Central Community Unit School District 301
Board of Education Minutes DRAFT

Where: Central CUSD #301 District Office
Date: August 17, 2026 Time:6:02 PM

<u>Board Members Present</u>

Andrew Dogan	N
Jeff Gorman	Y
Chad Herst	Y
Scott Mrkvicka	Y
Morgan Pappas	Y
Danielle Ward	Y
Ryan Wasson	Y

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1. BOE Meeting

1.A Meeting Call to Order - President Wasson called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM

1.B Roll Call - Roll call was taken

1.C Pledge of Allegiance - The Pledge of Allegiance was said by D301 Students

1.D Approval of the Agenda - The Agenda was Approved as presented

Motion by Pappas, second by Mrkvicka, to approve the agenda as presented.
Voting yes: Gorman, Herst, Mrkvicka, Pappas, Ward, Wasson
Voting no: None
Absent: Dogan

2. Student Recognition- The Board celebrated the success of the summer internship program, run by Terry Stroh, Todd Stirn and Nancy Coleman. This year there were 307 internships more than double that of the two previous years. Students earned collectively over $330,000 and gained experience in diverse fields.

Aviation and Drones: Students participated in professional unmanned aircraft systems internships, with some becoming certified drone pilots.

Engineering and AI: Interns worked with Matrix Design on automation and used AI models for real-world marketing schemes with the American Legion.

Medical field: A student completed a pharmacy tech internship at Advocate Sherman, earning a professional license and invitation to a clinical conference.

3. Public Open Forum

3.A Recognition of Visitors – President Wasson greeted everyone in attendance

3.B Public Comments - None

4. Superintendent Report - Dr. MacCrindle highlighted the start of the 2026-2027 school year focusing on school reopening celebrations and upcoming community engagements including involving students to allow their voices to be heard.

The Superintendent celebrated the return of students across the district, noting that the school year kicked off with a meeting of 650 + staff members in the PKMS Gym. The theme for this year is "Forward Together" and the district welcomed nearly 40 new staff members.

Dr. MacCrindle also highlighted the fun back to school events from the Kindergarten clap-in to the Senior Sunrise not to mention the shout out to local law enforcement officers at our schools who help welcome the kiddos back. Dr. MacCrindle also took the time to thank the Foundation for organizing the Back to The Hill event.

Community engagement was also touched on by the Superintendent sharing her proposed ideas for "Let's Connect" hosting new community engagement events in late September or early October.

5. Action Reports

A. Consent Agenda -

1. Minutes Regular Meeting March 16, 2026
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Payment of Bills
4. Payment of Bills - Northern Kane County Regional Vocational System
5. Personnel Report

Motion by Pappas, second by Mrkvicka to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Voting yes: Herst, Mrkvicka, Pappas, Ward, Gorman, Wasson.
Voting no: None
Absent: Dogan

B. Approval of Overnight Spring Break 2027 Trip for the CHS Softball

Motion by Ward, second by Pappas, to approve Overnight Spring Break 2027 Trip for the CHS Softball

Voting yes: Herst, Mrkvicka, Pappas, Ward, Gorman, Wasson.
Voting no: None
Absent: Dogan

C. Approval of Prom Venue 2028/Contract 810 Entertainment

Motion by Pappas, second by Ward, to approve Prom Venue 2028/Contract 810 Entertainment

Voting yes: Mrkvicka, Pappas, Ward, Gorman, Herst, Wasson
Voting no:
Absent: Dogan

D. Approval of Final Northern Kane Budget

Motion by Pappas, second by Mrkvicka, to approve Final Northern Kane Budget

Voting yes: Pappas, Ward, Gorman, Herst, Mrkvicka, Wasson
Voting no: None
Absent: Dogan

E. Approval of Central 301 Tentative Budget

Motion by Pappas, second by Ward, to approve Central 301 Tentative Budget

Voting yes: Ward, Gorman, Herst, Mrkvicka, Pappas, Wasson
Voting no:
Absent: Dogan

F. Approval of Veterinarian Affiliation Agreements

Motion by Pappas, second by Ward , to approve Veterinarian Affiliation Agreements for :
Bethany Animal Hospital
Anderson Humane Wildlife Hospital
Randell Road Animal Hospital

Voting yes: Gorman, Herst, Mrkvicka, Pappas, Ward, Wasson
Voting no: None
Absent: Dogan

G. Approval of Board Policy 7:40 - Nonpublic School Students

Motion by Pappas, second by Mrkvicka, to approve Board Policy 7:40 - Nonpublic School Students

Voting yes: Gorman, Herst, Mrkvicka, Pappas, Ward, Wasson
Voting no: None
Absent: Dogan

6. Facility Study Update-

A. Wold Architects Presentation: Matt Verdun of Wold Architects gave a facility Condition Assessment stating that they were nearing completion (98%) of a comprehensive Facility Condition Assessment and Health Life Safety (HLS) survey. This study focuses on maintaining current facilities, infrastructure needs are as follows site improvements like paving drainage, sidewalks and masonry. Mechanical & electrical system which represent the most significant costs. Many of the district buildings were built in the early 2000s and have equipment approaching a 20-25 year life expectancy. The board asked for an estimate of the costs to which Matt replied that long-term maintenance across the seven facilities will likely cost tens of millions of dollars over the decade.

B. STR Partners Presentation: Jennifer Costanzo of STR Partners provided an update on the Master Plan, which addresses how the district will handle projected enrollment growth. Jennifer shared that the increase of student enrollment will be roughly 670 students over the next ten years.

Elementary and Middle Schools were analyzed and based on team-based models and core educational spaces. High School, on the other hand, was reported as currently 85% utilization based on “teaching stations”. While the state considers 80% "efficient" the high school is not yet considered technically “overcrowded” by these standards.

Board members discussed that the utilization percentage at the High School does not fully reflect conditions in shared and operational spaces, including the cafeteria, hallways, parking areas, student gathering spaces, and other areas affected by enrollment and building use. STR agreed that the numbers used in the presentation are simply dividing the number of students by the number of classrooms. The Board emphasized the need for future planning discussions to incorporate both quantitative capacity measures and the day-to-day functionality of the entire school facility when assessing potential solutions.

Two upcoming meetings were announced.

August 26, 2026: A public facilities committee meeting to review detailed cost charts and maintenance priorities.

September 2, 2026: A virtual Q & A session with the district's demographer, Dr. Kasarda, to discuss growth projections.

7. Information Items

   A. FOIA Reports in the Board Packet
   B. Committees: Board Members chose the committees they wanted to serve on
      CCC - Ryan and Danielle
      DLT - Ryan and Jeff
      CAT- Morgan and Andy
      Insurance Committee - Morgan and Ryan
      Board Policy Committee - Andy and Scott
      EPC - Scott and Danielle
      Facilities - Chad and Scott

8. Agenda Items for September 2026 BOE

   NONE

9. Adjourn to Closed Session

Motion by Herst, second by Mrkvicka, to approve Moving into Closed Session at 7:53 PM

10. Moving back to Open Session

Motion by Pappas, second by , to approve Move back to Open Session
Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote 8:50 PM

11. Adjourn

Motion by Pappas, second by Ward, to approve Moving to Adjourn

Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote **8:52 PM**

Next Meeting September 21, 2026

Ryan Wasson, Board President

Scott Mrkvicka, Board Secretary