

Central A&M Community Unit District 21

Regular Meeting

September 27, 2021

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 27th day of September, 2021 at the Central A&M Middle School gymnasium 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, Brian Hanley, Bryan Bender, Collin Townsend, Chris Just and Josh Burgener.

Administrators present: Dr. DeAnn Heck, Charles Brown, Courtney Hiler, Joanne Coady and Rick Hauffe.

Also present were Jess Lehman, Mike Woodard, Jim Dial, Chief Brian Wade, Joanna Jones Hardy and Clay Hardy.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Josh Burgener.

PUBLIC AND EMPLOYEE COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS

- A. Students of Excellence - None
- B. Citizens Agenda – Mike Woodard addressed the board about the need for negotiating with the teacher’s union on Covid testing requirements. Jim Dial asked for clarification on school funding in relationship to CDC Covid guidelines and also regarding close contact tracing.
- C. Request for Use of Facilities to Added to the Agenda
 - a. Ashley Corzine- Central Illinois Slammers Softball- HS Softball field- Sept and October from 5-6:30pm.
- D. Items to be Added to the Current Agenda – None

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

Bond News: Enrollment: 131

PreK is full with a waiting list, we have had a number of students move in this year. The Kindergarten has 17 students in each class and first grade classes are sitting at 15-16 students each. This is an improvement from last year’s numbers.

Kindergarten is planning their trip to the pumpkin patch on October 22nd. They have been working hard on learning letters through their Boot Camp activities. They will have their fashion show next Friday. The new teachers are adjusting beautifully, and the other staff members are doing a great job of mentoring them.

MS Raider News: Enrollment: 148

While this number is steady from last year, it is important to note that we had two students move out, and we have had 14 more move in! This 6th grade class is small, only 43 students, but without these move ins, it would have been at 37.

We recently completed the annual fundraiser, and the students sold a lot of product! This will provide funds for field trips, assemblies, and student activities. Much of the special things we do are supported by these funds.

Cross Country - While the season is ongoing, there have been some great moments! Briston Sims placed 3rd at the event at Bement with a time of 12:51! There are 13 runners this year!

Baseball - This group worked really hard this year, they finished with a record of 4 and 10.

Softball - The team finished the season with a record of 5-11, however, they showed real growth and promise throughout the season.

Girls' basketball - The season is underway, the 7th grade team opened with a big win over Shelbyville. We look forward to watching the girls play over these next months.

STEM classes - Mr. Ludwig is organizing the Lego League team for this year. He also has the students working with the 3D printer, coding, and he has applied for grants to fund makerspace activities where students will use small tools and craft techniques to build projects of their own design.

Kemmerer Village DCFS: 4 Private: 7

Soccer season just finished up for the residents. They were able to play other agencies this year. That was a welcome change! The kids really enjoyed having a season. Volleyball skills will be starting soon. We continue to have new admissions. Students are quarantined for a period of time. School provides work in the cottage. On Wednesday, August 22, teachers participated in a webinar entitled "The Autistic Child's Brain". Temple Grandin was the presenter in the webinar. Staff were able to get new ideas and strategies to implement in the classroom when working with our students.

FINANCIAL REPORT – Rick Hauffe

EXECUTIVE SESSION (CLOSED MEETING)

A motion was made by Brian Hanley and seconded by Chris Just to enter into Executive Session for Discussion of Matters Relating to Employment, Compensation or Other Matters Appropriate for Closed Session as Mandated per 5 ILSC-120/2-Motion. The roll was called and members answered as follows: Bender, aye, Dowd, aye, Hanley, aye, Just, aye, Townsend, aye, Burgener, aye. Motion passed 6-0. Board entered Closed session at 7:36 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Collin Townsend and seconded by Chris Just to return to Open session at 8:02 p.m. The roll was called and members answered as follows: Bender, aye, Dowd, aye, Hanley, aye, Just, aye, Townsend, aye, Burgener, aye. Motion passed 6-0.

ADOPT AGENDA-MOTION

A motion was made by Chris Just and seconded by Brian Hanley to adopt the agenda as presented. The roll was called and members answered as follows: Bender, aye, Dowd, aye, Hanley, aye, Just, aye, Townsend, aye, Burgener, aye. Motion passed 6-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting – August 16, 2021
- B. Approval of the Payment of Current Bills

A motion was made by Collin Townsend and seconded by Bryan Bender to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The roll was called and members answered as follows: Bender, aye, Dowd, aye, Hanley, aye, Just, aye, Townsend, aye, Burgener, aye. Motion passed 6-0.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

- A. Employment Needs of the District
 - i. Resignation of MS Boys Track Coach

A motion was made by Brian Hanley and seconded by Collin Townsend to Approve the resignation of MS Boys Track Coach, Kord Champley effective immediately as presented. The roll was called and members answered as follows: Bender, aye, Dowd, aye, Hanley, aye, Just, aye, Townsend, aye, Burgener, aye. Motion passed 6-0.

ii. Resignation of HS JV Baseball Coach

A motion was made by Chris Just and seconded by Bryan Bender to Approve the resignation of HS JV Baseball Coach, Andrew Barnes effective immediately as presented. The roll was called and members answered as follows: Bender, aye, Dowd, aye, Hanley, aye, Just, aye, Townsend, aye, Burgener, aye. Motion passed 6-0.

iii. Approval of HS Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach

A motion was made by Chris Just and seconded by Brian Hanley to Approve HS Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach Andrew Barnes effective 2021-2022 SY as presented. The roll was called and members answered as follows: Bender, aye, Dowd, aye, Hanley, aye, Just, aye, Townsend, aye, Burgener, aye. Motion passed 6-0.

iv. Approval of HS Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach

A motion was made by Brian Hanley and seconded by Collin Townsend to Approve HS Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach Charles Brown effective 2021-2022 SY as presented. The roll was called and members answered as follows: Bender, aye, Dowd, aye, Hanley, aye, Just, aye, Townsend, aye, Burgener, aye. Motion passed 6-0.

v. Approval of Bass Fishing Co-Coaches

A motion was made by Collin Townsend and seconded by Brian Hanley to Approve Bass Fishing Co-Coaches, Justin Smith and Chad Blades effective 2021-2022 SY as presented. The roll was called and members answered as follows: Bender, aye, Dowd, aye, Hanley, aye, Just, aye, Townsend, aye, Burgener, aye. Motion passed 6-0.

vi. Approval of HS Baseball Head Coach

A motion was made by Collin Townsend and seconded by Chris Just to Approve Tyler Niebrugge as HS Baseball Head Coach effective 2021-2022 SY as presented. The roll was called and members answered as follows: Bender, aye, Dowd, aye, Hanley, aye, Just, aye, Townsend, aye, Burgener, aye. Motion passed 6-0.

vii. Approval of Gregory Lunch Room and Recess Aides.

A motion was made by Chris Just and seconded by Brian Hanley to Approve Ocie Duncan and Kristina Dennison as Gregory Lunch Room and Recess Aides effective immediately as presented. The roll was called and members answered as follows: Bender, aye, Dowd, aye, Hanley, aye, Just, aye, Townsend, aye, Burgener, aye. Motion passed 6-0.

B. Approval of the Central A&M Risk Management Plan

A motion was made by Brian Hanley and seconded by Chris Just to Approve the Central A&M Risk Management Plan as presented. The roll was called and members answered as follows: Bender, aye, Dowd, aye, Hanley, aye, Just, aye, Townsend, aye, Burgener, aye. Motion passed 6-0.

C. Approval of the 94th National FFA Convention Trip

A motion was made by Chris Just and seconded by Brian Hanley to Approve the 94th National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN from October 27th, 2021 to October 30, 2021 as presented. The roll was called and members answered as follows: Bender, aye, Dowd, aye, Hanley, aye, Just, aye, Townsend, aye, Burgener, aye. Motion passed 6-0.

D. Approval of Tractor for HS

A motion was made by Collin Townsend and seconded by Chris Just to Approve John Deere 3039 tractor with loader, pallet fork and blade for HS as presented. The roll was called and members answered as follows: Bender, aye, Dowd, aye, Hanley, aye, Just, aye, Townsend, aye, Burgener, aye. Motion passed 6-0.

E. Board of Education PRESS Policy (Final Reading)

A motion was made by Chris Just and seconded by Brian Hanley to Approve the following policy changes as presented:

- 1:10 School District Legal Status
- 1:20 District Organization, Operations and Cooperative Agreements
- 1:30 School District Philosophy
- 2:10 School District Governance
- 2:30 School District Elections
- 2:130 Board – Superintendent Relationship
- 2:240 Board Policy Development
- 3:30 Chain of Command
- 5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment
- 6:100 Using Animals in the Educational Program
- 6:145 Migrant Students
- 6:160 English Learners
- 6:170 Title I Programs
- 6:235 Access to Electronic Networks
- 6:255 Assemblies and Ceremonies
- 6:260 Complaints about Curriculum, Instructional Materials and Programs
- 7:220 Bus Conduct
- 7:230 Misconduct by Students with Disabilities
- 7:280 Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease
- 8:90 Parent Organizations and Booster Clubs

The roll was called and members answered as follows: Bender, aye, Dowd, aye, Hanley, aye, Just, aye, Townsend, aye, Burgener, aye. Motion passed 6-0.

F. Board of Education PRESS Policy (1st Reading)

- 4:60-AP4 Administrative Procedure- Federal and State Award Procurement Procedures.

G. Committee Items for Discussion

Student and District Activities – Covid 19

Building and Grounds

Gregory/HS Electric and Ventilation, HS/MS painting

Transportation

Need for Bus Drivers

H. Consideration of Request for the Use of Facilities

1. Central Illinois Slammers Softball – Ashley Corzine. Use of HS Softball field for practice – September and October 2021 – 5:00 -6:30 p.m. – 14 people.

A motion was made by Collin Townsend and seconded by Josh Burgener to Allow use of facilities as requested. The roll was called and members answered as follows: Bender, aye, Dowd, aye, Hanley, aye, Just, aye, Townsend, aye, Burgener, aye. Motion passed 6-0.

I. Additions to the Agenda – None

J. Correspondence – None

K. Announcement/Reminder of Workshops/Meetings/Etc.

- a. October 6 at 6:00 p.m. Abe Lincoln Region Board Member Dinner and Workshop – Rochester 6:00 p.m.
- b. Triple I Convention- November 18-21, Chicago

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Chris Just and seconded by Collin Townsend to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m. The roll was called and members answered as follows: Bender, aye, Dowd, aye, Hanley, aye, Just, aye, Townsend, aye, Burgener, aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Josh Burgener, Board President

Tim Dowd, Board Secretary