

**MEETING NOTES**

**1. Call to Order, Announce Location of Open Meetings Act**

TIME: 6:30 PM

<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michaela Conway	<input type="checkbox"/> Michaela Conway
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Greg Hollman	<input type="checkbox"/> Greg Hollman
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vince Krejci	<input type="checkbox"/> Vince Krejci
<input type="checkbox"/> Justin Kuntz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Justin Kuntz
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Greg Mach	<input type="checkbox"/> Greg Mach
<input type="checkbox"/> Scott Piening	<input type="checkbox"/> Scott Piening

**2. Public Forum**

There was no public comment at this meeting.

**3. Agenda Items**

**a. High Level Promotions - Zoom Call**

Crete Alum Mr. Colton Steer of High Level Promotions presented to the Board. HLP is a Capital Campaign Organization. A partnership with this organization will assist CPS & CPS Foundation with Project Rise. The Board will discuss and get back to the organization about a partnership.

**b. Finance Update**

Mr. Ryan Hinz provided the board with a financial update including: Cash Flow breakdown for December; January Projected Cash Flow; Activities Fund Recap for Sep-Dec 2025; Nutrition Services Fund Recap for Sep-Dec 2025; Revenue & Expenditure comparison charts; list of upcoming significant financial events; auditor bids from Forward CPA, LLC & CliftonLarsonAllen LLP (CLA).

Mr. Hinz and Dr. McDowell recommended Forward CPA, LLC for auditing services.

**c. Procurement and Internal Controls Policy Updates**

Mr. Hinz provided the Board with some required updates to purchasing and internal controls policies.

**d. Chief Academic Officer Updates**

**i. Winter Data Report**

Dr. Hajek presented a data report on winter assessments in the district.

**ii. 2026-2027 Calendar**

Dr. Hajek presented the Board with the 2026-2027 calendar proposal. Feedback was requested from staff two different times. Considerations also included NSAA schedules, PD scheduling, and snow days.

**iii. CARE Program Expansion**

Dr. Hajek provided an expansion proposal for the CARE program

**iv. 3.d.iv. Summer / Cardinal Camps Update**

Dr. Hajek provided an overview of summer programming. At this time the decision was made to only focus on Cardinal Scholar at this time, no Cardinal Camps will be offered. This decision was made in consideration of funding sources changing. The board discussed options.

**e. Chromebook Bid/Purchase**

Mr. Ross Louch presented the board with the annual Chromebook purchase bid and transition plan.

**f. Vehicle Bids/Purchase**

Mrs. Beck provided the board with a district vehicle fleet update. After recent law updates, some vehicles will be out of compliance in the upcoming school year, bids have been sought for replacements.

**g. Energy Policy/Guidelines**

Mrs. Beck provided a quick overview of the policies that will be in First Read for Monday’s regular meeting.

Dr. McDowell presented CPS Energy/Temperature Control Guidelines to be implemented within the district in an effort to reduce costs.

**h. 2026-2027 Negotiated Agreement**

Dr. McDowell provided the board with the Negotiated Agreement including the 4.04% total package increase accepted by the CEA.

**i. Recycling**

Dr. McDowell & Mr. Hinz proposed to review recycling costs in an effort to continue to reduce utility costs

**j. Welcome Center Update**

There is a red panel in the front of the building that needs to be fixed after it was damaged in the storm. Currently, the district’s insurance is working with the architects.

**4. Time/Date of Next Meeting**

The next BOE meeting will be on Monday, January 12, 2026, beginning at 6 PM at the Cardinal Welcome Center.

**5. Adjournment**

TIME: 8:30 PM

First	Second	Yay	Nay	Absent
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