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The Crete Board of Education met on -Date- 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; Meagan Kershner, Chief Financial Officer; Brittany Hajek, Chief Academic Officer; Jenny Beck, Chief of Staff; Katie Bevins, Director of Student Services; Joel Bramhall, Director of Federal Programs; Jodi Erickson Director of Nutrition Services; Melissa Frans, Director of Instructional Programs; Ryan Hinz, Director of Adult & Family Education; Justin Nickel, Director of Maintenance; Josh Littrell, Director of Transportation; Ross Louch, Director of Information Technology; Sarah Sell, Interim Elementary Principal; Janet Carriker, Interim Elementary Assistant Principal; Shannon Cole, Intermediate Principal; Brent Cain, Intermediate Assistant Principal; Perla Jaimes, Middle School Principal; Randy Newmyer, Middle School Assistant Principal; BT Kracl, Community Schools Coordinator; Cory Bohling, High School Principal; Marcy Harrifeld, High School Assistant Principal; Matt Martin, Director of Activities; Stan Croft President of CEA; 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 in the room.

The Mission Statement was read by Dr. McDowell.

There was no public comment at this meeting.

Dr. McDowell highlighted claims of interest. Motion #42-26 Mr Greg Hollman moved to approve the Approve the consent agenda as published.. Seconded Mr Vince Krejci. On roll call: Motion Carried
Michaela Conway: Absent, Mr Greg Hollman: Yea, Mr Vince Krejci: Yea, Justin Kuntz: Yea, Greg Mach: Yea, Mr Scott Piening: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Chief Academic Officer Update:

Summer 2026 Highlights

Cardinal Summer Scholar June 1-26, 2026, 8:30-12:30

Current numbers for enrollment: 341; 207 requested transportation at community pick up points, not door to door

Free Community Meals @ Elementary & Intermediate schools

Summer Professional Development

May 19th kicks off summer PD ends first week of August 2026

Curriculum Writing for 7 departments and training for 3 departments

Chief of Staff Update:

Cardinal Recruitment Report

All certified positions for the 26-27 school year have been filled

There are five unfilled classified positions to be filled for the 26-27 school year

Chief Financial Officer Update:
Revenue and Expenditure updates for all funds
Maximizing State Aid Allowances
Areas of Savings: Overtime, Utilities, Verizon, Postage/ACH Implementation

The Board asked clarifying questions.

Superintendent Report:
Graduation
Retirement Open House
Last Day of School
Staff Celebration

The Cardinal track is nearing the 10 year mark, the proposal that is attached will fill 79 feet of cracks and resealing of the track. This extends the life of the track without getting into major overhaul costs for another 7-9 years. Motion #43-26 Mr Greg Hollman moved to approve the Approve the track maintenance bid as set forth in the attached material.. Seconded Mr Vince Krejci. On roll call: Motion Carried

Michaela Conway: Absent, Mr Greg Hollman: Yea, Mr Vince Krejci: Yea, Justin Kuntz: Yea, Greg Mach: Yea, Mr Scott Piening: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Mr. Sell and SkillsUSA presented the out-of-state request to Nationals in Atlantla, GA. The team had two national qualifiers.

Dr. Frans presented Crete's first National qualifier for History Day. Qualifer Audrey R. Motion #44-26

Mr Greg Hollman moved to approve the Approve the SkillsUSA out-of-state request as presented and set forth in attached materials. Seconded Mr Vince Krejci. On roll call: Motion Carried

Michaela Conway: Absent, Mr Greg Hollman: Yea, Mr Vince Krejci: Yea, Justin Kuntz: Yea, Greg Mach: Yea, Mr Scott Piening: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Motion #45-26 Mr Greg Hollman moved to approve the Approve the History Day out-of-state request as presented.. Seconded Mr Vince Krejci. On roll call: Motion Carried

Michaela Conway: Absent, Mr Greg Hollman: Yea, Mr Vince Krejci: Yea, Justin Kuntz: Yea, Greg Mach: Yea, Mr Scott Piening: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

The next BOE meeting will be on Motion #47-26 Mr Greg Hollman moved to approve the Approve the History Day out-of-state request as presented.. Seconded Mr Vince Krejci. On roll call: Motion Carried

Michaela Conway: Absent, Mr Greg Hollman: Yea, Mr Vince Krejci: Yea, Justin Kuntz: Yea, Greg Mach: Yea, Mr Scott Piening: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Motion #46-26 Mr Greg Hollman moved to approve the adjournment of the regular board meeting at 6:34 PM. Seconded Mr Vince Krejci. On roll call: Motion Carried

Michaela Conway: Absent, Mr Greg Hollman: Yea, Mr Vince Krejci: Yea, Justin Kuntz: Yea, Greg Mach: Yea, Mr Scott Piening: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Attest: _____ Signed: _____
(Secretary) (President)