

Central A&M Community Unit District #21

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Central A&M Community Unit District #21 in the counties of Shelby, Christian and Macon counties, Illinois was duly called and held on the 14th day of November, 2016 at the Central A&M Middle School, within the boundaries of the district.

Board President, Beth Sams, called the meeting to order and Secretary Tim Dowd called the roll. Members answering present were: Timothy Dowd, Scott Hilton, Josh Burgener, Craig Plain, Brock Boltz, Beth Sams and Chris Just.

Administrators present were: Dr. DeAnn Heck, Charles Brown, Ryan Scott, David Fitzgerald and Rick Hauffe.

Also present were Andrew Novaria ,Jeremy Travelstead, several winners of the Patriots Pen essay contest and members of the Middle School girls basketball team.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Parker Smith.

PUBLIC AND EMPLOYEE COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS

- A. Students of Excellence – Mr. Scott and Mr. Rob Smith introduced the winners of the Patriots Pen essay. This contest is sponsored by the Assumption VFW and is open to all 7th and 8th grade students. This year’s theme was “The America I Believe In”. Each winner was awarded a \$50 prize and the opportunity to move on to the next level of competition representing our local VFW.
- B. Requests for the Use of Facilities to be Added to the Agenda.
 - a. Men’s Open Gym – 7 -9 pm on Sundays and 8 -10 pm on Wednesdays from Nov. 6, 2016 to March 1, 2017. 15-20 attending.
 - b. Jr. Class Parents – MS Gym on Jan. 8, 2017 for a Dodgeball Tournament from 10 am to 5 pm.
- C. Items to be Added to the Agenda
 - a. Approve the Addition of the Shelby County CEO program to the High School Curriculum for SY 2017-18.

REPORTS FROM DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS

ELEMENTARY

Students of the month:

Bond

Charleigh Minott, Hunter Poppenhouse

Daizy Dille, Ryan Logan, Ellis Blades

Lanae Hanley, Lawson Lehman

Camdon Long, Sophia Amant

Gregory

Logan Garcia, Lyndi Woods, Mika Cowger

Weston Callan, Delainy Poppenhouse

Myleigh Sieben, Keegan Sanders,

Nathan McElroy, Toby Book

BOND CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: Bond Christmas music program will be Monday December 12th at 6:30 in the Middle school gym. Students in grades kindergarten through second grade will sing Christmas songs to get the holidays started.

SCOVILL ZOO: Scovill zoo will be bringing animals to Gregory on Tuesday November 29th from 8:15 to 11:15. This gives our students a chance to see animals they may never get to see up close.

SPELLING BEE: The classroom portion of the spelling bee will be on December 14th. The winners from the classroom bee will compete in the school wide bee on January 18th at 1:00. This gives our Gregory students a chance to experience speaking in front of an audience and expands their vocabulary.

PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCES: Parent / teacher conferences went well at Bond and Gregory. We had about 98% of our students' parents participate. Teachers held conferences on November 3rd and 4th as well as before and after school during the first week of November.

DRESS FOR COLD WEATHER: The weather has been mild so far this past month but cold is on the way. Parents please dress your child in appropriate clothing including coat, hat and gloves when they come to school. We will be sending them out for recess until the weather gets to cold.

CENTRAL A&M MIDDLE SCHOOL

MS Girls' Basketball – 7th – (2 – 13) overall; (1 – 6) Okaw Junior High Conference
"Our record does not show how much progress these girls have made throughout the season. We were unable to make more than (4) passes in a row without losing the ball to start the season and now we are able to run plays successfully. They are able to run a full court 1-2-2 press and 3 different half-court defensive sets. It has been amazing to see the two grade levels (6th/7th) work together through adversity to become one team as opposed to two. We have (4) games left in regular season and I believe we should win at least (2) of them. Regionals will be Saturday the 19th." – Coach Carissa Burge

8th – (7 – 8) overall; (6 – 0) Okaw Junior High Conference

"It has been a tough non-conference schedule." – Coach John Reed

"8th Grade NIGHT" – Thursday, November 10th vs. Okaw Valley

MS Boys' Basketball – 7th – (4 -1) overall; (N/A) Okaw Junior High Conference

5th Place in PANA Tourney

"Great team effort & I couldn't ask for better kids as a first year coach." – Coach Michael Rosenbaum

8th – (1 -1) overall; (1 -0) Okaw Junior High Conference

"We hope to work hard and continue to improve!" – Coach Sean Hayes

"Pack-the-Place" (11/22) @ HOME vs. Meridian

MS Girls' Volleyball – Parent/Athlete Meeting (11/21) @ 6:00PM – MS LIBRARY;

Practice/tryouts – 11/28

MS Musical – "Bugsy Malone Jr." Plan to attend & enjoy! (11/12 @ 7:00PM & 11/13 @ 2:00PM)

October "RAIDERS of the Month"

6th – Payton Creamer & Carsyn Bugg

7th – Kinzie Ater & Seth Bagley

8th – Alesia Smegal & Brandon Escobedo

Parent / Teacher Conferences - Thursday (11/3) evening 22/24 & Friday (11/4) day 15/24

– 37 total / 169 enrollment = 22%

Veteran's Day Assembly – Friday, November 11th @ 10:00AM w/ Veteran's Lunch @ 11:00AM

"Patriots' Pen" - All 7th & 8th grade Social Studies students wrote essays for the VFW Patriot's Pen Essay contest. The theme was "The America I Believe In". Judges chose (6) essays to be awarded \$50 and move on to the next level of competition representing our local VFW.

Winners were (in alphabetical order by last name):

Alexis Cutler (8)

Ella Forlines (8)

Christina Myers (8)

Jarrett Robertson(7)

Parker Smith (7)

Abby Vidmar (8)

-"There were many terrific submissions this year, one of the strongest ever. Good job to all students who participated." – Mr. Smith

Senior Citizens' Luncheon – (Student Council) Thursday, November 17th @ 10:45AM

Multi-District PLC – SCIENCE (11/1) & MATH (11/22) @ Lake Shelbyville Visitor's Center

Collaboration opportunity w/ area teachers to share resources & strategies

Similar: resources / clientele / standards / state assessment

Central A&M High School

During Homecoming Week, Central A&M High School faced the horrible reality of the death of two students after a motorcycle accident in Springfield. It didn't take long to realize that the High School was not alone in facing the tragedy – that the district, the communities and the area as a whole lost two young men as well. It was the most powerful week I have ever been a part of during my educational career. I couldn't be more proud of the students, staff and community members of Central A&M as they all pulled together to help each other. Everything that was implemented came via inspiration and with the students' well-being at heart. We cannot stress enough the importance to the healing process of the counselors, ministers, staff, the families of Nathan and Isaiah, the community members and the support from area schools. If we had to go through such a tragedy, I am glad I had these people with me every step of the way. I am very proud to be a principal in this school district.

Here are a few other notes from the High School:

- The enrollment of the high school currently stands at 244. Three students are also in the KV room for half the day. One other KV student has transitioned to full-time at the high school. One student is going half-time at HS and the other 1.2 at KV.
- Our interventions have produce encouraging results thus far for students who are failing classes. Students spend their study hall with either the AES teacher or the study hall teacher to get extra help with both homework and organizational skills. We currently have 19 students failing at least one class (down from 23 last week). Of those students, only four had one class in which the grade dropped. Overwhelmingly, the grades are improving as teachers work with students on organization and effort.
- Girls' Basketball began practice with 23 players and look forward to season opening Nov. 14. Boys' Basketball began practice with 31 players and open on Nov. 21.
- Marching Band returned to the competition field. On October 29, the Marching Raiders competed in the Oblong Competition. During the parade portion, our percussion was named second best in class.
- Aubrey Adrian qualified for the IHSA Sectional meet on October 29 in Effingham. The freshman represented the Raiders with a strong finished 54th overall.
- Volleyball and Football finished their seasons recently. Volleyball finished at the Macon Regional and finished 14-16 overall. The Football Raiders defeated Warrensburg-Latham in the final game of the season 54-41 to finish 4-5. CIC schools were very successful in the playoffs with an 8-0 mark through the first two rounds.
- Congratulations to the November Students of the Month. They are as follows:

Freshmen: Jacob Paradee and Brogan Tolly
Sophomores: Austin Sloan and Channing Collins
Juniors: Jameson Smith and Hannah Binnion
Seniors: Lucas Lower and Gabby Cole

KEMMERER VILLAGE

DCFS: 22 School: 18

We still have a few openings that will likely be filled in the next few weeks.

Volleyball season is underway at Kemmerer Village. The kids involved seem to be enjoying it.

Basketball skill recreation sessions have started. Basketball season is just around the corner.

Health fair held on November 2, 2016.

Second quarter attendance incentive is underway. Students who meet an 80% classroom attendance for the quarter will attend the incentive outing on December 16, 2016.

We are beginning to prepare for schedule changes in the second semester.

Students are making plans for home visits over the Thanksgiving break.

We would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday

FINANCIAL REPORT - Rick Hauffe

EXECUTIVE SESSION (CLOSED MEETING)

A motion was made by Craig Plain and seconded by Chris Just to enter into Executive Session for Discussion of Matters Relating to Employment, Compensation or Other Matters Appropriate for Closed Session as Mandated per 5 ILCS120/2-Motion. The roll was called and members answered as follows: Dowd, aye, Hilton, aye, Burgener, aye, Plain, aye, Boltz, aye, Sams, aye, Just, aye. Motion passed 7-0. Board entered closed session at 7:46 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Scott Hilton and seconded by Brock Boltz to return to Open Session at 8:27 p.m. The roll was called and members answered as follows: Dowd, aye, Hilton, aye, Burgener, aye, Plain, aye, Boltz, aye, Sams, aye, Just, aye. Motion passed 7-0.

ADOPT AGENDA-MOTION

A motion was made by Josh Burgener and seconded by Craig Plain to adopt the agenda with the following additions:

- a. Approve the Shelby County CEO program as presented.

The roll was called and members answered as follows: Dowd, aye, Hilton, aye, Burgener, aye, Plain, aye, Boltz, aye, Sams, aye, Just, aye. Motion passed 7-0.

CONSENT AGENDA-MOTION

- A. Approval of the Minutes of Budget Hearing – October 24, 2016
- B. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting – October 24, 2016
- C. Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Session of October 24, 2016
- D. Approval of the Payment of Current Bills

A motion was made by Scott Hilton and seconded by Brock Boltz to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The roll was called and members answered as follows: Dowd, aye, Hilton, aye, Burgener, aye, Plain, aye, Boltz, aye, Sams, aye, Just, aye. Motion passed 7-0.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

- A. Employment Needs of the District
 - a. Approval of MS Custodian

A motion was made by Scott Hilton and seconded by Chris Just to Approve Mike Garner as MS Custodian effective January 1, 2017 as presented. The roll was called and members answered as follows: Dowd, aye, Hilton, aye, Burgener, aye, Plain, aye, Boltz, aye, Sams, aye, Just, aye. Motion passed 7-0.

B. Approval of the Central A&M Risk Management Plan

A motion was made by Chris Just and seconded by Craig Plain to Approve the Central A&M Risk Management Plan as presented. The roll was called and members answered as follows: Dowd, aye, Hilton, aye, Burgener, aye, Plain, aye, Boltz, aye, Sams, aye, Just, aye. Motion passed 7-0.

C. Approval of the 2016 Tax Levy

A motion was made by Chris Just and seconded by Brock Boltz to Approve the 2016 Tax Levy as presented. The roll was called and members answered as follows: Dowd, aye, Hilton, aye, Burgener, aye, Plain, aye, Boltz, aye, Sams, aye, Just, aye. Motion passed 7-0.

D. Approval of the Health Insurance Plan for 2017

A motion was made by Chris Just and seconded by Craig Plain to Approve the Healthlink health insurance plan as presented, effective January 1, 2017. The roll was called and members answered as follows: Dowd, aye, Hilton, aye, Burgener, aye, Plain, aye, Boltz, aye, Sams, aye, Just, aye. Motion passed 7-0.

E. Approval to allow Financial Hardship Distributors and/or loans for 403B plans.

A motion was made by Chris Just and seconded by Scott Hilton to approve allowable Financial Hardship Distributions and/or loans for current 403B plans subject to plan availability and conditions as presented. The roll was called and members answered as follows: Dowd, aye, Hilton, aye, Burgener, aye, Plain, aye, Boltz, aye, Sams, aye, Just, aye. Motion passed 7-0.

F. Board of Education Press Policies (First Reading)

Press Policies for the following areas: Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) 4:110, 4:170, 5:190, 5:280, 6:15, 6:140, 6:145, 6:160, 6:170, 7:15, 7:30, 7:50; Expenses 2:125, 4:55, 5:60; Open Meetings Act (OMA) 2:200, 2:220; Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2:250, 6:340; Residency 7:60; Employment and Licensure Disqualifications 4:60, 4:175, 5:30, 5:260 as presented.

G. Committee Items for Discussion

- a. Student and District Activities
 - i. Building Representative Meeting Update
 - ii. District/Superintendent Goals

Building and Grounds

Transportation

H. Consideration of Requests for the Use of Facilities

- a. Mt. Pleasant Church of God, New Year's Eve Party for Community, approximately 100 people at CAMMS, December 31, 2016, 5:00 pm – January 1, 2017, 1:00 a.m.
- b. Men's Open Gym – HS Gym -7-9 p.m. on Sundays and 8-10 p.m. on Wednesdays, November 6, 2016 – March 1, 2017.
- c. Jr. Class Parents – MS Gym- Dodgeball Tournament, January 8, 2017 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A motion was made by Josh Burgener and seconded by Chris Just to Approve the Use of Facilities as presented. The roll was called and members answered as follows: Dowd, aye, Hilton, aye, Burgener, aye, Plain, aye, Boltz, aye, Sams, aye, Just, aye. Motion passed 7-0.

I. Additions to the Agenda

- a. Approve the Addition of the Shelby County CEO Program to the CAM HS Curriculum for SY 2017-18.

A motion was made by Brock Boltz and seconded by Chris Just to Approve the Addition of the Shelby County CEO program to the CAM HS Curriculum as presented. The roll was called and members answered as follows: Dowd, aye, Hilton, aye, Burgener, aye, Plain, aye, Boltz, aye, Sams, aye, Just, aye. Motion passed 7-0.

J. Correspondence

K. Announcement/Reminder of Workshops/Meetings/Etc.

- a. Triple I Convention – Chicago – November 17-20, 2016
- b. December 6 – 7:00 p.m. HS – Christine Feller will discuss social media, sexting, etc.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Josh Burgener and seconded by Craig Plain to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m. The roll was called and members answered as follows: Dowd, aye, Hilton, aye, Burgener, aye, Plain, aye, Boltz, aye, Sams, aye, Just, aye. Motion passed 7-0.

Beth Sams, Board President

Tim Dowd, Board Secretary