**Central Community Unit School District 301**
**Board of Education Minutes DRAFT**

Where: Central CUSD #301 District Office
Date: July 20, 2026 Time:6:03 PM

**Board Members Present**

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| Andrew Dogan | Y | |
| Jeff Gorman | Y | |
| Chad Herst | Y | |
| Scott Mrkvicka | Y | |
| Morgan Pappas | Y | |
| Danielle Ward | N | “Arrived at 6:15 PM” |
| Ryan Wasson | Y | |

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1. BOE Meeting

1.A Meeting Call to Order - President Wasson called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM

1.B Roll Call - Roll call was taken

1.C Pledge of Allegiance

1.D Approval of the Agenda - The Agenda was Approved as presented

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

2. Public Open Forum

2.A Recognition of Visitors – President Wasson greeted all in attendance and took some time to recognize Dr. MacCrindle, and welcomed her to the district noting she had made many appearances throughout the district.

2.B Public Comments - The first speaker questioned the necessity and appearance of the ongoing demographic and facility analyses being conducted. The speaker also requested that the Board reconsider how they handle public questions during these sessions.

A second speaker, a parent and resident, urged the Board to update its policy to allow homeschooled students to participate in high school sports. She highlighted that neighboring districts like Huntley, Hampshire and St. Charles already successfully utilized a model where these students take just one class to gain eligibility. She also argued that because homeschooled families are local taxpayers and community members, their children should have fair access to the "schools' resources" they help support.

3. Superintendent Report - Dr. MacCrindle highlighted the summer internship program our Central 301 students participated in this summer, she also presented an "entry plan" centered on listening and learning from staff, students and community members. through various feedback sessions. Her report identified early emerging themes such as community pride and a desire for a two-way communication and focus on student success across the entire learning continuum.

4. Action Reports

A. Consent Agenda -

1. Minutes Regular Meeting March 16, 2026
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Payment of Bills
4. Payment of Bills - Northern Kane County Regional Vocational System
5. Personnel Report
6. Annual Temporary Facility Resolution Approval

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

B. Approve Tentative Northern Kane Regional Vocational System's FY27 Budget

**Motion by Pappas, second by Dogan, to approve the Northern Kane Regional Vocational Systems FY27 Budget.**
**Daina Pflug gave a short presentation on the budget.**
**Voting yes: Herst, Mrkvicka, Pappas, Ward, Dogan, Gorman, Wasson.**
**Voting no: None**
**Absent:**

C. Approval of the Disposal of 3 Maintenance Vehicles

**Motion by Ward, second by Pappas, to approve the Disposal of 3 Maintenance Vehicles.**

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

D. Approval of the release of Executive Session Board Minutes

**Motion by Dogan, second by Pappas, to approve the release of Executive Board Minutes October 27, 2025, January 12, 2026, January 26, 2026 and January 27, 2026**
**Voting yes: Pappas, Ward, Dogan, Gorman, Herst, Wasson**
**Voting no: None**
**Absent:**

E. Approval of CHS Clubs

**Motion by Pappas, second by Mrkvicka, to approve CHS Clubs.**
**Voting yes: Ward, Dogan, Gorman, Herst, Mrkvicka, Pappas, Wasson**
**Voting no:**
**Absent:**

F. Approval of the NIA Executive Board Ballot

**Motion by Pappas, second by Mrkvicka, to approve NIA Executive Board Ballot.**
**Voting yes: Dogan, Gorman, Herst, Mrkvicka, Pappas, Ward, Wasson**
**Voting no: None**
**Absent:**

5. Homeschooled “Part-Time” Students IHSA Participation (Mike Sitter)

The board heard a presentation from Athletic Director Mike Sitter regarding the participation of homeschooled students in **IHSA sports** at Central High School. The current policy requires part-time students to attend at least half of the regular school day to participate in extracurriculars. Mr. Sitter proposed aligning with neighboring districts by allowing participation with a minimum of one academic credit - bearing class. The Board discussed his recommendation, it will now be reviewed by district administration and brought back to the August Board meeting.

6. Facilities and Demographic Review Update

Mr. Poloway shared the summary of the new demographic study by Dr. Kasarda which confirmed that enrollment growth is expected to continue, specifically identifying “Series B” as the most likely trajectory for planning. Board members acknowledged community frustration regarding school overcrowding and the use of mobile classrooms. The district is currently working on gathering “non-negotiables” for school buildings-such as gyms, libraries, and specialized STEM spaces-to guide future facility recommendations and potential referendums and will set up opportunities for the Board and community to engage in this process this fall.

7. MySchoolbooks Update

Families were notified of a fee increase for credit/debit card cafeteria payments to $3.75, effective July 31, 2026. The district noted that a “one-pay” option is available through checking accounts to help families save on these transaction fees.

8. Board Committee Discussion

The Board of Education discussed the status and assignments of various committees that include board participation.

**List of Committees**

The Board reviewed the current roster of committees which include:

Board Policy Committee
Parent Teacher Advisory Committee
District Leadership Team (DLT)
Community Advisory Team (CAT)
Curriculum Coordinating Council (CCC)
Facilities Committee

A primary point of discussion was the scheduling of committee meetings. Most currently meet at 4:00 PM, which the Board noted is difficult for members with regular full-time jobs. However, these times are chosen to accommodate teachers and district office staff who attend immediately following the school day. The Board discussed finding a balance, possibly through continued or expanded remote participation, which has already been used successfully for the Policy Committee.
Board members expressed a desire to improve community involvement, specifically regarding the Community Advisory Team (CAT). It was noted that attendance had dropped significantly after the first meeting. One suggestion was to hold these meetings remotely and later in the evening (7:00 or 8:00 PM) to make it easier for community members to participate.
The Board shared the current informal assignments to ensure all committees have at least one or two board representatives:
Board Policy: Andy Dogan and Scott Mrkvicka
Parent Teacher Advisory: Morgan Pappas
District Leadership Team: Ryan Wasson and Jeff Gorman

Community Advisory Team: Jeff Gorman and Morgan Pappas
CCC: Ryan Wasson
Facilities: Jeff Gorman

The administration will update the committee list, including descriptions of what each committee does and their expected commitment levels, and send it to all board members. The Board plans to finalize official assignments at the next meeting after members have had time to review their schedules and interests.

9. Information Items

   A. FOIA Reports in the Board Packet

10. Agenda Items for August

   A. Committees
   B. Athletic for Homeschooled Students Policy
   C. Architects

11. Adjourn to Closed Session

**Motion by Mrkvicka, second by Ward, to approve Moving into Closed Session at 7:23 PM**

12. Moving back to Open Session

**Motion by Pappas, second by Dogan, to approve Move back to Open Session Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote 7:59 PM**

13. Adjourn

**Motion by Pappas, second by Ward, to approve Moving to Adjourn**

**Approved by Unanimous Voice Vote 8:00 PM**

Next Meeting August 17, 2026

Ryan Wasson, Board President

Scott Mrkvicka, Board Secretary