

Central A&M Community Unit District #21
Board of Education Meeting
Aug. 18, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Board President, Josh Burgener. The roll was called and members present were: Rutan, Just, Jordan, Townsend, and Burgener. Members Bender and Boltz were absent.

Also present:

- Superintendent Sacha Young
- KV Principal Carol Dance
- Michael Garner

Guests:

- Kenna Hutton
- Emma Hutton

Board Member Boltz arrived at 7:05pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Townsend.

Public and Employee Comments or Questions

- Student Talk - NA
- Teacher Talk - NA
- Citizens Agenda - The opportunity for those present to address the Board
 - Kenna Hutton, a parent in the District, and her daughter, a student in the District, presented information about a group of students and who want to start a spirit/pep club they would like to call the "Raider Crusaders." The would like to open the club to all students who want to contribute to school spirit even if they aren't participating on a sports team. Ms. Hutton and Miss Hutton shared a written proposal outlining how they would like facilitate the formation of the group.

- Request for Use of Facilities to be added to the Agenda - NA
- Items to be added to the current Agenda - NA
- Administrator Reports
 - Principal Dance presented her report on Kemmerer Village School
 - Superintendent Young presented her report on the District
 - High School Principal Dance, Middle School/Bond Principal Black, and Gregory Principal Pekovich submitted their printed reports. They were not in attendance due to Back-to-School night in the District
- Financial Report
 - The District Financial Report was presented by Kristy Keown

Executive Session

A motion was made by Boltz and seconded by Just 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: Rutan - aye, Just - aye, Jordan - aye, Townsend - aye, Burgener - aye. The motion passed unanimously and the Board entered into Executive Session at 7:32pm.

Return to Open Session

A motion was made by Townsend and seconded by Just to return to Open Session. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Just - aye, Jordan - aye, Townsend - aye, Burgener - aye, Boltz - aye, and Rutan - aye. The motion passed unanimously and the Board returned to Open Session at 8:08pm.

Adopt Agenda-Motion

A motion was made by Rutan and seconded by Just to adopt the agenda as presented (adopt the agenda with the following additions - none). The roll was called and members voted as follows: Jordan - aye, Townsend - aye, Burgener - aye, Boltz - aye, Rutan - aye, and Just - aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

- Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting - June 23, 2025
- Approval of the Payment of Current Bills
- Approval of the Minutes of Special Board Meeting - June 9, 2025
- Approval of the Minutes of Special Board Meeting - June 23, 2025

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

Items for Discussion and/or Action

- Employment Needs for the District

A motion was made by Boltz and seconded by Just to approve Cayla Jordan as Kemmerer Village paraprofessional effective immediately. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Burgener - aye, Boltz - aye, Rutan - aye, Just - aye, Jordan - aye, and Townsend - aye. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Boltz and seconded by Rutan to approve Al Scheider as High School Guidance Counselor pending all background checks for the 25/26 school year. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Boltz - aye, Rutan - aye, Just - abstain, Jordan - aye, Townsend - aye, and Burgener - aye. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Townsend and seconded by Boltz to approve Jack Duncan as MS softball volunteer coach effective immediately, pending all background checks. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Boltz - aye, Rutan - aye, Just - aye, Jordan - aye, Townsend - aye, and Burgener - aye. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Rutan and seconded by Burgener to approve Emily Harter as Bond Primary paraprofessional for the 25/26 school year as presented. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Rutan - aye, Just - aye, Jordan - aye, Townsend - aye, Burgener - aye, and Boltz - aye. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Boltz and seconded by Just to approve the Bond and Gregory handbooks updates as presented. The changes reflected adjustments to remove duplicate or outdated information. The rolls was called and members voted as follows: Just - aye, Jordan - aye, Townsend - aye, Burgener - aye, Boltz - aye, and Rutan - aye. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Townsend and seconded by Just to approve the updated teacher handbook, new coaches/sponsors handbook as presented effective immediately. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Jordan - aye, Townsend - aye, Burgener - aye, Boltz - aye, Rutan - aye, and Just - aye. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Boltz and seconded by Rutan to approve the Risk Management Plan as presented. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Townsend - aye, Burgener - aye, Boltz - aye, Rutan - aye, Just - aye, and Jordan - aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Items for Discussion

- Student and District Activities - Superintendent Young provided an explanation to clarify some questions about homeschool students' participation in District activities.
- Building and Grounds - Information was presented about the Ameren lighting updates, roofing updates, and door construction.
- Transportation - The Board was informed that the District is in need of bus aides.
- Other - Member Boltz asked about the wet bulb that is used to measure heat for practices and the calendar for gym use. Mr. Daly has addressed the calendar for gym use and all coaches should have access to the Google calendar.
- Additions to the Agenda - NA
- Correspondence - NA
- Announcements/Reminders
 - Triple I Conference in Chicago on November 21-23

Adjournment

A motion was made by Boltz and seconded by Just to adjourn the meeting at 8:42pm. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Boltz - aye, Rutan - aye, Just - aye, Jordan - aye, Townsend - aye, and Burgener - aye. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:43pm.

Josh Burgener, Board President

Aaren Rutan, Board Secretary