

Central A&M Community Unit District #21
Board of Education Meeting April 22, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Board President Burgener at 7:00pm, and Secretary, Aaren Rutan, called the roll. Members answering “present” were: Brock Boltz, Josh Burgener, Aaren Rutan, Collin Townsend, Bryan Bender and Chris Just. Member Craig Corzine was absent.

Also present:

- Sacha Young, Superintendent
- Charles Brown, High School Principal
- Alexis Black, Middle School Principal
- Courtney Hiler, Elementary Principal
- Carol Dance, KV Principal
- Kristy Keown, Business Manager

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Collin Townsend.

Public and Employee Comments or Questions

- Student Talk
 - CAMHS Student Council President, Elizabeth Rutan’s report on the Student Council’s activities was read by Secretary Rutan
- Teacher Talk
 - Tracy Gaither and Diane Odel presented information regarding their daily tasks as building secretaries.
- Citizens Agenda
 - Kenna Hutton, a parent of students in the District, addressed her concerns regarding incidents of bullying at the high school.
- Architect Presentation presented by Scott Burge with Farnsworth Group.

- The coordinator for the S3DA Archery presented information regarding options for the District students to participate in an archery program through S3DA.
- Administrator Reports
 - Principal Charles Brown presented the High School report.
 - Principal Alexis Black presented the Middle School report.
 - Principal Courtney Hiler presented the Gregory and Bond reports.
 - Principal Carol Dance presented the Kemmerer Village School report.
 - Superintendent Young presented the District report.
- Financial Report
 - Business Manager Kristy Keown presented the District financial report.
- 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: Bender - yes, Boltz - yes, Rutan - yes, Just - yes, Townsend - yes, and Burgener - yes. The motion passed unanimously and closed session was entered at 7:50pm.
- 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: Bender - yes, Boltz - yes, Rutan - yes, Just - yes, Townsend - yes, and Burgener - yes. The motion passed unanimously and the Board returned to Open Session at 9:11pm.
- Adopt Agenda
 - A motion was made by Boltz and seconded by Bender to adopt the agenda as presented. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Bender - yes, Boltz - yes, Rutan - yes, Just - yes, Townsend - yes, and Burgener - yes. The motion passed unanimously.
- Consent Agenda

- A motion was made by Boltz and seconded by Just to approve the consent agenda as presented to:
 - Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting - March 18, 2024
 - Approve the Executive Session Meeting Minutes - March 18, 2024
 - Approve the Payment of Current Bills
- The roll was called and members voted as follows: Bender - yes, Boltz - yes, Rutan - yes, Just - yes, Townsend - yes, and Burgener - yes. The motion passed unanimously.
- Items for Discussion and/or Action
 - A motion was made by Townsend and seconded by Bender to accept the resignation of Gregory Intermediate Teacher, Paige Workman effective at the end of the school year 23/24. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Bender - yes, Boltz - yes, Rutan - yes, Just - yes, Townsend - yes, and Burgener - yes. The motion passed unanimously.
 - A motion was made by Boltz and seconded by Townsend to approve the resignation of Kemmerer Village School Crisis Intervention Specialist, Ben Gaddis, effective April, 26, 2024. The motion passed unanimously.
 - A motion was made by Townsend and seconded by Just to accept the resignation of High School Assistant Volleyball Coach, Holly Taylor, effective immediately. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Bender - yes, Boltz - yes, Rutan - yes, Just - yes, Townsend - yes, and Burgener - yes. The motion passed unanimously.
 - A motion was made by beder and seconded by Rutan to accept the resignation of Middle School Cross County Coach, Maggie Nielson, effective immediately. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Bender - yes, Boltz - yes, Rutan - yes, Just - yes, Townsend - yes, and Burgener - yes. The motion passed unanimously.
 - A motion was made by Boltz and seconded by Townsend to accept the resignation of 7th Grade Basketball Coach, Faye Higbee effective immediately. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Bender -

yes, Boltz - yes, Rutan - yes, Just - yes, Townsend - yes, and Burgener - yes. The motion passed unanimously.

- A motion was made by Burgener and seconded by Just to accept the resignation of 8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach, Lindsay Paradee, effective immediately. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Bender - yes, Boltz - yes, Rutan - yes, Just - yes, Townsend - yes, and Burgener - yes. The motion passed unanimously.
- A motion was made by Townsend and seconded by Just to table the vote to approve [Tyler Niebrugge](#) as High School Girls Basketball Coach for 24/25. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Bender - yes, Boltz - yes, Rutan - yes, Just - yes, Townsend - yes, and Burgener - yes. The motion to table the vote was passed unanimously.
- A motion was made by Rutan and seconded by Just to approve the recommendation of Hilary Bothwell as third grade teacher for Gregory Elementary for 24/25 School Year. The roll was called a members voted as follows: Bender - yes, Boltz - yes, Rutan - yes, Just - yes, Townsend - yes, and Burgener - yes. The motion passed unanimously.
- A motion was made by Rutan and seconded by Just to approve Janie Griesemer as High School Assistant Volleyball Coach for the 24/25 School Year. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Bender - yes, Boltz - yes, Rutan - yes, Just - yes, Townsend - yes, and Burgener - yes. The motion passed unanimously.
- A motion was made by Townsend and seconded by Bender to approve Drew Damery, Gavin Houchins, Hayden Sams, Carter Thomas, and Paul Brown for summer employment for 2024 Summer Help. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Bender - yes, Boltz - yes, Rutan - yes, Just - yes, Townsend - yes, and Burgener - yes. The motion passed unanimously.
- A motion was made by Rutan and seconded by Townsend to approve the transfer of Michael Behreds from Intervention Support to Lead

Interventionist for the Kemmerer Village School Crisis Team as presented. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Bender - yes, Boltz - yes, Rutan - yes, Just - yes, Townsend - yes, and Burgener - yes. The motion passed unanimously.

- The PRESS Policy Updates were presented for the First Reading.
- A motion was made by Townsend and seconded by Just to approve the food service contract with ARAMARK for 24/25 School Year as presented. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Bender - yes, Boltz - yes, Rutan - yes, Just - yes, Townsend - yes, and Burgener - yes. The motion passed unanimously.
- Committee Items for Discussion
 - Student and District Activities
 - Baccalaureate and Graduation coming up
 - Building and Grounds
 - Football fencing and concession stand updates
 - Softball parking lot solutions were also presented
 - Transportation
 - Bus repair report
- Consideration of Request for the Use of Facilities
 - A motion was made by Townsend and seconded by Just to allow the City of Assumption to use the Middle School gym for a Public Hearing. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Bender - yes, Boltz - yes, Rutan - yes, Just - yes, Townsend - yes, and Burgener - yes. The motion passed unanimously.
- Announcements / Reminders
 - May 6 Strategic Planning Meeting at 6pm
 - 3 BOE Members are needed for the Collective Bargaining Committee
 - Triple I Conference Date is November 22-24, 2024
- A motion was made by Boltz and seconded by Townsend to adjourn the meeting. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Bender - yes,

Boltz - yes, Rutan - yes, Just - yes, Townsend - yes, and Burgener - yes.
The motion was passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at
9:49pm.

Josh Burgener, Board President

Aaren Rutan, Board Secretary