

October 13, 2025

The Crete Board of Education met on Monday, October 13, 2025, at 6:00 PM at the Cardinal Welcome Center for their Regular Meeting. Board members present were Justin Kuntz, President; Greg Hollman, Vice President; Vince Krejci, Secretary; Greg Mach, Scott Piening, and Michaela Conway. Also in attendance were Josh McDowell, Superintendent; Ryan Hinz Chief Financial Officer; Brittany Hajek, Chief Academic Officer; Jenny Beck, Chief Operating Officer; Katie Bevins, Director of Student Services; Joel Bramhall, Director of Federal Programs; Ross Louch, Director of Information Technology; Sarah Sell, Early Childhood Leadership; Shannon Cole, Intermediate Principal; Brent Cain, Intermediate Assistant Principal; Perla Jaimes, Middle School Principal; Cory Bohling, High School Principal; Marcy Harrifeld, High School Assistant Principal; Jennifer Banos, Executive Assistant; and interested members of the community.

The meeting, having been duly preceded by advance notice and conducted in accordance with the posted open meetings law, was called to order by President Kuntz at 6:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.

The Mission Statement was read by Dr. McDowell.

There was no public comment at this meeting.

Dr. McDowell updated the board about Policy 3132 which has been redlined to comply with Federal Law. Claims of interest were highlighted by Dr. McDowell. There was clarifying discussion about the consent agenda.

Motion #71-25 Mr Greg Hollman moved to approve the Approve the consent agenda as published. Out of an abundance of caution and to avoid any actual or perceived conflict of interest, Krejci abstains from voting to approve the ACH payment to Pinnacle Bank in the amount of \$196,031.23. Voting to approve the remainder of the consent agenda. Seconded Mr Scott Piening. On roll call: Motion Carried. Michaela Conway: Yea, Mr Greg Hollman: Yea, Mr Vince Krejci: Yea, Justin Kuntz: Yea, Greg Mach: Yea, Mr Scott Piening: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0.

Mrs. Katie Bevins, Director of Student Services, provided an update of services provided in the district to support the student as whole. The district accounts for 301 serviced students as of October 1.

Dr. Hajek's Chief Academic Officer's Department Update:

K-12 PE/Health Curriculum Process

Five year process (2024-2031)

Adoption of Standards are not required for this area of curriculum, however CPS strives for transparency

CPS will align to NDE 2016 & SHAPE 2024 standards

will continue to evaluate resources, modify schedules as needed,

Chief Operating Officer Department Update:

Safety Updates:

Required Drills: Fire Drills, Lock Down Drills, Tornado Drills, Bus Evacuation Drills, Building, Reunification

Groups/Reviews: District Safety Team, Threat Assessment Team, Crisis Response Team, ALICAP review, District Safety Audit

Transportation Safety: Pre/Post Trip Inspection, 80-day inspection, Stop Arm Violation Monitoring, Bus Evacuation Drills 2 per year

Chief Financial Officer Department Update:

Expenditure Summary for September 2025

Finance Dashboard for September 2025

Fund Balance v Cash Balance explanation

Cost Savings explanation

Revenue & Expenditure Cycle explanation

Upcoming Revenue/Reimbursements

2024-2025 Audit was completed September 16-18

RFP will be sent out for new auditor as KSO will no longer be serving school districts

Health Benefit rates will rise, no changes foreseen in retirement rates

Motion #72-25 Mr Greg Hollman moved to approve the the dark fiber quote from Segra as proposed. Seconded Mr Vince Krejci. On roll call: Motion Carried. Michaela Conway: Yea, Mr Greg Hollman: Yea, Mr Vince Krejci: Yea, Justin Kuntz: Yea, Greg Mach: Yea, Mr Scott Piening: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0.

Motion #73-25 Mr Greg Hollman moved to approve the updated contract for snow removal with Homestead Lawn and Snow. Seconded Mr Vince Krejci. On roll call: Motion Carried. Michaela Conway: Yea, Mr Greg Hollman: Nay, Mr Vince Krejci: Yea, Justin Kuntz: Yea, Greg Mach: Yea, Mr Scott Piening: Yea. Yea: 5, Nay: 1.

Motion #74-25 Mr Greg Hollman moved to approve the proposal from CDWG for new switches as presented. Seconded Mr Vince Krejci. On roll call: Motion Carried. Michaela Conway: Yea, Mr Greg Hollman: Yea, Mr Vince Krejci: Yea, Justin Kuntz: Yea, Greg Mach: Yea, Mr Scott Piening: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0.

Superintendent Report:

Construction Update

Professional Development day today; all staff had the opportunity to view a the "SCREENAGERS" screening; some parents and community members attended the screening; this has raised awareness

Dual Credit 344 courses 3.27 GPA 967 credits provided

Shoutout - Natural Legacy Award - Joel Bramhall

Friday is the end of the first quarter

The next BOE meeting will be on Wednesday Nov 5

Motion #75-25 Mr Greg Hollman moved to approve the adjournment of the regular board meeting at 6:56 PM. Seconded Mr Vince Krejci. On roll call: Motion Carried. Michaela Conway: Yea, Mr Greg Hollman: Yea, Mr Vince Krejci: Yea, Justin Kuntz: Yea, Greg Mach: Yea, Mr Scott Piening: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0

Attest: _____
(Secretary)

Signed: _____
(President)