

Central A&M Community Unit District #21
Board of Education Meeting
November 17, 2025
District Office Board Room - 406 E Colegrove - Assumption, IL

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Board President, Josh Burgener.

Members Present:

- Brock Boltz, Vice President
- Kay Jordan
- Aaren Rutan, Secretary
- Chris Just, Treasurer
- Collin Townsend
- Josh Burgener, President

Members Absent:

- Brian Bender

Also present:

- Sacha Young, Superintendent
- Larry Daly, High School Principal
- Brian Pekovitch, Gregory Principal
- Alexis Black, Middle School/Bond Principal
- Carol Dance, Kemmerer Village Principal

Guests:

- Cinda Villanueva, 5th Grade Teacher
- Melissa Dolan, 5th Grade Teacher
- Jamesly Jesse, CAMHS student and parents

2. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Burgener.

3. Public and Employee Comments or Questions

- A. Student Talk - NA
- B. Teacher Talk - 5th grade teaching team members, Cinda Villanueva and Melissa Dolans presented information about the 5th grade programming and the events the 5th graders at Gregory participate in throughout the school year. These events include: the Rube Goldberg project, Veterans Day Scavenger Hunt, the 5th Grade Campout and Camp Maranatha, Literary Team. Mrs. Villanueva and Ms. Dolan also shared their High School Mentors in the classroom as well as the importance of providing educational opportunities outside the classroom through field trips. They encouraged the Board to consider more opportunities for field trips.
- C. Citizens Agenda - NA
- D. Request for Use of Facilities - NA
- E. Items to be Added to the Current Agenda - NA

4. Administrative Reports

- A. Principals Report of Student Growth and Assessment
 - High School Principal Daly reported that the High School received a “commendable” designation in ELA and Math on the recent state report card. He also stated that he is currently working with the ROE on absenteeism.
 - Bond and Middle School Principal Black reported that the Middle School received a “targeted” designation. She explained the reasons behind the rating and how they are being addressed. The Middle School has seen a marked reduction in chronic absenteeism with a decrease from 21% last year to 0% this year. Bond does not participate in State testing and does not receive a rating from the State in ELA and Math.
 - Gregory Principal Pekovitch reported that Gregory received a “commendable” rating in ELA, Math, and Science. He stated that there is a strong MTSS support system in place.

- Kemmerer Village Dance reported that Math scores are low. This is attributed to the fact that fifteen of the twenty students at Kemmerer Village are years below grade level in their academics.
- B. Financial Report provide electronically by Business Manager, Kristy Keown.

5. Executive Session - NA

6. Adopt Agenda-Motion

Action - 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 - yes, Just - yes, Townsend - yes, Burgener - yes, Boltz - yes, Jordan - yes. Bender - absent. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Consent Agenda

Action - A motion was made by Boltz and seconded by Burgener to approve the consent agenda as presented with:

- Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting - October 20, 2025
- Approval of the Executive Session Minutes of the Regular Meeting - October 20, 2025
- Approval of the Payment Current Bills

The roll was called and members voted as follows: Just - yes, Townsend - yes, Burgener - yes, Boltz - yes, Jordan - yes, Rutan - yes. Bender - absent. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Items for Discussion and/or Action

Action A - A motion was made by Townsend and seconded by Just to approve the tentative Tax Levy as presented. Mrs. Young advised that the District is seeking a twelve percent tax levy in Christian County based on the projected increase in EVA in Christian County, eight percent in Shelby County and four percent in Macon County.

The roll was called and members voted as follows: Townsend - yes, Burgener - yes, Boltz - yes, Jordan - yes, Rutan - yes, Just - yes. Bender - absent. The motion passed unanimously.

Action B - Employment Needs of the District:

1. A motion was made by Boltz and seconded by Just to accept the resignation by Hillary Bothwell as HS Girls Basketball Assistant Coach effective immediately. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Boltz - yes, Jordan - yes, Rutan - yes, Just - yes, Townsend - yes, Burgener - yes. Bender - absent. The motion passed unanimously.
2. A motion was made by Boltz and seconded by Townsend to accept the resignation of Todd Rork as High School Boys Varsity Track Coach effective immediately. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Jordan - yes, Rutan - yes, Just - yes, Townsend - yes, Burgener - yes, Boltz - yes. Bender - absent. The motion passed unanimously.
3. A motion was made by Townsend and seconded by Jordan to accept the resignation of Brent Weakly as High School Football Head Coach as presented. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Rutan - yes, Just - no, Townsend - yes, Burgener - yes, Boltz - yes, Jordan - yes. Bender - absent. The motion passed 5/1.
4. A motion was made by Boltz and seconded by Rutan to approve the employment of Kyle Logan as MS Boys basketball coach effective immediately. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Just - yes, Townsend - yes, Burgener - yes, Boltz - yes, Jordan - yes, Rutan - yes. Bender - absent. The motion passed unanimously.
5. A motion was made by Just and seconded by Jordan to approve Valerie Golden as a paraprofessional for Bond Primary as presented. The roll was called and members voted as follows: Townsend - yes, Burgener - yes, Boltz - yes, Jordan - yes, Rutan - yes, Just - yes. Bender - absent. The motion passed unanimously.

6. A motion was made by Boltz and seconded by Townsend to approve paternity leave of 25-days for Paul Aten to begin on October 22, 2025 and end on November 25, 2025.

The roll was called and members voted as follows: Burgener - yes, Boltz - yes, Jordan - yes, Rutan - yes, Just - yes, Townsend - yes. Bender - absent. The motion passed unanimously.

7. A motion was made by Just and seconded by Boltz to approve maternity leave of eight weeks for April Smith beginning on or around February 12, 2025 as presented.

The roll was called and members voted as follows: Boltz - yes, Jordan - yes, Rutan - yes, Just - yes, Townsend - yes, Burgener - yes. Bender - absent. The motion passed unanimously.

8. A motion was made by Just and seconded by Jordan to approve an overnight trip for High School Scholastic Bowl to Granite City High School for a competition on January 24, 2026.

The roll was called and members voted as follows: Boltz - yes, Jordan - yes, Rutan - yes, Just - yes, Townsend - yes, Burgener - yes. Bender - absent. The motion passed unanimously.

9. A motion was made by Rutan and seconded by Just to approve the contract extension of one year with Cartwheel Services for \$12,000 as presented. This platform has proven successful in providing mental health services to students in the District.

The roll was called and members voted as follows: Jordan - yes, Rutan - yes, Just - yes, Townsend - yes, Burgener - yes, Boltz - yes. Bender - absent. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Press Policy Updates 120 (First Reading)

1:10 School District Legal Status

1:20 District Organization, Operations, and Cooperative Agreements

1:30 School District Philosophy

2:10 School District Governance

2:80 Board Member Oath and Conduct

2:120 Board Member Development
2:130 Board-Superintendent Relationship
2:150 Committees
2:240 Board Policy Development
2:270 Discrimination and Harassment on the Basis of Race, Color, and National Origin Prohibited
2:120-E2 Exhibit - Website Listing of Development and Training Completed by Board Members
2:220-E4 Exhibit - Open Meeting Minutes
2:220-E7 Exhibit - Access to Closed Meeting Minutes and Verbatim Recordings
3:30 Chain of Command
4:10 Fiscal and Business Management
4:30 Revenue and Investments
4:50 Payment Procedures
4:80 Accounting and Audits
4:90 Student Activity and Fiduciary Funds
4:140 Waiver of Student Fees
4:180 Pandemic Preparedness; Management; and Recovery
4:190 Targeted School Violence Prevention Program
5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment
5:90 Abused and Neglected Child Reporting
5:100 Staff Development Program
5:20-E Resolution to Prohibit Sexual Harassment
5:190 Teacher Qualifications
5:200 Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal
5:220 Substitute Teachers
5:270 Employment At-Will, Compensation, and Assignment
5:280 Duties and Qualifications
5:300 Schedules and Employment Year
6:20 School Year Calendar and Day
6:40 Curriculum Development

6:60 Curriculum Content
6:160 English Learners
6:260 Complaints About Curriculum, Instructional Materials, and Programs
6:280 Grading and Promotion
6:300 Graduation Requirements
6:310 High School Credit for Non-District Experiences; Course Substitutions; Re-Entering Students
6:320 High School Credit for Proficiency
7:10 Equal Educational Opportunities
7:150 Agency and Law Enforcement Requests
7:70 Attendance and Truancy
7:90 Release During School Hours
7:130 Student Rights and Responsibilities
7:140 Search and Seizure
7:180 Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment
7:190 Student Behavior
7:290 Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention
7:300 Extracurricular Athletics
7:310 Restrictions on Publications; Elementary Schools
7:315 Restrictions on Publications; High Schools
7:325 Student Fundraising Activities
7:340 Student Records
8:30 Visitors to and Conduct on School Property
8:80 Gifts to the District
8:110 Public Suggestions and Concerns

11. Committee Items for Discussion

- a. Student and District Activities - a request has been made to add middle school cheerleading.
- b. Building and Grounds - NA
- c. Transportation - NA

12. A motion was made by Rutan and seconded by Jordan to allow the use of facilities for Jamesly Jesse to use the football field concession stand for his CEO program project in food preparation.

The roll was called and members voted as follows: Rutan - yes, Just - yes, Townsend - yes, Burgener - yes, Boltz - yes, Jordan - yes. Bender - absent. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Correspondence - Letter from Kyle Thompson re: Charleston ROE

14. Announcements/Reminder of Workshops/Meetings/Etc.

- a. Triple I/Joint Annual Conference/JAC is this weekend. Mrs. Young will be out of the office for the conference Thursday and Friday and in Chicago until Sunday.
- b. December 15, 2025 - Truth in Taxation Hearing at 6:45pm at the District office.

9. Adjournment

Action - A motion was made by Boltz and seconded by Just to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm.

The roll was called and members voted as follows: Rutan - yes, Just - yes, Townsend - yes, Burgener - yes, Boltz - yes, Jordan - yes. Bender - absent. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Josh Burgener, Board President

Aaren Rutan, Board Secretary