Public Suggestions and Concerns

5. A motion was made by Townsend and seconded by Bender to approve the Watts contract for the Bond School copy machines as presented. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Jordan - yes, Rutan - yes, Just - yes, Townsend - yes, Burgener - yes, Bender - yes. The motion passed unanimously.
6. A motion was made by Townsend and seconded by Just to approve the overnight stay for Jacob Elam, Sarah Sanders and Noah Hebert for the Illinois Music Educators Association event January 29-31, 2026 in Peoria, IL, as presented. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Rutan - yes, Just - yes, Townsend - yes, Burgener - yes, Bender - yes, Boltz - yes, Jordan - yes. The motion passed unanimously.
7. A motion was made by Just and seconded by Jordan to approve the overnight stay for High School Boys Basketball team in Effingham, IL, on December 30, 2025, for a holiday tournament as presented. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Just - yes, Townsend - yes, Burgener - yes, Bender - yes, Boltz - yes, Jordan - yes, Rutan - yes. The motion passed unanimously.
8. A motion was made by Just and seconded by Jordan to grant Sacha Young permission to submit the School Maintenance Grant to the ISBE to be used for the purpose of MS HVAC systems update. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Townsend - yes, Burgener - yes, Bender - yes, Boltz - yes, Jordan - yes, Rutan - yes, Just - yes. The motion passed unanimously.
9. A motion was made by Rutan and seconded by Just to approve and accept the Memorandum of Understanding between Macon-Piatt ROE 39 and the Central A&M CUSD #21 Crisis Reunification Team as presented. The roll was called and

members voted as follows: Burgener - yes, Bender - yes, Boltz - yes, Jordan - yes, Rutan - yes, Just - yes, Townsend - yes. The motion passed unanimously.

10. A motion was made by Boltz and seconded by Townsend to approve the plumbing proposal by Horton Plumbing in the amount of \$9750 as presented. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Bender - yes, Boltz - yes, Jordan - yes, Rutan - yes, Just - no, Townsend - yes, Burgener - yes. The motion passed 6/1.
11. A motion was made by Just and seconded by Rutan to approve the resolution with KRiha Boucek/F3 Law Firm to transfer engagement and appointment of Legal Counsel effective January 1, 2026, as presented. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Boltz - yes, Jordan - yes, Rutan - yes, Just - yes, Townsend - yes, Burgener - yes, Bender - yes. The motion passed unanimously..
12. A motion was made by Townsend and seconded by Just to approve changes to the Gregory Intermediate School Improvement Plan as presented. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Jordan - yes, Rutan - yes, Just - yes, Townsend - yes, Burgener - yes, Bender - yes, Boltz - yes. The motion passed unanimously.
13. A motion was made by Jordan and seconded by Just to authorize the Superintendent and Business Manager to close a \$450,000 CD at First National Bank of Assumption at maturity, and opened one \$225,000 CD at First National Bank of Pana and open one \$225,000 CD at Shelby County State Bank. the roll was called and members voted as follows: Rutan - yes, Just - yes, Townsend - yes, Burgener - yes, Bender - yes, Boltz - yes, Jordan - yes. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Committee Items for Discussion

Student and District Activities - Superintendent Young informed the Board that there are \$12,000 in unpaid lunch fees at this time. There was discussion about how to address this situation.

Building and Grounds - On Monday, Jan. 12 at 6pm there will be a Facilities Planning Meeting.

Transportation - Don is officially retiring from the transportation and will complete his tenure at CAM at the end of this week.

Other Discussion -

Member Boltz brought up the discussion of windmills that may be going up near Assumption. He questioned if this will affect our evidence-based funding? Superintendent Young responded that it is the job of the State to get us to 90%. We may not benefit or lose funding to change our evidence-based funding.

Member Boltz asked Principal Daly if there is a way we can make our co-ops more prepared for short-falls? Can we look ahead to Co-ops? How can we keep up with the current trends of falling numbers?

Member Jordan inquired about e-learning days and some concerns about the lack of work for students. Member Townsend suggested Google Teams meetings as an option.

Members also discussed the ability of the potential addition of funding for the SRO in light of the information shared by Chief Hale.

Member Townsend inquired about the progress on the football coach search. Mr. Daly stated that the committee has selected a candidate and is waiting to talk with the candidate to see if they will accept to recommend.

Action - A motion was made by Townsend and seconded by Boltz to adjourn the meeting at 9:24pm. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Just - yes, Townsend - yes, Burgener - yes, Bender - yes, Boltz - yes, Jordan - yes, Rutan - yes.. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25pm

Josh Burgener, Board President

Aaren Rutan, Board Secretary