

Central A&M Community Unit District #21  
Board of Education  
March 16, 2026  
Central A&M Middle School Library - 406 E Colegrove - Assumption, IL

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Board President Burgener. The roll was called and members present were:

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

Also present:

- Sacha Young, Superintendent
- Larry Daly, High School Principal
- Brian Pekovitch, Gregory Intermediate Principal
- Carol Dance, Kemmerer Village School Principal
- Alexis Black, Bond Primary and Middle School Principal was absent, but submitted her report with the Board Member Packet

Guests:

Michael Garner, Sean Hayes, Mrs. Hayes, Andrew Renshaw

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge was led by Josh Burgener.

**3. Public and Employee Comments or Questions**

- A. Student Talk - NA
- B. Teacher Talk - NA.

Note - Next month the CAM MS Band will perform, so the next Board meeting will be held at the Middle School.

- C. Citizens Agenda - the opportunity for those present to address the Board
  - 1. Sean Hayes - Mr. Hayes shared that with the Board he would like to continue in his role as the Athletic Director of Central A&M. He shared letters of support from principals in nearby districts and from a representative of IESA.
- D. Request for Use of Facilities to be Added to the Agenda - NA
- E. Items to be added to the current agenda  
NA

#### **4. Administrator Reports**

- A. Ms. Dance presented the report of activities at Kemmerer Village School. She shared about the upcoming State Basketball Tournament at the DISC in Decatur, the upcoming track season, and the IIAA Dodgeball Tournament. Students from Kemmerer Village submitted poetry, art, and writing samples for the yearly Balls, Bats, and Brains Conference held for IIAA staff members. Ms. Dance included an example of a poetry submission from a KV student.
- B. Mr. Daly shared a report on the High School, which included a list of students who competed in the ILMEA Solo and Ensemble Contest. Central A&M High School choir students did very well at the contest. Mr. Daly shared a list of the names of those students who performed. He also shared the names of Raider band members who participated in the Area Band Festival held at CAMHS on March 4 as well as members who were part of the 2026 Macon County Honor Band Festival. He listed boys basketball and girls basketball Raiders who earned All-Central Illinois Conference Recognition. FFA members traveled to Bloomington for the Women Changing the face of Agriculture Conference. Spring Sports season will also begin soon. He shared about upcoming ACT testing and options for seniors who do not have to take the test.
- C. Mr. Peckovitch shared about the activities of Gregory Intermediate. He shared enrollment numbers (199-total), attendance rates for the year by quarter (1st - 97%, 2nd - 97%, 3rd - 95%), academic updates (including the school improvement plan, IAR testing, summer school/retention lists, and class sizes). He listed recent activities including the Spring Book Fair, the Rube Goldberg

contest for fifth graders (Ms. Dolan's class got 3rd place and will present at the U of I in April). He recognized students of the month by grade and Bluestem reading challenge winner. Upcoming events include: the Book Blast. Mr. Pekovitch participated in teacher PD the principal mentorship program and the Renunification meeting with ROE#39.

D. Mrs. Black submitted her report to the Board electronically in the monthly Board Meeting Packet, as she was absent from the meeting.

## **5. Financial Report**

A. Mrs. Young asked if there were any questions about the Financial Report, which was submitted to the Board in the monthly Board meeting Packet. There were no questions.

## **6. Executive Session (Closed Meeting)**

**Action** - A motion was made by Just and seconded by Bender 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 entered at 7:29pm.**

## **7. Return to Open Session**

**Action** - A motion was made by Townsend 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 entered at 8:11pm.**

## **8. Adopt Agenda Motion**

**Action** - A motion was made by Boltz and seconded by Bender to adopt the agenda as presented (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 Just to approve the consent agenda 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 consent agenda items are:

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting - February 23, 2026
- B. Approval of the Executive Session Meeting Minutes - February 23, 2026
- C. Approval of the Payment of Current Bills
- D. Approval of the IHSA Membership for SY2026
- E. Accept resignation of SRO, Justin Johnson, at Moweaqua Campus
- F. Accept the resignation of MS Volleyball Coach, Holly Taylor
- G. Accept the resignation of JV Scholastic Bowl Coach, Chad Blades
- H. Accept the resignation of Bus Driver, Erica O'Brien
- I. Accept the resignation of Lunchroom Supervisor, Ocie Duncan

## **10. Items for Discussion and/or Action**

### **A. Employment Needs for the District**

**a. Action** - A motion was made by Townsend and seconded by Bender to approve the Track and Field coaches listed as presented:

- i. Al Scheider - Boys Head Coach
- ii. Brian Pekovitch - Boys Assistant Coach
- iii. Kacy Mitchell - volunteer
- iv. Lyndi Woods - volunteer
- v. Seth Major - volunteer

The roll was called and members voted as follows: Just - no, Townsend - yes, Burgener - yes, Bender - yes, Boltz - yes, Jordan - yes, Rutan - yes. The motion passed 6/1.

**b. Action** - A motion was made by Boltz and seconded by Bender to approve the stipend roles as presented for 26/27 School Year:

- i. High School

Cross Country - Jess Lehman

Golf - Ian Taylor, Holly Taylor

Volleyball - Vanessa Rork, Janie Griesemer, Lesly Conlin

Boys' Basketball - Rob Smith, Jameson Smith

Girls' Basketball - Mitch Cloe, Madyson Babbs, Clayton Worker

Cheer - Kimberly Higgins

Poms - Carly Eversole, Cally Wilson

ii. Middle School

Softball - Mitch Cloe

Baseball - Andrew Barnes

Girls' Basketball - Keaton Garner, Kord Champley, Michael Garner

Boys' Basketball - Nolan Gillett, Danny Himes

Volleyball - Vanessa Rork

Cross Country - Todd Rork

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.

**c. Action** - A motion was made by Boltz and seconded by Burgener to approve the school calendar for school years 26/27 and 27/28 as presented. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Burgener - yes, Bender - yes, Boltz - yes, Jordan - yes, Rutan - yes, Just - no, Townsend - yes. The motion passed 6/1.

**d. Action** - A motion was made by Just and seconded by Rutan to approve an overnight trip for the FCCLA to attend the Illinois State Leadership Conference and Competition in Springfield on April 8-10, 2026. 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.

**e. Action** - A motion was made by Boltz and seconded by Just to approve the Consolidated District Title Grant Plan to ISBE. 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.

- f. **Action** - A motion was made by Just and seconded by Rutan to authorize the development of a tentative FY27 Budget. 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.
- g. **Action** - A motion was made by Just and seconded by Townsend to set the Board meetings for the 2026-2027 school year as presented. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Just - yes, Burgener - yes, Townsend - yes, Bender - yes, Boltz - yes, Jordan - yes, Rutan - yes. The motion passed unanimously.
- h. **Action** - A motion was made by Boltz and seconded by Rutan to approve the shared cost regarding our Assumption SRO to be changed from 50%/50% to 75%/25% school year MOU 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.

## **B. Committee Items for Discussion**

- a. Student and District Activities
  - i. Mr. Daly shared information about investigation into the potential sports Co-op with Okaw Valley. He presented a compilation of data including the current and projected numbers of each sport both without a co-op and with a potential co-op. He had also completed a school wide survey which included all high school students as well as 8th grade students. He shared that principals and athletic directors of both districts had developed a Google doc for collaboration throughout the discussions of a potential co-op. All coaches have been informed and given the opportunity to address their thoughts and concerns. Member Rutan asked about the deadlines for IHSA to submit co-op agreements. Mr. Daly answered

that the dates were: August 1 for Fall Sports, October 1 for Winter Sports and February 1 for Spring Sports. Member Rutan suggested that each season be evaluated separately in order to allow time to work through meetings with stakeholders, address issues with transportation and gather more information to answer any questions that arise throughout the process.

There was further discussion with Member Boltz asking Mrs. Young about the concerns about transportation. She answered that those involved in this conversation have been looking into this and will continue to do so. There was discussion about the importance of continuing meetings for collaboration and to continue the process with transparency. Members suggested that community members and at least one board member be included with coaches and other stakeholders as the process continues.

- b. Building and Grounds -
  - i. Mrs. Young shared information about parking complaints at Gregory
  - ii. She shared an update on the sidewalk proposal presented by Gregory 5th graders at last month's meeting. Mr. Garner thought the project could be completed at a projected cost of \$2400.
  - iii. Mrs. Young shared information about bids from Brian Barnes and Outdoor for fields facilities maintenance.
- c. Transportation -
  - i. NA
- d. Other - Mrs. Young shared that there has been a large amount of legislative activity that may affect the District, which would include a new bill in the Illinois House requiring unemployment benefits for non-certified staff who don't work during the summer months. She also shared that there has been a FOIA request regarding academics.
- e. Other - Member Jordan shared that she will be resigning from the Board due to moving out of the District. She stated that she had enjoyed her time serving on the Board and was not expecting this move, but she and her

husband were taking an unexpected opportunity to move closer to their children and grandchildren.

**C. Use of Facilities - NA**

**D. Correspondence - NA**

**E. Announcements/Reminders of Workshops/Meetings/Etc.**

a. Abe Lincoln Meeting

### **11. Adjournment**

**Action** - A motion was by Botz and seconded by Townsend to adjourn the meeting at 9:09pm. 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.

**Meeting adjourned at: 9:10pm**

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**Josh Burgener, Board President**

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**Aaren Rutan, Board Secretary**