Central Community Unit School District 301
Board of Education Minutes

Where: Central CUSD #301 District Office
Date: October 19, 2026 Time:6:00 PM

Board Members Present

Andrew Dogan	Y
Jeff Gorman	N
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 and Roll Call was Taken- President Wasson called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

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

1.C Approval of the Agenda - The Agenda was Approved as Presented

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

2. Student Recognition- Prairie View Grade School 5th grade choir students gave a presentation on their choir group organized by Ms. Genz. Principal Marilyn Mattei explained that the 40-student choir was organized during Friday lunch recess sessions to provide students an enriched vocal opportunity prior to entering secondary school.

3. Public Open Forum

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

3.B Public Comments - None

4. Superintendent Report - Superintendent Dr. MacCrindle provided updates revolving around our facilities Master Plan. Upcoming “Let’s Connect” public forums dates are as follows. Wednesday Oct 21, 2026 will be virtual from 6-7 pm, Monday Oct 26, 2026 at Central District office from 12-1:30 pm and Wednesday Oct 28, 2026 at Central Middle School from 6-7 PM.

Following an Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) training session, the board drafted 5 core strategic areas: Student Achievement , District Finances, Programs & Services, Community/District relations, and Facilities. These goals will be finalized for formal adoption in November.

Operational & Fiscal Stewardship: The district is partnering with energy specialists to evaluate utility and facility operational efficiencies, aimed at reducing energy waste and maintaining strict fiscal responsibility.

5. Presentations - Regional Superintendent John Jonak and Assistant Superintendent Katie Algram summarized services provided to Central 301’s 5000+ students and 700+ staff members. The services offered by the ROE include professional educator licensing, “background checks, fingerprinting,” health/life safety compliance inspections, administrator academies, and truancy intervention support. ROE officials also celebrated student achievements, recently the CHS photography contest winners. At the end of the presentation Superintendent Jonak presented the district with a donated vintage Central High School letterman's Jacket.

6. Jennifer Costanzo of STR Partners presented an update on the ongoing Facilities Master Plan development process.

Feedback from the recent public engagement session highlighted appreciation for transparency, desire for fiscal planning, and a need for proactive maintenance including managing facility capacity limits effectively.

Central 301 is currently the only school district in Kane County experiencing consistent student enrollment growth. Discussions focused on expanding housing development growth and class sizes. Facility Options will be drafted over the winter and feedback sessions will be held in late January and early February and Board consideration in the spring in 2027.

A. Consent Agenda -

1. Minutes Regular Meeting September 21, 2026
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Payment of Bills
4. Payment of Bills - Northern Kane County Regional Vocational System

5. Personnel Report

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

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

B. Approval of Press Policy Revision Second Reading

Motion by Pappas, second by Ward, to approve Second Reading of the Press Policy.

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

C. Approval of Future Overnight State Championships

Motion by Dogan, second by Ward, to approve Overnight State Championships

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

D. Approval of Illinois High School Theater Festival 2027

Motion by Pappas, second by Dogan, to approve Illinois High School Theater Festival 2027

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

E. Approval of Donation to CHS CTE and Graphics Program

Motion by Herst, second by Pappas, to approve Donation to CHS CTE and Graphics Programs.

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

7. Committee Updates

A. DLT Committee Update: Dr. Amy MacCrindle shared an update from the DLT meeting held earlier that day. An E-Learning Plan was proposed strictly for emergency facility disruptions (such as localized well or power utility failures) rather than automatically replacing traditional snow days. Teachers' feedback regarding screen time balance, the guidelines are being refined ahead of a formal public hearing and Board vote in November.

8. Information Items

A. FOIA Reports in the Board Packet

9. Agenda Items for November 2026 BOE
None to add at this time

10. Adjourn to Closed Session

Motion by Mrkvicka, second by Dogan, to approve Moving into Closed Session at 6:45 PM

11. Moving back to Open Session

Motion by Ward, second by Dogan, to approve Move back to Open Session
Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote 7:47 PM

12. Adjourn

Motion by Dogan, second by Mrkvicka, to approve Moving to Adjourn

Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote 7:49 PM

Next Meeting November 16, 2026

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Ryan Wasson, Board President

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Scott Mrkvicka, Board Secretary