

Central A&M Community Unit District #21
Board of Education Meeting
December 16, 2024

Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by BOE President, [Josh Burgener](#). The roll was called by BOE Secretary, Aaren Rutan. Members answering “present” were: Boltz, Jordan, Rutan, Just, Townsend, and Burgener. Member Bender was absent.

The meeting began at 7:00pm.

Also Present:

Superintendent, Sacha Young

High School Principal, Charles Brown

Middle School Principal, Alexis Black

Elementary School Principal, Courtney Hiler

Business Manager, Kristy Keown

Guests present: Jess Lehman, Scott Burge with the Farnsworth Group

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Josh Burgener.

Public and Employee Comments or Questions

- Student Talk - Kristopher Brummett presented a proposal to complete his Eagle Scout project to raise money for the purchase and equipping of a trailer for the Central A&M Band.
- Teacher Talk - Bond Kindergarten teachers, Holly Taylor, Kelly Lamb, and Alyssa Hunter presented information about the progress of the kindergarten program so far this year.
- Citizens Agenda - NA
- Request for Use of Facilities to be Added to the Agenda - NA

- Items to be Added to the Current Agenda - NA

Administrator Reports

- Principal Brown presented the High School report
- Principal Black presented the Middle School report
- Principal Hiler presented the Elementary Schools report
- Principal Dance presented the Kemmerer Village report
- Items of note from the administrative reports:
 - Cartwheel implementation
 - ISBE recognition for School Improvement at Gregory
 - Cardiac Response Plan
 - January 6 Teacher Institute Plans

Financial Report

- Business Manager Keown presented the financial report with November budget details.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Boltz and seconded by Townsend 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: Boltz - aye, Jordan - aye, Rutan - aye, Just - aye, Townsend - aye, Burgener - aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Entered Executive Session at 8:36.

Return to Open Session

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

Adopt Agenda

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: Rutan - aye, Just - aye, Townsend - aye, Burgener - aye, Boltz - aye, Jordan - aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda

- Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting - November 20, 2023
- Approval of the payment of current bills.

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

Items for Discussion and/or Action

- 2024 Tax Levy - Approval of the 2024 Tax Levy as presented during the Truth in Taxation hearing.

A motion was made by Townsend and seconded by Just to approve the 2024 tax levy as presented. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Townsend - aye, Burgener - aye, Boltz - aye, Jordan - aye, Rutan - aye, Just - aye. The motion passed unanimously.

- Employment needs for the district

A motion was made by Just and seconded by Boltz to approve the month long paternity leave for Caleb Ludwig beginning on or near February 4, 2025, as presented. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Burgener - aye, Boltz - aye, Jordan - aye, Rutan - aye, Just - aye, Townsend - aye. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Boltz and seconded by Rutan to approve Jamie Houchins-Shelton as a paraprofessional at the Central A&M Middle School as presented. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Boltz - aye, Jordan - aye, Rutan - aye, Just - aye, Townsend - aye, Burgener - aye. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Burgener and seconded by Townsend to accept the resignation of Katie Boltz effective January 3, 2025, as presented. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Boltz -abstain, Jordan - aye, Rutan - aye, Just - aye, Townsend - aye, Burgener - aye. The motion passed with 5-ayes, 0-nayes, and 1-abstain.

Board of Education PRESS Policy Update (SEcond REading) Issue 117 PRESS Policy edits/drafts

2:105 Ethics and Gift Ban

2:120 Board Member Development

4:30 Revenue and Investments

4:60 Purchases and Contracts

4:150 Facility Management and Building Programs

4:170 Safety

5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment

5:20 Workplace Harassment Prohibited

5:90 Abused and Neglected Child Reporting

5:120 Employee Ethics; Code of Professional Conduct; and Conflict of Interests

5:125 Personal Technology and Social Media; Usage and Conduct

5:230 Maintaining Student Discipline

6:60 Curriculum Content

6:135 Accelerated Placement Program

6:270 Guidance and Counseling Program

7:10 Equal Educational Opportunities

7:100 Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations and Exclusion of students - should we consider changing the exclusion date to the first day of school instead of October 15)

7:180 Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation and Harassment

8:10 Connection with the Community - Gives Board President authority to speak on behalf of the BOE. Statements made by the President when NOT given authority will be considered personal comments and the President is encouraged to identify statements as personal opinions.

7:270 add language to cover undesignated asthma inhalers per school

code changes - School District Supply of Understanding Asthma Medication. The Superintendent or designee shall implement 105 ILCS 5/33-40-(f) and maintain a supply of undesignated asthma medication in the name of the District and provide or administer them as necessary according to State law. Undesignated asthma medication means an asthma medication prescribed in the name of the District or one of its schools. A school nurse or trained personnel, as defined in State law, may believe a person is having respiratory distress. Respiratory distress may be characterized as mild-to moderate or severe. Each building administrator and/or his or her corresponding school nurse shall maintain the names of trained personnel who have received a statement of certification pursuant to State law.

A motion was made by Just and seconded by Townsend to approve a PRESS Issue 117 policy updates as presented. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Boltz - aye, Jordan - aye, Rutan - aye, just - aye, Townsend - aye, Burgener - aye. The motion passed unanimously.

- Approve Architectural Firm for the Record

A motion was made by Townsend and seconded by Ruan to approve The Farnsworth Group and Scott Burge as architect of record of Central A&M CUSD 21. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Jordan - aye, Rutan - aye, Just - aye, Townsend - aye, Burgener - aye, Boltz - aye. The motion passed unanimously.

- Approve Overnight Trip for ILMEA Festival

A motion was made by Just and seconded by Burgener to approve an overnight trip for Mr. Elam's students to attend ILMEA Music Festival in Peoria from Jan. 30-Feb. 1, 2025. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Rutan - aye, Just - aye, Townsend - aye, Burgener - aye, Boltz - aye, Jordan - aye. The motion passed unanimously.

- Approve Red Rover Contract

A motion was made by Townsend and seconded by Just to approve the agreement between Central A&M Schools and Red Rover for the purpose of absence and sub tracking for the annual subscription amount of \$3450.00 as presented. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Just - aye, Townsend - aye, Burgener - aye, Boltz - aye, Jordan - aye, Rutan - aye. The motion passed unanimously.

- Approve Cartwheel Services Contract

A motion was made by Boltz and seconded by Just to approve the agreement between Central A&M Schools and Cartwheel for the annual amount of \$10,000 (to be covered by grant funding for calendar years 2025 and 2026) as presented. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Townsend - aye, Burgener - aye, Boltz - aye, Jordan - aye, Rutan - aye, Just - aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Items for Discussion

Student and District Activities - Strategic Planning Update

- Move into discussion of academics at the next strategic planning meeting

Building and Grounds

- new sidewalk at MS

Transportation - TA

Consideration of Request for the Use of Facilities - NA

Additions to the Agenda

- Approve Executive Session Minutes from November Meeting, 2024

A motion was made by Boltz and seconded by Rutan to approve the Executive Session Minutes from November Meeting, 2024. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Boltz - aye, Jordan - aye, Rutan - aye, Just - aye, Townsend - aye, Burgener - aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- January 13, 2025 6pm - Strategic Planning Meeting

Adjournment

A motion was made by Townsend and seconded by Rutan to adjourn the meeting at 8:59pm. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Boltz - aye, Jordan - aye, Rutan - aye, Just - aye, Townsend - aye, Burgener - aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm

Josh Burgener, Board President

Aaren Rutan, Board Secretary

