

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

Where: Central CUSD #301 District Office
Date: April 21, 2025

Meeting: Regular
Time: 5:30 p.m.

Board Members Present

Junaid Afeef	Y
Marc Falk	Y (Entered at 5:51 p.m.)
Jeff Gorman	N
Dornetria Hemphill	Y
Morgan Pappas	Y
Jennifer Volpe	Y
Ryan Wasson	Y

Roll Call Roll was called at 5:46 p.m.

Present: Afeef, Pappas, Volpe, Wasson, Hemphill
Absent: Falk, Gorman

Adjourn to Closed session Motion by Afeef, second by Pappas, to adjourn to closed session at 5:47 p.m.

Voting yes: Afeef, Pappas, Volpe, Wasson, Hemphill
Voting no: None
Absent: Falk, Gorman

Adjourn to Open Session Motion by Afeef, second by Pappas, to adjourn to open session at 5:59 p.m. The motion passed by voice vote.

Roll Call Roll was called at 6:07 p.m.

Present: Afeef, Falk, Pappas, Volpe, Wasson, Hemphill
Absent: Gorman

Approve Agenda Motion by Falk, second by Pappas, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed by voice vote.

Consent Agenda Motion by Falk, second by Pappas, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Voting yes: Afeef, Falk, Pappas, Volpe, Wasson, Hemphill
Voting no: None
Absent: Gorman

Approve 2026-2027 School Calendar Motion by Afeef, second by Volpe, to approve the 2026-2027 school calendar.

Voting yes: Afeef, Falk, Volpe, Wasson, Hemphill
Voting no: Pappas
Absent: Gorman

Approve Architect Contracts Motion by Falk, second by Afeef, to discuss the architect contracts. After discussion, motion by Falk to approve the architects as presented. A second was not made. Motion by Afeef, second by Wasson, to approve STR and Wold as architects.

Voting yes: Afeef, Pappas, Volpe, Wasson, Hemphill
Voting no: Falk
Absent: Gorman

Adjourn Sine Die Motion by Afeef, second by Volpe, to adjourn sine die at 7:16 p.m. The motion passed by voice vote.

BOE Meeting

1. Meeting Call to Order - President Hemphill called the meeting to order and roll call was taken.
2. Closed Session
 - 2.A Adjourn to Closed Session - The Board adjourned to closed session to hear information regarding exceptions 2(c)(2) and 2(c)(11).
 - 2.B Adjourn to Open Session
3. Meeting Call to Order
 - 3.A Roll Call
 - 3.B Approval of Agenda - The agenda was approved as presented.
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Public Open Forum
 - 5.A Recognition of Visitors – President Hemphill welcomed visitors.
 - 5.B Recognition of Seal of Biliteracy Students - Principal Podgorski recognized students who earned the Seal of Biliteracy based on competency in both English and a second language.
 - 5.C Public Comments – Public comment was heard regarding engagement of the public, additional athletics and activities for students, appreciation of Board, welcoming the new Board members, and concerns about special education.
6. Action Reports
 - 6.A Consent Agenda – The Board approved the consent agenda items as presented.
 - 6.B 2026-2027 School Calendar – The Board discussed the desire by some to keep the later start date and the challenges that creates. The Board approved the calendar as presented.
 - 6.C Architect Contract(s) – The Board discussed Facility Director Polowy's recommendation of Larson and Darby Group and STR as architect firms for the District. The Board approved moving forward with STR and Wold.
7. Committee Reports
 - 7.A CCC – Member Wasson shared that the committee is working to expand some programs and make some improvements to other programs. He appreciated the brainstorming, discussion, and hard work that happens in the committee.

8. Old Business (Discussion)
 - 8.A Facilities Update – Facilities Director Polowy shared that they are working on getting the mobiles for CT and expect they will be completed on schedule and ready for the beginning of the upcoming school year. They will also be completing the HBT roof project over the summer.
 - 8.B Athletics and Activities Update – Athletics and Activities Director Juske shared that they are planning to get a new digital scoreboard for the CHS gym that would leverage ad space to cover the bulk of the cost. The old scoreboard would then be moved to CMS. The Board will be required to approve any vendors wanting to advertise on the scoreboard. The spring sports season is underway and has high participation. He reminded the Board that, while we would love to see additional athletic programs, space, coaching, and transportation are a significant challenge.
9. New Business (Discussion)
 - 9.A Agenda Items for Next Meeting – No additional agenda items were suggested.
 - 9.B Recognition of Outgoing Board Members – Interim Superintendent Schumacher thanked members Afeef, Falk, Hemphill, and Volpe for their service to the District and presented each with a clock.
10. Information Only
 - 10.A Enrollment Report – The enrollment report is in the Board packet.
 - 10.B FOIA Report – The FOIA report is included in the Board packet.
 - 10.C CHS Scoreboard – Information about the scoreboard is included in the Board packet and was discussed during the Athletics and Activities update.
11. Adjourn

Board President

Board Secretary