

Central A&M Community Unit District #21  
Board of Education Meeting  
August 19, 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: Bender, Boltz, Rutan, Just, Townsend, Burgener

Also present:

- Sacha Young, Superintendent
- Charles Brown, High School Principal
- Alexis Black, Middle School Principal
- Carol Dance, KV Principal
- Krisy Keown, Business Manager
- Guests: Officer Johnson, HS SRO  
                  Jess Lehman, HS Teacher  
                  Jacob Elder

Reorganization of the Board of Education

- Approve and Appoint New Board Member

A motion was made by Member Boltz and seconded by Member Rutan to approve the appointment of Kay Jordan to replace Board Member, Craig Corzine as presented. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Bender - aye, Boltz - aye, Rutan - aye, Just - aye, Townsend - aye, and Burgener - aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Public and Employee Comments or Questions

- Oath of Office for newly appointed board member.

The oath was administered by Board President Josh Burgener for the new elected member. The oath is as follows:

*I, (name), do solemnly affirm that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of member of the Board of Education of Central A&M Community Unit District 21, in accordance with the Constitution of the United States of America, the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and the laws of the State of Illinois to the best of my ability. I further affirm that: I shall respect taxpayer interests by serving as a faithful protector of the school*

*district's assets; I shall encourage and respect the free expression of opinion by my fellow board members and others who seek a hearing before the board, while respecting the privacy of students and employees; I shall recognize that a board member has not legal authority as an individual and that decisions can be made only by a majority vote at a public board meeting; and I shall abide by majority decisions of the board, while retaining the right to seek changes in such decisions through ethical and constructive channels.*

- Roll Call of the New Board of Education

The roll of the new Board of Education was called and the following members were present: Bender, Boltz, Rutan, Just, Jordan, Townsend, and Burgener. All members were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Burgener.

- Student Talk - NA
- Teacher Talk - NA
- Citizens Agenda - The opportunity for those present to address the Board
  - Jacob Elder addressed the Board expressing concern about bus routes being so long and students being on the bus for extended periods of time. He suggested a possible solution of reversing the routes from morning to afternoon so that students at the beginning and end of the routes wouldn't be required to spend such a long time on the bus on the way to school and from school.
- Request for Use of Facilities to be Added to the Agenda - NA
- Items added to the Current Agenda
  - Employ Ross Lynch as a crisis intervention aide at Kemmerer Village School
- Administrator Reports
  - KV Principal Dance reported that there are open positions to fill including a teaching position and another crisis intervention aide. KV students went to a disc golf tournament and participated well. She also reported an upcoming carnival on the campus. Current student enrollment - 18-students.

- MS Principal Black reported that the school year has had a successful start. The current enrollment is 180 with 69-sixth graders. At this time there are two open positions at the Middle School.
- HS Principal Brown reported that the High School enrollment is 216. Back-to-School night was a success and the school year was off to a good start. He reported the dates of the season openers for high school sports.

There was discussion among Board members about possible solutions to the staffing issues at each campus.

- The financial report was presented by Kristy Keown
- Executive Session (Closed Meeting)

A motion was made by Just 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: Bender - aye, Boltz - aye, Rutan - aye, Just - aye, Jordan - aye, Townsend - aye, and Burgener - aye. The motion passed unanimously and the Board entered into Executive Session at 7:34pm.

- Return to Open Session

A motion was made by Boltz and seconded by Townsend to return to open session. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Bender - aye, Boltz - aye, Rutan - aye, Just - aye, Jordan - aye, Townsend - aye, and Burgener - aye. The motion passed unanimously and the Board returned to open session at 8:20pm.

- Adopt Agenda - Motion

A motion was made by Townsned and seconded by Just to adopt the agenda as presented with the following additions: Employ Ross Lynch as Crisis Intervention Specialist at Kemmerer Village. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Bender - aye, Boltz - aye, Rutan - aye, Just - aye, Jordan - aye, Townsend - aye, and Burgener - aye. The motion passed unanimously.

- Consent Agenda
  - Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting - June 17, 2024

- Approval of the Executive Session Meeting Minutes - June 17, 2024
- Approval of the Payment of Current Bills
- Approval of the Minutes of Special Board Meeting (Close Session) - August 5, 2024

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

- Items for Discussion And/Or Action
  - Employment needs for the district - late edition added at the end of the meeting

A motion was made by Just and seconded by Burgener to approve the 2-year contract for Carol Dance as Kemmerer Village Principal as presented. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Bender - aye, Boltz - aye, Rutan - aye, Just - aye, Jordan - aye, Townsend - aye, and Burgener - aye. The motion passed unanimously.

- Approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with CAMEO

A motion was made by Townsend and seconded by Rutan to approve the 3-year CBA with CAMEO, as well as the raises for non-certified staff, and educational support staff as dictated by the CBA. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Bender - aye, Boltz - aye, Rutan - aye, Just - aye, Jordan - aye, Townsend - aye, and Burgener - aye. The motion passed unanimously.

- Approve the Central A&M Bullying Policy 7:180

A motion was made by Bender and seconded by Just to approve the review of and submission of our Bullying policy 7:180 to the Illinois State Board to Education. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Bender - aye, Boltz - aye, Rutan - aye, Just - aye, Jordan - aye, Townsend - aye, and Burgener - aye. The motion passed unanimously.

- Committee Items for Discussion
- Student and District Activities

The 5-Essentials Survey was discussed. The focus for the District after reviewing the result of the survey is on being intentional in collaboration.

There have been some updates on some curriculum at the Middle School and KV.

- Building and Grounds

The football field update has gone well and the concession stand “facelift” has been completed. Improvements have also been made to the Gregory playground and the Middle School parking lot.

- Transportation - NA
- Additions to the Agenda
- Ross Lynch at KV

A motion was made by Just and seconded by Bender to approve employment of Ross Lynch as Crisis Intervention Aide at Kemmerer Village effective September 5, 2024, pending all background and employment history checks. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Bender - aye, Boltz - aye, Rutan - aye, Just - aye, Jordan - aye, Townsend - aye, and Burgener - aye. The motion passed unanimously.

- Correspondence - NA
- Announcements/Reminder of Workshops/Meetings/Etc. - NA
- Adjournment

A motion was made by Boltz and seconded by Townsend to adjourn the meeting at 8:34pm. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Bender - aye, Boltz - aye, Rutan - aye, Just - aye, Jordan - aye, Townsend - aye, and Burgener - aye. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

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Josh Burgener, Board President

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Aaren Rutan, Board Secretary