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PUBLIC NOTICE
CCSD SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Friday, October 9, 2026

CHS Library @ 7:00PM

https://craigschools.zoom.us/j/9078263274?pwd=LTMdlD9oVbCpba36q82xgae4tbSCmn.1

Zoom URL

*Note: The regularly scheduled Board meeting on Wednesday, September 30, 2026 could not be conducted due to lack of quorum. The Special Meeting is being called to conduct the business listed on that agenda, which is listed below.

1. Call to Order
   The meeting was called to order @ 7:02 PM.

2. Flag Salute
   A salute to the flag was given.

3. Roll Call

Board Members	Employees	Others Present
Hans Hjort	Spenser Nelson	Trampus Conatser
Ben Page	Jackie Hanson	
Trish Conatser	Zack Cross	
Bonnie Morris: Absent	Christy House (via Zoom)	
Loni Lingley: Absent Excused	Erin Terwilliger	
	Shelby Beck	

4. District Mission & Vision Statements (recited by Board President, Hans Hjort)
   The District Mission & Vision Statement was read aloud by Hans Hjort.

5. Agenda Approval
   M/S Page/Conatser
   A motion was made to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Consent Agenda
   a. Approval of Minutes (from August 19, 2026)
   b. Approval of Financials (August 1-31, 2026)
   c. Approval of Correspondence
      - Building Management Specialist, Jeremy McCarthy (re: CCSD's Preventative Maintenance Site Visit)
      - School Finance Manager, Lori Weed (re: Approval of CCSD's FY27 School Operating Fund Budget)
      - School Finance Manager, Lori Weed (re: FY27 School District Energy Relief – Notice of Award)

   M/S Page/Conatser
   A motion was made to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Public Comments
   N/A

8. Reports & Information
   a. Board Member Reports

- Trish wants to give the board an update on activities. Went to ANC to watch XC, excited for Aulis and the rest of the Panthers to represent the school and win the Academic Award. VB had an opening game this week and had a great time wearing pink to support breast cancer awareness. Excited for CHS to host a wrestling match this year. Continued welcome to new staff, thanked Spenser for jumping into the role and doing a great job. Appreciates Zack and the maintenance team for all their hard work. Thanks Jackie for everything she's been doing. Hans seconds her comments, thanking staff and especially Jackie for hard work.

b. Principal Reports
   - CEMS Principal Report (submitted by Christy House)
     - Christy adds that we had a CEMS XC meet on Sept 26 with visitors from KTN and around the island. Thanks CEMS AD and staff for a successful event. Recognized orange shirt day on Sept 30 and thanked CTA for donation of shirts.
   - CHS & PACE Principal Report (submitted by Spenser Nelson)
     - Spenser adds that we have come to a conclusion on the ELA position, thanks community for their patience while the situation comes to a close. Reassures that the position will be structured as we look for a LTS. PACE is having a meeting next Tuesday and is continuing to get everyone on the same page. Echos thanks to CTA for Orange Shirt Day and XC parade.

c. Maintenance Director Report (submitted by Zack Cross)
   - Zack notes that the wood shop now has internet and Mr. Lindquist is excited for that. Reports that new drainage is holding up with the recent rainfall. Water is flowing as expected and protecting the foundation. Will continue to work on the appearance of the system, kids are now able to play in the pit again.

d. Business Manager Report (submitted by Melinda Bass)
   - Melinda is out sick. Hans appreciates the report and the work she has done to secure funding for the district.

e. Superintendent Report (submitted by Jackie Hanson)
   - Jackie congratulates Aulis Nelson as a two time cross country state champion, and the boys team for their academic achievements at state too. She heard positive feedback about our students and how they travel at the superintendent meeting, and heard that CCSD kids are polite and kind. Jackie thanks the CCSD staff for coming together and starting another school year off on the right foot. Jackie reminded the Board that CCSD is in the middle of state count and principals are keeping a spreadsheet for enrollment numbers. PACE count is under the projection by about 75 - this will impact foundation funding. Jackie notes that the PACE count was at its peak during the pandemic but it is dropping as kids move back into brick and mortar schools. Jackie initially projected CCSD's intensive claim for 10-students; however, CCSD will need to add 3 more students to the intensive claim this school year to ensure student needs are met accordingly.
   - Zack and Jackie continue to keep an eye on the CEMS Rehab project, waiting on manuals. There is a leak in the vestibule but there are differing opinions on how and where the leak originates. Continued monitoring of the situation will be needed. The contractor thinks the adjacent gym wall is causing the leak because it is rotted. CCSD does not understand how this is possible, instead thinks instead that the vestibule roof could be the root of the issue. Jackie commented that CCSD's new roof is under warranty for a year. During the November break, the plan is to pull some of the roofing and inspect the gym wall to see if the issue can be identified while school is not in session. The middle school doors and office sliding glass windows have been fixed. Jackie appreciates Zack for attending necessary project meetings and for his support in identifying and rectifying these issues. Zack adds that contractors admitted in email to building upon rotted material and are not responding well to being held accountable.

9. Old Business
   a. N/A

10. 1. New Business
    a. Personnel Report

       M/S Page/Conatser

       A motion was made to accept the resignation of Chrissy Kensinger.

       A motion was made to approve the amended Personnel Report.

       No Discussion.

       The motion passed unanimously.

    b. CHS Student Activities & Travel Funding

Discussion item only.

Discussion as follows: Hans states that two CCSD staff members had statements to be read regarding this agenda item from Jackie.

Statement one is from Grace Edenshaw. Grace suggested raising the activity fees to $250 and capped at $1000 could be an option, and to have a flat rate travel fee. Grace noted, keeping track of who has paid the fee and when is difficult. Grace mentioned she is aware that not everyone can afford these expenses but proposed an idea of an Angel Tree to sponsor student athletes. Grace noted many businesses and community members support our students.

Statement two is from Rachael Balcom. Rachael would like to thank Jackie for reading the statement in her absence. Rachael states that the music dept has two opportunities to travel, the first is the Region V honors music festival (this year in Haines). CHS to host next year. Historically CCSD has sent 1-5 students depending on interest. Students give positive feedback. The second is to travel to the Music Festival (this year in Sitka). Students have again reported positive musical experience and SEL opportunities. This festival gives students the opportunity to play and sing with larger ensembles. Historically these are paid in full for students and chaperones by CCSD. Drumline and Pep Band travel in the Spring with the Basketball Team for tournaments. CCSD will pay for travel when hosted in Ketchikan. If in a different location fundraising is done by the music department; however, CCSD chips in with transportation. Rachael is thankful for the community and businesses that have sponsored music and hopes the board will continue to support musical activities/events.

Ben notes that we will have to find a solution as prices are only increasing. Hans agrees that travel is expensive especially in SE AK. The CCSD budget is limited, and PACE count being down will impact that. Says that something will have to give. Hans notes that some districts have students pay all travel costs - may not be feasible for CCSD. Trish asks if teams are going to all available meets. Jackie is not entirely sure, would be a question for CHS AD. Says that a certain number of meets/games are required by Region V. In example, CCSD was on 8 conference games for BB in the past, then last year it changed to a 16 conference game schedule. If a team does not go to a conference game it counts against the team as a forfeit and can impact seeding. We try to attend all of the meets/games set by Region V but participation can be limited by weather and travel budget.

There is more control with this in the middle school, as they are not governed by Region V or AASA. MS gets a certain amount of funding and then they have to travel within that budget or fundraise extra. Hans asks if they fundraise for extra games/tournaments not in the conference. Jackie confirms this is correct. She sees the biggest impact with participation @ state tournaments because it can vary based on if athletes or teams qualify. CCSD currently does not have a separate budget for state travel. Additionally when track & field was added as a district sponsored sport, the activities budget was not adjusted.

Hans notes that the POW community is generous but doesn't want them to be exhausted by fundraising efforts for state. Hans doesn't see this as the only solution for student travel. Jackie says that historically the district pays 50% and family 50% when qualified for state, but notes that usually the family portion is paid by that team's fundraising efforts. Jackie notes that state tournaments are considered outside of the Region V commitments. Hans asks if historically certain sports make it to state vs regionals. Jackie said, unless impacted by weather, typically all teams travel to regionals as regionals are set by Region V. Regional placement or rankings is what determines state qualifiers. Jackie commented there is discussion of reviving Booster Club in an effort to possibly help with state travel.

Ben states CCSD could potentially get a Bank of America Alaska Air Credit Card to accrue points for travel. CC could pay for utilities and student travel as they are more steady expenses and points could be used for extra games. Jackie says this has been brought up before but there were concerns around card security and Bank of America's requirement of having a personal SSN tied to the card. In 2022 the discussion of P-Cards was raised related to this topic. Ben notes that this Alaska Air card would be used for more consistent expenses that would only be used by a select number of employees. Not saying we should move away from P-Cards for smaller expenses, but potentially use this Alaska Air card for larger expenses and tickets as points accrue faster for travel. Jackie voices concerns with how points would be dispersed fairly, Ben suggests designating the points ahead of time - potentially for state travel. Zack notes that Alaska Air also partners with certain hotels to accrue and spend miles. Hans adds that the City of Craig mostly uses miles for their staff travel. If this card is only used for utilities it lessens the risk for fraud and stolen information.

Jackie says flights are usually only for CHS sports, CMS typically only travels via ferry or jet boat. Zack notes that things we're already spending money on could accrue points for us to travel and help the budget. Discussion related to points costs per flight.

Trish is concerned about students not being able to travel due to financial concerns. Likes the angel tree idea but agrees with Hans about not exhausting the community. Suggests a step process for activity fees so the $1000 doesn't have to be paid up front. Currently $125 per sport with a $500 family cap. No cap on travel fees.

Jackie says that activity fees and travel fees are separate budget line items. Travel fees get added on to the original travel budget for the year. Last year CHS exceeded the budget for student travel even with the travel fees. Music fees are in a separate account only for music. Trish noted that increasing travel fees could be accompanied by an increase in the allocation for student travel. Jackie agreed that the concept makes sense in theory but explained that raising the activities fee would not generate sufficient revenue to support the additional travel allocation.

Hans asks, when there is an extra meet/game, if the team fundraises for coach/chaperone travel or if that is from the general budget. Jackie says that the district still pays their wages, coach contract, and per diem as well as hiring a substitute, if the game is during the school week. Fundraising can cover staff travel but not wages.

Trish asks if a committee should be formed for this issue to bring it up at a future board meeting. Jackie says that decision is up to the board. The issue seems to be isolated to the high school at the moment. Jackie suggested that if the Board establishes a committee, it should include the CHS Athletic Director, CHS Principal, at least one Board member, coach representatives, parents/guardians, and high school students. Jackie also noted, this is truly a budget issue and suggested it falls under discussion of the budget committee. The desire to fund student activities is there, but CCSD needs to remain budget conscious.

c. CCSD 2026 State Assessment Results

Discussion item only.

Discussion as follows: Trish notes that the issues Principal Nelson brought up will impact these results and how the kids will be performing. Hans agrees.

d. CCSD's FY27 Federal Programs Updates

Discussion item only.

Discussion as follows: Jackie notes this is more of an informational item regarding federal programs and entitlement grants. Happy to answer any questions, much of this will be included in the report card to the public as well.

e. Next Meeting Date

A motion was made to approve 10/16/26 as the special board meeting date, and 10/28/26 as the next regular board meeting date.

Hans notes that the board member election won't be certified until 10/15/26. Asking if 10/16/26 works, Trish notes the wrestling meet and asks if it can be moved earlier than 7pm. The board wants to move it to 5pm. No issues with the 10/28/26 date for the regular board meeting, but Trish will try to join via Zoom.

The motion passed unanimously.

f. Executive Session for CCSD Superintendent Contract

Not able to complete the executive session due to lack of quorum. The board elects to move this to the 10/28/26 meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

g. Adjournment @ 8:04 PM