

**Central Community Unit School District 301  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Special Meeting Minutes**

Where: Central CUSD #301 District Office  
Date: July 7, 2025

Meeting: Special  
Time: 5:00 PM

**Board Members Present**

Andrew Dogan	Y (arrived at 5:37 PM, initially absent)
Jeff Gorman	Y
Chad Herst	Y
Scott Mrkvicka	Y
Morgan Pappas	N
Ryan Wasson	Y

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**MEETING CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order with a roll call.

Present: Gorman, Herst, Mrkvicka, Wasson

Absent: Pappas, Dogan (initially)

Member Herst moved to approve the agenda and table the action items until after the closed session. Secretary Mrkvicka seconded the motion which was passed by voice vote.

President Wasson welcomed the audience. Public comments were then heard.

A member of the audience addressed the Board regarding school academics and religious beliefs, advocating for advanced notice of content that might conflict with family religious beliefs.

Another member of the audience raised questions regarding district finances, citing research indicating that District 301's per-student expenditures were lower than surrounding districts, and advocating for increased alignment with other districts.

Daina Pflug, Business Manager of Central District 301, provided an overview of the district's finances and how monies were spent and from what accounts. She also shared that in September, the board would be passing a "\$90 million budget," and the district auditors would be at the July 21st meeting to share additional financial information.

A motion was made by Secretary Mrkvicka to table the action items until after the closed session. The motion was seconded by member Gorman. The motion was passed by voice vote.

Member Dogan arrives at 5:37 PM

Secretary Mrkvicka made a motion to go into closed session. The motion was seconded by Gorman, and a roll call was taken at 5:38 PM A short break was taken.

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

Voting no: None  
Absent: Pappas, Dogan

Adjourn to Closed Session to Hear Information Regarding:

*Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)]. The selection of a person to fill public office, as defined in the Open Meetings Act, including a vacancy in a public office, when the public body is given power to appoint under law or ordinance [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3)]. Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)].*

## **OPEN SESSION**

Open session begins at 9:36 PM

A motion was made by member Herst to approve Brett Bending as the new Central High School Principal, it was seconded by member Dogan.

Voting yes: Voting yes: Gorman, Herst, Mrkvicka, Dogan, Wassson  
Voting no: None  
Absent: Pappas

A motion was made by Secretary Mrkvicka to approve Matthew Palcer as the new Central Middle School Principal, it was seconded by Dogan.

Voting yes: Voting yes: Herst, Mrkvicka, Dogan, Gorman, Wassson  
Voting no: None  
Absent: Pappas

Member Gorman made a motion to approve the acting Principals with a stipend and was seconded by Mrkvicka.

Voting yes: Voting yes: Dogan, Gorman, Herst, Mrkvicka, Wassson  
Voting no: None  
Absent: Pappas

Member Dogan made a motion to approve the change of title of Sarah Farrington from Assistant Principal to Associate Principal was seconded by member Gorman.

Voting yes: Voting yes: Gorman, Herst, Mrkvicka, Dogan, Wassson  
Voting no: None  
Absent: Pappas

Secretary Mrkvicka made a motion to approve the appointment of Danielle Ward to the Central 301 School Board it was seconded by Member Dogan.

Voting yes: Herst, Mrkvicka, Dogan, Wassson  
Voting no: Gorman  
Absent: Pappas

A motion was made by member Herst to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by member Dogan.  
Approved by voice vote

Adjournment

9:40 PM