**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**
**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**
Central School District #3
Camp Point, Illinois

**September 16, 2026**

Andrew Dearwester, Board President, called the Regular Meeting of Central School District #3 Board of Education, Adams County, to order at 5:30 p.m. in the district board office. Roll Call verified that there was a quorum of the Board with the following members present and absent listed below:

| *Board of Education* | *Title* | *Present* | *Absent* |
|---|---|---|---|
| Andrew Dearwester | President | X | |
| Holly Veach | Vice President | X | |
| Andrea Foss | Secretary | | X |
| Nikki Buehler | Member | X | |
| Jason Cooley | Member | X | |
| Patrick Hasting | Member | X | |
| Kindel Kestner | Member | X | |

| *Administration* | | | |
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| Erica Smith | Superintendent | X | |
| Zak Huston | High School Principal | | X |
| Tracy Rhea | Junior High Principal | | X |
| Chevi Ingalls | Elementary School Principal | | X |
| Amanda Shoopman | Early Childhood Principal | | X |

| *Staff* | | | |
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| Stacey Hibbert | Superintendent Secretary/Minutes | X | |

Following the prayer and pledge, President Dearwester called the regular meeting to order. Guests included Josh Gunther, there were no questions or comments, the meeting continued.

**Motion was made by Member Kestner, seconded by Member Dearwester, to approve the present agenda.**

**Voice vote was taken:**
**In Favor: All**
**Opposed: None**
**Motion Carried.**

**Motion was made by Member Buehler, seconded by Member Hasting, to accept the superintendent's recommendation to approve the consent agenda:**

- **August 19, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes**
- **September bills (Doc. Reg. #6152)**
- **Treasurer's Report (Doc. Reg. #6153)**

**Voice vote was taken:**
**In Favor: All**
**Opposed: None**
**Motion Carried.**

***2026-2027 School District Budget***

**Motion was made by Member Kestner, seconded by Member Cooley, to open the public hearing on the 2026-2027 School District Budget.**

**Roll Call Vote: Kestner, Cooley, Dearwester, Veach, Buehler, Hasting**
**In Favor: All**
**Opposed: None**
**Abstain: None**

**Absent: Foss**
**Motion Carried.**

Superintendent Smith presented the budget information.

**Motion was made by Member Veach, seconded by Member Buehler, to close the public hearing on the 2026-2027 School District Budget.**

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| **Roll Call Vote:** | **Veach, Buehler, Dearwester, Cooley, Hasting Kestner** |
| **In Favor:** | **All** |
| **Opposed:** | **None** |
| **Abstain:** | **None** |
| **Absent:** | **Foss** |
| **Motion Carried.** | |

**Motion was made by Member Hasting seconded by Member Kestner, to adopt the 2026-2027 School District Budget. (Doc. Reg. #6154)**

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| **Roll Call Vote:** | **Hasting, Kestner, Dearwester, Veach, Buehler, Cooley** |
| **In Favor:** | **All** |
| **Opposed:** | **None** |
| **Abstain:** | **None** |
| **Absent:** | **Foss** |
| **Motion Carried.** | |

**No action awas taken on the Commercial Vendor Procedure and Agreement. (Doc. Reg # 6155)**

***Committee Brief Action Items***

**BUILDING**

- The School Maintenance Grant application will be open in the next few months. The board agreed to complete a project found on the Health Life Safety Plan.
    - We will get quote information on updating the restrooms at CEC.

**POLICY**

**Motion was made by Member Buehler, seconded by Member Hasting, to approve the second reading of policy updates 2:230, 3:70, 4:175, 5:40, 5:70, 5:110, 5:140, 5:240, 6:70, 6:80, 6:190, 7:30, 7:61, 7:80, 7:130, 7:330, 8:10, 8:70. (Doc. Reg. # 6156)**

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| **Voice vote was taken:** | |
| **In Favor:** | **All** |
| **Opposed:** | **None** |
| **Motion Carried.** | |

**FINANCE**

- Have not met.

**CURRICULUM**

- Meets October 14th at CEC.

***Information/Discussion Items***

**Student Acknowledgement**

- Rebekkah Waterkotte was named September Senior of the Month.
- Rebekkah Waterkotte was selected as this year's DAR Good Citizen.

**Thank You Notes**

- Amanda Shoopman and CEC staff thanked the district for the staff fleece jackets.

***Administrative Building Reports*** **(Doc. Reg. #6157)**

***Amanda Shoopman – Central Early Childhood***

**Enrollment = 108**

**This month we….**

- Started Bronti Fridays to raise funds for Mini-Relay.
- Practiced safety drills.
- Named Kelly Mellon August's Staff Member of the Month
- Started Spanish language groups in two classrooms.
- Welcomed volunteers into our building.

**Curriculum Director Report**

- Created Open Parachute scope and sequences for each grade level.
- Kindergarten report cards will be standards-based and in Skyward. Rubrics have been created for each standard to create teacher consistency across the grade level.
- Ordered and organized materials and training for UFLI to be implemented in elementary special education classrooms.
- Met with the district Title team to discuss entrance into Title to receive intervention services, parent letters, STAR assessments, documentation, and future dates.

***Chevi Ingalls – Central Elementary***

**Enrollment = 232**

- **Panther of the Month**
  - Staff- Bre Payne
  - Student- Lane Helmriech
  - Volunteer- Connor Homan
- **STAR TESTING** = Title Started 9/8
- **BRAG TAGS** – We will be giving out "brag tags" throughout the year for positive behaviors and academic growth.
- **PE** – The amazing shot!
- **HOUSE SORTING** – We were able to sort the 1st graders. We have started the House App.

***Tracy Rhea – Central Jr. High***

**Enrollment = 242**

- Deputy Doellman will start teaching D.A.R.E. to our 5th grade students on Tuesday September 1st.
- 7th/8th Science will take part in Too Good for Drugs every Thursday, starting August 30th.
- Cookie Dough/Other Frozen Items fundraiser will begin September 2nd and run through September 16th.
- Cojack will be here on Tuesday, September 22nd.

***Zak Huston – Central High School***

**Enrollment = 240**

- Homecoming activities 9/14-9/19 The theme this year is "A Very Bingeworthy Homecoming".
- Jostens will be here on 9/30 to meet with Seniors and Sophomores.
- Fall Picture Day 9/9
- Band, Cheer, and Flags attended the Smiles Day Festival in Rushville on 9/11
  - They will be at the Barry Apple Festival on 10/3
- Football team has qualified for the playoffs for the 18th straight year.
- Spanish 4 has started their weekly visits to CEC on Wednesday mornings.
- **FFA**
  - Ag in the classroom has started.
  - Petting Zoo at the Elementary on 10/2
  - National Convention 10/21-10/24

***Communication/Information from Superintendent***

- Discussion on the Turkey's/Hams for Christmas.
- FOIA Requests
- Digital Scoreboard Ads: Mrs. Smith will put together a flyer and will send it out to local businesses.
- At Large Election: This will be placed on the agenda for action at the October board meeting. (Doc. Reg. # 6158)
- ILMEA Society: Mrs. Vermillion-Podlesnik will start this honor society within the music program. Those with ILMEA honors will have the opportunity to wear honor cords at graduation. (Doc. Reg. # 6159)

***Executive Session***

**Motion was made by Member Veach, seconded by Member Dearwester, to go into Executive Session at 6:42 p.m.**

**Roll Call Vote: Veach, Dearwester, Buehler, Cooley, Hasting, Kestner**
**In Favor: All**
**Opposed: None**
**Abstain: None**
**Absent: Foss**
**Motion Carried.**

**Motion was made by Member Hasting, seconded by Member Kestner, to return to Open Session at 6:56 p.m.**

**Roll Call Vote: Hasting, Kestner, Dearwester, Veach, Buehler, Cooley**
**In Favor: All**
**Opposed: None**
**Abstain: None**
**Absent: Foss**
**Motion Carried.**

***Personnel Addendum***

**Resignation of Staff**

| Employee | Position | Effective Date |
|---|---|---|
| Heidi Turner | Paraprofessional | 3-25-2027 |
| Clyde Renner | Custodian | 12-31-2026 |

**Retirement of Staff**

| Employee | Position | Effective Date |
|---|---|---|
| Annette Tunis | Bus Driver / Bus Secretary | 12-31-2026 |
| Clyde Renner | Bus Driver | 05-28-2027 |

**Employment of Staff:**

| Employee | Position | Effective Date |
|---|---|---|
| Allysa Denum | Paraprofessional | 09-02-2026 |
| Wilhelmina Reische | Paraprofessional | 09-03-2026 |

**Employment of Approved Substitutes (at-will employees for the 2026 – 2027 school year):**

| Employee | Position | Effective Date |
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| Alison Myers | Certified Substitute | 09-09-2026 |

**Available Employee Positions:**

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| Bus Driver |
| Custodian |
| Assistant JH Boys Basketball |
| Paraprofessional beginning March 2027 |

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| PE Teachers |
| High School English Teacher |
| Special Ed Teachers |

**Motion was made by Member Buehler, seconded by Member Dearwester, to adopt the personnel addendum as presented. (Doc. Reg. #6160)**

**Voice vote was taken:**
**In Favor: All**
**Opposed: None**
**Motion Carried.**

***Adjournment***

**Motion was made by Member Veach, seconded by Member Kestner, to accept the recommendation to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m.**

**Voice vote was taken:**
**In Favor: All**
**Opposed: None**
**Motion Carried.**

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, President Dearwester declared the meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Andrew Dearwester
President

Secretary