

**Coal City Community Unit School District #1  
Board of Education Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, November 13, 2017 – Special Meeting**

**ROLL CALL**

President Ken Miller called the special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Coal City Community Unit School District #1 District Office Board Room. In attendance were Board members Robert Bianchetta, Jeff Emerson, Mary Gill, Shawn Hamilton, Chuck Lander and Ken Miller. Board member Quint Harmon arrived at 6:09 p.m. Superintendent Kent Bugg, CSBO Jason Smith, Director of Curriculum & Instruction Tammy Elledge, Director of Special Populations Sandy Rakes, Administrative Assistant Amanda Herrera and Board Secretary Karen Vota were also in attendance.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Miller led the Board of Education and others present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Introduction/acknowledgement of guests. President Miller welcomed those in attendance.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR**

1. In regard to agenda items – none.
2. In general (Limited to 5 minutes per person.) – none.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. POTENTIAL REBRANDING OF THE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

Auditorium Manager Jack Micetich was in attendance with Gavin Williams, a student in his Events Management Class, to recommend that the name of the Coal City Unit #1 Auditorium be changed to the Coal City Performing Arts Center. The Board learned that this recommendation was coming after discussion with various outside artists who had performed in the facility. Changing the name will be beneficial in offering more community programming, which is a Strategic Planning goal of the Board of Education. The Board directed Mr. Micetich to continue with his renaming efforts.

**B. DISCUSSION ON TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

The 2017 Board Strategic Planning document requires a review of current transportation services to determine a plan for student transportation for 2017-2018 and beyond. Transportation Director Sandy Rakes and Administrative Assistant Amanda Herrera presented information regarding the current state of student transportation services. The Board is in the final year of a contract with Illinois Central to provide these services for the District, and they are currently weighing their options for transportation services after this fiscal year.

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At the meeting, the Board members heard information regarding current boundaries for bus eligible students, and a review of all areas deemed hazardous by the Illinois Department of Transportation scoring rubric. The Board asked for some further information which will be reviewed at the December 6 Board meeting.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Mr. Hamilton moved and Mr. Harmon seconded to go to closed session at 7:03 p.m. for the purpose of considering information regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body to determine its validity.

**Roll Call.**

Ayes: Shawn Hamilton, Quint Harmon, Robert Bianchetta, Jeff Emerson, Mary Gill, Chuck Lander, Ken Miller  
Nays:  
Motion Carried.

When the Board returned to open session, President Miller called the special meeting back to order at 7:12 p.m. with the board members answering roll call present: Robert Bianchetta, Jeff Emerson, Mary Gill, Shawn Hamilton, Quint Harmon, Chuck Lander, Ken Miller.

**ACTION AS A RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION**

1. Mr. Hamilton moved and Ms. Gill seconded to adopt the Resolution Re: Richard Monbrum Authorizing Dismissal and to waive the reading of the resolution.

**Roll Call.**

Ayes: Shawn Hamilton, Mary Gill, Robert Bianchetta, Jeff Emerson, Quint Harmon, Chuck Lander, Ken Miller  
Nays:  
Motion Carried.

**OPEN FOR ITEMS NOT KNOWN AT AGENDA PREPARATION TIME** – none.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR**

1. In regard to agenda items – none.
2. In general (Limited to 5 minutes per person.) – none.

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**NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING:** **Wednesday, December 6, 2017 @ 6 P.M.**  
**In District Office Board Room**

**NEXT BOARD STUDY SESSION:** **Wednesday, December 27, 2017 @ 6 P.M.**  
**In District Office Board Room**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Harmon moved and Mr. Lander seconded to adjourn the special meeting at 7:13 p.m. President Miller asked if there was any opposition to the motion, hearing none considers the motion approved.

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**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON MEMBERSHIP IN THE INTERSTATE 8 CONFERENCE**

For over a year, the Interstate 8 conference leadership has been discussing potential changes to the conference, based on concerns with the disparity in enrollments between the large and small divisions of the conference. When Seneca decided it was in their best interest to leave the conference, that left the conference with 11 schools for the 2018-2019 school year. It is very difficult to develop a conference schedule with only 11 schools, so the conference leadership started actively looking for a 12th school. Morris and Kankakee High Schools showed an interest in joining our conference but neither of them received the requisite number of votes to join the conference. The failure of either school to receive enough votes once again left the conference at 11 schools for the 2018-2019 school year.

Since that time, there have been discussions of some schools breaking away from the I-8 to form a new conference. Coal City High School has been asked to join this group, which includes Manteno, Peotone, Herscher, Wilmington, Reed-Custer, Streator and Lisle. The Board will need to take action to withdraw from the I-8 conference.

Prior to the vote, the Board expressed their disappointment that the I-8 Conference was disbanding. Their preference, and the preference of the high school administration, would have been to add another school and keep the conference intact. In fact, our high school administration voted to add Morris High School to the conference, but we were in the minority on that potential conference addition. When it became clear that keeping the conference together was a view not shared by the majority of the conference schools, the Board and high school administration had to take action that would assure that students had a conference to participate in after the 2018-2019 school year. .

Mr. Hamilton moved and Mr. Lander seconded to approve providing Notice of Intent for Coal City High School to withdraw from the current Interstate-8 Conference effective at the conclusion of the 2018-2019 school year.

**Roll Call.**

Ayes: Shawn Hamilton, Chuck Lander, Robert Bianchetta, Mary Gill, Ken Miller

Nays: Jeff Emerson

Motion Carried.

**OPEN FOR ITEMS NOT KNOWN AT AGENDA PREPARATION TIME** – none.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR**

1. In regard to agenda items – none.
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**NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING:  
In District Office Board Room**

**Wednesday, October 4, 2017 @ 6 P.M.**

**NEXT BOARD STUDY SESSION:  
In District Office Board Room**

**Wednesday, October 25, 2017 @ 6 P.M.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Hamilton moved and Ms. Gill seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:09 p.m. President Miller asked if there was any opposition to the motion, hearing none considers the motion approved.

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Kenneth P. Miller, President

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Mary Gill, Secretary