

Central A&M Community Unit District #21  
Board of Education Meeting  
February 24, 2025

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

Also present:

- Superintendent Sacha Young
- Elementary School Principal Courtney Hiler
- Business Manager Kristy Keown

Guests:

- Michael Garner
- Jess Lehman
- Larry Daly

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Michael Garner.

**Public and Employee Comments or Questions**

- Student Talk - NA
- Teacher Talk - NA
- Citizens Agenda - NA
- Request for Use of Facilities NA
- Items to be Added to the Current Agenda - NA

**Administrator Reports**

- Elementary Principal Hiler presented the report on Bond and Gregory
- Middle School Principal Black presented the report on the Middle School report
- Both the High School and Kemmerer Village reports were submitted prior to the meeting.

- Superintendent Young presented the District report.

### **Financial Report**

- Business Manager Kristy Keown presented the monthly financial report noting that in comparison to last year's budget.

### **Executive Session**

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

Time: 7:29pm

### **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: Boltz - aye, JOrdan - aye, Rutan - aye, Just - aye, Townsend - aye, Bender - aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Time: 8:35pm

### **Adopt Agenda - Motion**

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

### **Consent Agenda - Motion**

A motion was made by Townsend and seconded by Bender to approve the Consent Agenda as presented to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting - January 27, 2025, to approve the Executive Session Meeting Minutes - January 27, 2025, and to approve the payment of current bills. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Rutan - aye, Just - aye, Townsend - aye, Bender - aye, Boltz - aye, Jordan - aye. The motion passed unanimously.

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

#### Employment Needs for the District

- A motion was made by Just and seconded by Bender to approve the employment of Larry Daly as High school Principal as presented. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Just - aye, Townsend - aye, Bender - aye, Boltz - aye, Jordan - aye, Rutan - aye. The motion was passed unanimously.

- A motion was made by Townsend and seconded by Just to approve employment of Kacey Mitchell as Middle School PE Teacher as presented. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Townsend - aye, Bender - aye, Boltz - aye, Jordan - aye, Rutan - aye, Just - aye. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Other Items

- A motion was made by Just and seconded by Bender to accept the resignation of Middle School Science Teacher, Tricia Koonce effect at the end of the 2025 school year. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Bender - aye, Boltz - aye, Jordan - aye, Rutan - aye, Just - aye, Townsend - aye. The motion passed unanimously.

- A motion was made by Townsend and seconded by Bender to accept the resignation of Andrew Renshaw as assistant football coach. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Bender - aye, Boltz - aye, Jordan - aye, Rutan - aye, Just - aye, Townsend - aye. The motion passed unanimously.

- A motion was made by Just and seconded by Jordan to accept the resignation of MS Head Track Coach, Caleb Ludwig. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Boltz - aye, Jordan - aye, Rutan - aye, Just - aye, Townsend - aye, Bender - aye. The motion passed unanimously.

- A motion was made by Just and seconded by Townsend to approve the transfer of CAM MS Assistant Track Coach to CAM MS Head Track Coach for the 2025 season. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Jordan - aye, Rutan - aye, Just - aye, Townsend - aye, Bender - aye, Boltz - aye. The motion passed unanimously.
- A motion was made by Townsend and seconded by Just to approve the employment of Jameson Smith as MS Assistant Track Coach for the 2025 season. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Rutan - aye, Just - aye, Townsend - aye, Bender - aye, Boltz - aye, Jordan - aye. The motion passed unanimously.
- A motion was made by Bender and seconded by Rutan to approve Michael McLain and Matt Sites as volunteer football coaches for the 2025-2026 season. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Just - aye, Townsend - aye, Bender - aye, Boltz - aye, Jordan - aye, Rutan - aye. The motion passed unanimously.
- A motion was made by Just and seconded by Townsend to approve Austin Christian as transportation coordinator/bus mechanic effective immediately. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Townsend - aye, Bender - aye, Boltz - aye, Jordan - aye, Rutan - aye, Just - aye. The motion passed unanimously.
- A motion was made by Just and seconded by Rutan to approve the Soccer Co-op agreement with Meridian/Sangamon Valley/CAM for 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years as presented. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Townsend - aye, Bender - aye, Boltz - aye, Jordan - aye, Rutan - aye, Just - aye. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Committee Items for Discussion**

- Student and District Activities - NA
- Building and Grounds - Michael Garner suggested the District needs a 30-year plan for updates to all building and grounds.
- Transportation - NA

### **Consideration for Request for Use of Facilities - NA**

### **Additions to the Agenda - NA**

## **Correspondence - NA**

### **Announcements/Reminders**

- IASB Abe Lincoln Region Meeting on March 6, 2025.

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Just and seconded by Townsend 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, Bender - aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Time: 8:59pm

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Josh Burgener, Board President

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**Next Regular Board of Education Meeting - Monday, March 24, 2025, in the Central A&M District Office at 7pm.**