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PUBLIC NOTICE CCSD SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, April 1, 2026

CHS Library @ 7:00PM

<https://craigschools.zoom.us/j/9078263274?pwd=LTMdID9oVbCpba36q82xgae4tbSCmn.1>

Zoom URL

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order.

2. Flag Salute

A salute to the flag was given.

3. Roll Call

Board Members

Hans Hjort
Ben Page
Trish Conatser
Loni Lingley
Bonnie Morris (via Zoom)
Peyton McCoy (student rep)

Employees

Jackie Hanson
Christy House
Marilyn Ensign
Melinda Bass (via Zoom)
Josh Andrews
Zach Cross
Stephen DeHart
Shelby Beck (via Zoom)
Kathy Freeman (via Zoom)

Others present

Kara McCoy
Trampus Conatser

4. District Mission & Vision Statements (recited by Board Member, Bonnie Morris)

The District Mission & Vision Statement was read aloud by Bonnie Morris.

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 February 25, 2026 & March 2, 2026)
- b. Approval of Financials (February 1 – February 28, 2026)
- c. Approval of Correspondence

- Jared De Lara, State School Finance Specialist II, Alaska Department of Education & Early Development (re: FY25 Impact Aid Disparity Test)
- Deena Bishop, State Education Commissioner, Alaska Department of Education & Early Development (re: FY27 Title VII – Impact Aid Adjustment)

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

Our students will be lifelong learners who will be resilient, compassionate, self-sufficient members of society. CCSD will provide an environment that empowers every student, every day to transfer their learning to life.

Trish commented on the legislative fly-in, noting that their concerns, along with those from across the state, were clearly heard. Legislators acknowledged that if a BSA increase is not possible, additional financial support for schools will be necessary. During meetings with 14 legislators, they discussed the district's budget challenges, including significant cuts and efforts to maintain a balanced budget. Legislators indicated that they are working towards improved funding. Regarding Bill 261, Andi Story amended the bill to avoid negative impacts on districts. Hans reported progress in classified staff negotiations, expressing satisfaction with recently filled positions and noting a positive outlook moving forward.

b. Principal Reports

- CEMS Principal Report (submitted by Christy House)
- CHS & PACE Principal Report (submitted by Josh Andrews)

Josh added that we have a music fest coming up next week. He also noted that Stephen is taking some Ornithology students to a birding fest in Homer and that the class has really taken off. He was happy to report that we have filled the PACE contact teacher position and will be based in Fairbanks, potentially expanding the program there. Trish added that it was nice to meet the PACE staff during their visit in Craig.

c. Maintenance Director Report (submitted by Zack Cross)

Zach shared that they are working to get things under control with the school's maintenance. Trish thanked him for the update and welcomed him to the team.

d. Business Manager Report (submitted by Melinda Bass)

Trish asked Melinda about offering a business manager support class through the ALASBO Business Manager Institute, and Melinda said she is willing to explore it again if possible.

e. Superintendent Report (submitted by Jackie Hanson)

Jackie commented on the legislature recognizing school board members for their service. She welcomed Zach as the new maintenance director and thanked him for jumping into the role. She thanked Trish for attending the legislative fly-in. Jackie discussed House Bill 261, explaining that originally Craig was one of 12 districts projected to lose funding based on student counts. The bill was amended to include a hold-harmless provision, resulting in a \$32,000 gain, which is better than potentially losing funding. She expressed concern about what will happen when the hold-harmless provision ends, emphasizing the need for predictability and sustainability in funding. She noted that progress is being made, but ongoing advocacy is important. She highlighted a unique event, Alaska Students through Art, where five of Craig's students submitted artwork that could be included in a live auction to support school funding. Jackie was pleased about hiring a PACE Contact Teacher and mentioned a Part-time Bus Driver has been secured for the rest of the year. Guided tours of the CMS Rehabilitation Project went well, and it was great to see that students are excited about their school in hopes to get students back in the building sometime in May. Trish added that several spring legislators emphasized the importance of getting voices heard and that every person who testifies plays an important role.

9. Old Business

a. CCSD Board Policy & Administrative Regulation Updates (re: Policy Committee Meeting 2/9/26)

M/S Page/Conatser

A motion was made to approve the CCSD Board Policy & Administrative Regulation Updates (re: Policy Committee Meeting 2/9/26)

No discussion.

The motion passed unanimously.

10. New Business

a. Personnel Report

M/S Page/Conatser

A motion was made to approve the Personnel Report.

Ben amended the report to include Christina Woodward as the new PACE contact teacher.

The motion, as amended, passed unanimously.

b. CCSD Board Policy & Administrative Regulation Updates (re: Policy Committee Meeting 3/9/26)

M/S Page/Conatser

A motion was made to approve the CCSD Board Policy & Administrative Regulation Updates (re: Policy Committee Meeting 3/9/26).

No discussion.

The motion passed unanimously.

c. FY27 CHS School Sponsored Trips – Student Travel Requests

M/S Page/Conatser

A motion was made to approve the FY27 CHS School Sponsored Trips – Student Travel Requests.

Discussion: Trish inquired if the Washington trip was going to include NY, and Shelby replied that it normally does.

The motion passed unanimously.

d. CCSD School Board Scholarships

M/S Page/Conatser

A motion was made to approve the CCSD School Board Scholarships.

Discussion: Trish expressed that while she wished more students could benefit from the scholarships, she is happy that they are able to offer the current amount to support students.

The motion passed unanimously.

e. CCSD Board of Education Resolution 26-01 – Investing District Funds

M/S Page/Conatser Roll call

A motion was made to approve the CCSD Board of Education Resolution 26-01 – Investing District Funds.

Discussion: Jackie updated the board on the maturity of the Time Deposit (TD) last year. The TD will mature on April 9, 2026. Jackie noted that the TD is currently earning a very low interest rate (.27%). She emphasized the potential for higher returns if the funds were invested in an investment pool. She mentioned that she attempted to work with the City of Craig on an ordinance, but after much delay since November 2025 and the need to move forward, she's recommending a board resolution instead. She also consulted with the Alaska Municipal League Investment Pool regarding investment rates (on 3/20/26 interest rates were 3.58%). Hans supported the idea of investing the funds to generate future income for the district. Trish thanked Jackie for her efforts and agreed that the funds should remain with the district.

The motion passed unanimously.

f. FY27 CCSD & SERRC POW Merge Contract for Related Services (2026-2027)

M/S Page/Conatser

A motion was made to approve the FY27 CCSD & SERRC POW Merge Contract for Related Services (2026-2027).

Discussion: Jackie mentioned that we are saving around \$36,000 with the contract since they split the costs with other school districts. Trish inquired about how SERRC is managing lodging and transportation on the island, and Jackie responded that they now make their own arrangements.

The motion passed unanimously.

g. FY27 PACE Calendar

M/S Page/Conatser

A motion was made to approve the FY27 PACE Calendar

No discussion.

The motion passed unanimously.

h. Next Meeting Date

M/S Page/Conatser

A motion was made to approve the next meeting date.

No discussion.

The motion passed unanimously.

i. Adjournment (7:01-7:48)