

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

Where: Central CUSD #301 District Office
Date: December 15, 2025

Meeting: Regular
Time: 6:00 p.m.

Board Members Present

Andrew Dogan	Y
Jeff Gorman	Y
Chad Herst	Y
Scott Mrkvicka	N
Morgan Pappas	Y
Danielle Ward	Y
Ryan Wasson	Y

BOE Meeting

1. Meeting Call to Order - President Wasson called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

1.A **Roll Call - President Wasson called the meeting to order and roll call was taken. 6:04 p.m**

The meeting began with a moment to recognize the tragic losses of parents, community members, and coaches within the district, offering heartfelt thoughts to the affected families and friends.

1.B **Pledge of Allegiance**

1.C **Approval of the Agenda**- The Agenda was Approved

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

Voting yes: Pappas, Ward, Dogan, Gorman, Herst, Wasson

Voting no: None

Absent: Mrkvicka

2. **Public Open Forum**

2.A **Recognition of Visitors** – President Wasson welcomed visitors

2.B **Public Comments** - There was no public comment

3. Action Reports

A. Consent Agenda-

1. Minutes Regular Meeting November 17, 2025
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Payment of Bills
4. Payment of Bills - Northern Kane County Regional Vocational System
5. Personnel Report
6. Approval of Donation to CHS Girls Basketball activity fund
7. Approval of Donation to CHS Girls Soccer

B. Approve Final 2025 Tax Levy

The board approved the **Final 2025 Tax Levy**. This levy is crucial, providing approximately \$60 million of the district's revenues. The central takeaway regarding the tax levy is that, due to a huge bond payment dropping off, the district anticipates a decrease to the actual tax bills for the school portion. Projections indicate the school portion of the tax rate will drop from \$5.87 to \$4.95—an anticipated decrease of 92 cents. Taxpayers whose home values remain the same should see a drop in their tax bill, although the exact reduction depends on individual home values.

Motion by Pappas, second by Ward, to approve the 2025 Tax Levy

Voting yes: Pappas, Dogan, Gorman, Herst, Wasson

Voting no: None

Absent: Mrkvicka

4. Presentation

Facilities Report

- A. Dan Polowy, Director of Building and Grounds, gave an update on the bid for CHS Track. **CHS Track Bid:** The replacement of the track is moving forward to the bid stage. Dan estimates the replacement is approximately \$1.4 million. The reason for this higher cost is borings necessitating more earthwork than originally planned. Dan feels going out early for the bid will lead to a more competitive process hopefully leading to a lower cost. Dan also brought up two other projects, one that needs immediate action taken.

Prairie View Boiler: An issue requires the boiler to be replaced, estimated to cost roughly **\$100,000**. The district plans to move forward with this replacement. Due to the emergency need of a boiler during the cold winter months this needs to be rectified immediately and no bid is needed due to the emergent situation.

Prairie Knolls Partition Wall: The movable partition walls between the gym and cafeteria require replacement, estimated at about **\$75,000**. The district is evaluating options, including potentially installing a permanent wall.

After the facilities report Dan read a prepared statement supporting the hard work of his team during the Thanksgiving snowstorm and his perception that there was not enough recognition for his team.

Enrollment Report

- B. Interim Superintendent Tim Kilrea gave an update on the Enrollment of Central District 301 as of December 1st 2025-2026 school year. The Enrollment Report indicated an overall increase of 133 students across the district. The largest enrollment increases were seen at the High School (101 additional students), Prairie Knolls (67 additional students), and Country Trails (22 additional students).
Prairie View saw a decrease of 31 students.
The report noted that several district buildings are currently pushing their functional capacity limits.

5. Information Only -

A. FOIA

The FOIA report is in the Board Packet

B. Superintendent Search

After two rounds of interviews involving a committee of stakeholders, the board decided to extend the search. The decision was made because the board is committed to finding the "right fit" for the district and views the selection as a "massive decision". The search firm has directed to find additional candidates, and interviews are expected to restart in January 2026.

6. New Business (Action)

Girls Flag Football for the 2026-2027 school year

The board approved the recommendation to implement Girls Flag Football for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion by Pappas, second by Ward, to approve Girls Flag Football for the 2026-2027 school year

Voting yes: Pappas, Dogan, Gorman, Herst, Ward, Wasson

Voting no: None

Absent: Mrkvicka

7. Anticipated Agenda Items January 20, 2025 BOE Meeting

1. Superintendent search
2. Middle School schedule

8.. Adjourn to Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session for exceptions: *The appointment, employment, resignation, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)].*

Motion by Pappas, second by Ward, to adjourn to closed session at 6:31 p.m.

Voting Yes: Pappas, Dogan, Gorman, Herst, Ward, Wasson

Voting No: None

Absent: Mrkvicka

9.. Adjourn to Open Session

The Board adjourned to open session at 7:23 p.m.

Motion by Pappas, second by Ward to adjourn to Open Session at 7:23 p.m.

Passed by unanimous voice vote.

13. Open Session

No Discussion

14. Adjourn

Motion by Pappas, second by Ward to Adjourn and approved by unanimous voice vote at 7:25 p.m.

Board President Ryan Wasson

Board Secretary Scott Mrkvicka