Central Community Unit School District 301
Board of Education Minutes DRAFT

Where:	Central CUSD #301 District Office	Meeting:	Regular
Date:	September 15, 2025	Time:	6:00 p.m

Regular

<u>Board Members Present</u>

Andrew Dogan	Y
Jeff Gorman	Y
Chad Herst	Y
Scott Mrkvicka	Y enters at 5:48 p.m.
Morgan Pappas	Y
Danielle Ward	Y remote sign in at 5:48 p.m Via Google meets .
Ryan Wasson	Y

BOE MEETING

1. <u>MEETING CALL TO ORDER</u> - President Wasson called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

1.A <u>Roll Call</u> - President Wasson took roll call at 5:47 p.m

Present: Dogan, Gorman, Herst, Pappas, Wasson
Absent: Mrkvicka
(Members Mrkvicka and Ward join the meeting Via Google Meets at 5:48 p.m.)

2.B <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>

3.C <u>Approval of the Agenda</u> - Motion made to approve the agenda as amended.

Motion by Pappas, second by Dogan, to approve the agenda as amended. The motion passes by unanimous voice vote.

2. <u>BUDGET HEARING</u> - Business Manager Daina Pflug shared the budget and presented the board with a binder copy of the Central 301 Budget.

2.A <u>Budget Changes</u>-Business Manager Daina Pflug went over minor changes that were made to the budget and explained that adjustments like these are routine.

2.B <u>Public Comment on the Budget</u>-A community member asked that the board be mindful of spending and making wise decisions with the funds. A second community member stated that he would like to see changes in the format of the budget page to show differences between the past year and the current year.

2.C <u>Close Hearing</u>-President Wasson closed the Budget hearing.

3. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

3.A Recognition of Visitors – President Wasson welcomed visitors and at home viewers.

3.B Public Comments - A community member shared feelings on the tragedies in the world today and the importance of protecting our students. A second community member suggested sharing regular reports on enrollment numbers to allow the community to see the actual growth in different grade levels and buildings. He also questioned the teacher-to-student ratio and teacher salaries. In addition, he stated he was waiting to review the CEA contract and proposed preparing goals for the incoming superintendent.

4. ACTION REPORTS

A. Consent Agenda – The Board approved the consent agenda items as amended

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1. Minutes
   Regular Meeting August 18, 2025
   Executive Session August 18, 2025
2. Treasurers Repot
3. Payment of Bills
4. Payment of Bills Northern Kane County Regional Vocational System..
5. Personnel Report
6. Affiliation Agreement Between Central District 301 and Atrium Health- CNA
7. Approval of Donation to CHS Student Council Activity Account

Motion by Pappas second by Mrkvicka, to approve the Consent Agenda.

Voting Yes: Mrkvicka, Pappas, Ward, Dogan, Gorman, Herst, Wasson
Voting No: None
Absent: None

B. Approve Central CUSD 301 Final FY26 Budget
Motion by Pappas second by Dogan, to approve the FY26 Budget.

Voting Yes: Pappas, Ward, Dogan, Gorman, Herst, Wasson, Mrkvicka
Voting No: None
Absent: None

C. FFA Chapter Overnight Convention Trip
Motion by Herst second by Pappas, to approve the FFA Chapter overnight trip.

Voting Yes: Ward, Dogan, Gorman, Herst, Wasson, Mrkvicka, Pappas
Voting No : None
Absent: None

D. Overnight trip for Cross Country

Motion by Pappas second by Dogan, to approve the overnight trip for Cross Country.

Voting Yes: Dogan, Gorman, Herst, Mrkvicka, Pappas, Ward, Wasson
Voting No: None
Absent: None

E. Approve Authorization to Conduct Auction for Electricity Service and Execute Agreement

Motion by Dogan, second by Pappas, to approve the authorization to conduct auction for electricity service and execute agreement within approved parameters

Voting Yes: Gorman, Herst, Mrkvicka, Pappas, Dogan, Ward, Wasson
Voting No: None
Absent: None

F. Middle School Text Book Presentation- Stephen Buchs gave a presentation on the Math and Science books for grades 6, 7 and 8th. These books will be on display at the district office for 30 days at which time they will become an item to approve on the October agenda.

5. PRESENTATION

5.A Facilities Update-Dan Polowy, Director of Building and Grounds, gave an update on the mobile units at Central Trails (CT). The units were approved for occupancy and although there were a few outside things that needed to be finished, the students were in the units. The track project is still moving forward. Erickson, the architectural firm, is preparing the drawings to bring to the board in October. The Prairie Knolls lockers are on hold for now, as we have enough for our students right now.

The architects will be at the facility meeting to speak with the committee and will be at the October board meeting to present to the board.

5.B Communications Update-Matt Rodewald, Communications Director, gave updates on social media including that Central 301 has had the most growth we have seen in years. In the past, the months July-August showed no growth. This year we have had 110 new subscribers in that time frame. Central 301 is taking a streamline approach to communication by using one voice on many channels. Looking ahead in the 25-26 school years, you will be able to find many new and interesting topics, such as a 301 Budget Blueprint, the Superintendent rollout, Digital Bulletin Board Sustaining Social media growth and Board Memo.

6. OLD BUSINESS (DISCUSSION)

6. A Policy Committee Update-Member Dogan shared that the Policy Committee met with IASB to get the Policy Manual set up online where it is easily managed and to update as needed. The Committee spent several hours going over the current policy and making updates where needed. Next time the committee meets there will be an edit session that will last between 3-3.5 hours. Once the manual is complete it will go before the board for adoption.

6. B DLT Update-Member Gorman updated the board on the DLT meeting. He shared that the cell phone policy at the high school was being well received by parents, staff and students. The students at Country Trails (CT) moved into the mobile units on September 4th.Teachers and Nurses appreciated the slow start to the year, stating they were happy to have time to get the classrooms set up and the paperwork caught up. There was also discussion on the upcoming survey and in person meetings for the superintendent search.

6.C CAT Update- Member Gorman shared that the items discussed at the CAT meeting were very similar to the ones discussed at the DLT meeting. Dr. Schumacher asked if there was an interest in having the CAT meetings held virtually to accommodate working families. One community member stated that they would like to see other options and or times for supply drop off, possibly Admin could assist by being available one evening. There was also positive feedback on the communication from the district in general.

6.D Discussion of the High School Parking Lot-Member Herst questioned parking at the high school stating that most Junior students did not get parking spots this year. There were some discussions about storm water runoff, cost of a lot and safety. Member Dogan suggested taking bids so they have accurate information to share.
President Wasson suggested getting community input on the need for Junior student parking.

6.E Superintendent Search-A timeline sheet was shared in the packet. Surveys and in person forums will start on the 22nd of September.

7. NEW BUSINESS

NONE

8. INFORMATION ONLY

8.A FOIA Report- The FOIA report is included in the packet.

8. B Public Act 97-256 Requirements - Administrator and Teacher Salary and Benefits- Information is in the board packet

8.C Public Act 97-0609 Requirements - Posting of IMRF Compensation Package- Information is in the board packet.

8.D Enrollment Report- While the report is available in the board packet, it is not yet complete. There have been some issues with generating accurate reports in the new Skyward system, which the team is currently working to resolve.

9. Agenda Items for October Board Meeting -
Possible Audit
Enrollment Report
Architect Presentation
Middle School Math and Science Book Approval
Superintendent Search

Member Danielle Ward signed out of the meeting via google meets at 7:10

10. ADJOURN
Motion by Mrkvicka, second by Pappas to Adjourn and approved by unanimous voice vote at 7:15 p.m.

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Board President Board Secretary