

Central A&M Community Unit District #21  
Board of Education Meeting January 29, 2024

Board President, Josh Burgener, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, and Secretary, Aaren Rutan, called the roll. Members answering "Present" were: Bryan Bender, Brock Boltz, Christ Just, Craig Corzine, Aaren Rutan, Collin Townsend, and Josh Burgener.

Also present: Sacha Young - Superintendent, Alexis Black - MS Principal, Courtney Hiler - ES Principal, Carol Dance - Kemmerer Village Principal, Kristy Keown - Business Manager. Jess Lehman - CAMHS Teacher

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Josh Burgener.

**Public and Employee Comments or Questions:**

- Student Talk - Board member, Aaren Rutan, read the High School Student Council report, submitted by Elizabeth Rutan
- Teacher Talk - NA
- Citizens Agenda - The Opportunity for those present to address the Board - NA
- Request for Use of Facilities to be Added to the Agenda - NA
- Items to be Added to the Current Agenda - NA
- Administrator Reports - Superintendent Sacha Young presented the district report, Principal Courtney Hiler presented the Gregory and Bond reports, and Principal Alexis Black presented the Middle School report, Principal Charlie Brown submitted a written report on the High School in his absence.
- Financial Report:
  - Kristy Keown presented the financial report

**Executive Session (Closed Meeting):**

A motion was made by Townsend 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 - aye, Boltz - aye, Corzine - aye, Rutan - aye, Just - aye, Townsend - aye, Burgener - aye. Motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session Entered at 7:28pm

## **Return to Open Session**

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

Returned to Open Session at 8:12pm.

## **Adopt Agenda - Motion**

A motion was made by Townsend and seconded by Bender to adopt the agenda as presented with no additions or corrections. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Bender - aye, Boltz - aye, Corzine - aye, Rutan - aye, Just - aye, Townsend - aye, Burgener - aye. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Consent Agenda**

- A. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting - December 18, 2023
- B. Approval of the Executive Session Meeting Minutes - December 18, 2023
- C. Approval of the Executive Session Minutes of the Special Board Meeting - January 8, 2024
- D. Approval of Payment of Current Bills

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

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

- A. Employment needs for the district

A motion was made by Boltz and seconded by Townsend to accept the resignation of Kae Kitson effective immediately. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Bender - aye, Boltz - aye, Corzine - aye, Rutan - aye, Just - aye, Townsend - aye, Burgener - aye. Motion passed unanimously.

## B. Board of Education PRESS Policy Updates (Second Reading)

### Draft Updates

2:20 Powers and Duties of the BOE: Indemnification - *Changes the threshold for contract amounts to be approved at BOE level from \$25K to \$35K*

2:120 Board Member Development - *updated for continual improvement in the area of trauma informed trainings (before it said "beginning in 2023" now in place)*

2:200 Types of Board of Education Meetings - *added one additional reason to meet in executive session*

2:220 E6 Exhibit-Log of Closed meeting minutes - *add new language from above*

4:10 Fiscal and Business Management - *additional language added #4*

4:60 Purchases and Contracts - *threshold change for services/contracts/supplies to \$35K (similar to 2:20)*

4:130 Free and Reduced-Price Food Services - *added language - "If state funding is available for the Healthy School Meals for All Program, the Board will annually determine if it will participate in the program."*

4:130E Exhibit - Meal Charge Notifications - *additional language*

4:160 Environmental Quality of Buildings and Grounds - *changed language to say that "no pesticides will be applied on school property serving K-8 on any day when students are present for full or partial day for instructional purposes." Language says "prohibited" instead of "will not be" applied*

5:30 Hiring Process and Criteria - *date change only*

5:190 Teacher Qualifications - *change of legal reference*

5:200 Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal - *new legal references*

5:210 Resignations - *new language*

5:220 Substitute Teachers - *long-term subbing is restricted to 90-days instead of 120, with approval from ROE every 30-days*

5:250 Leaves of Absence - *Child Extended Bereavement Leave - loss of a child by suicide or homicide, parents may take 6-weeks unpaid leave within one year of loss*

5:330 Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays and Leaves - *Election day 2024 is a school holiday*

6:15 School Accountability - *added language to say School Improvement Plans be presented to the BOE (superintendent accountability)*

6:30 Organization of Instruction - *new legal reference, same policy*

6:50 School Wellness - *added "Goals for other School based activity"*

6:60 Curriculum Content - *added a new requirement to teach the dangers of Fentanyl to grades 9-12 and instruction as determined by the Superintendent on the Native American events/experiences within the Midwest as well as their genocide in North America*

6:230 Library Media Program - *SEE POLICY, answer question and vote*

Draft Updates (cont'd)

7:60 Residence - *our waiver option has now been extended to all schools through policy*  
7:70 Attendance and Truancy - *legal reference update*  
7:160 Student Appearance - *schools cannot prohibit students to wear ethnic, cultural, religious, or any other protected group accessories to graduation. Students who disrupt the educational environment or compromise health and safety will be asked to modify their appearance*  
7:190 Student Behavior - *Artificial Intelligence and Battery to Staff members - SEE ATTACHED, answer questions, vote*  
7:270 Administering medicines to students - *Oxygen and Opioid changes, SEE ATTACHED, answer questions, vote*  
7:285 Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response, and Management programs - *legal reference change*  
7:290 Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention - *changed from "licensed school personnel" to "all staff" must be trained in suicide and depression awareness and prevention*  
8:30 Visitors to and Conduct on School Property - *procedures to deny future admission to athletic or extracurricular events - events is broad than property as some events are held offsite - consult board attorney for guidance*

Review and Monitoring

4:30 Revenue and Investments - *date change only*

After discussion regarding Policy 6:230, with Rutan and Just addressing that the District should work to maintain local control of our library policies and Corzine addressing questions about grant qualification, Policy 6:230

Rutan suggested that if not adopting this policy affects future grant qualification, it would be necessary to assess funding for our libraries as needed.

Policy 7:190 Vote on Question 1 or Question 2-consensus - No Consensus to Vote

Policy 7:270 is not applicable for a Special Education Co-op

A motion was made by Townsend and seconded by Boltz to adopt the board Press policies as presented. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Bender - aye, Boltz - aye, Corzine - aye, Rutan - aye, Just - aye, Townsend - aye, Burgener - aye. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Committee Items for Discussion**

Student and District Activities - NA  
Building and Grounds - NA  
Transportation - NA

### **Correspondence - NA**

### **Announcements/Reminder of Workshops/Meetings/Etc.**

February 13th meeting with ENGIE representative  
March 4 Strategic Planning Meeting

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Townsend and seconded by Just to adjourn the meeting at 8:43pm. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Bender - aye, Boltz - aye, Corzine - aye, Rutan - aye, Just - aye, Townsend - aye, Burgener - aye. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:43pm.

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Josh Burgener, Board President

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Aaren Rutan, Board Secretary