

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

Where: Central CUSD #301 District Office  
Date: March 16, 2026

Meeting: Regular  
Time: 6:03 p.m.

**Board Members Present**

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

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1. BOE Meeting

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

1.B Roll Call -Roll call was taken. 6:04 p.m.

1.C Pledge of Allegiance

1.D. Approval of the Agenda- The Agenda was Approved as presented

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

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

**Voting no: None**

**Absent:**

2. Public Open Forum

2.A Recognition of Visitors – President Wasson greeted all in attendance.

2.B Public Comments - There were no Public Comments

3. Action Reports

A. Consent Agenda-

1. Minutes Regular Meeting February 16, 2026
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Payment of Bills.

4. Payment of Bills - Northern Kane County Regional Vocational System.
5. Personnel Report.

**Motion by Pappas, second by Ward, to approve the agenda as presented**

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

**Voting no: None**

**Absent:**

B. Approval the Resolution for Dismissal of PT Teachers

**Motion by Gorman, second by Pappas, to approve The Resolution for the Dismissal of PT Teachers**

**Voting yes: Mrkvicka, Pappas, Ward, Dogan, Goman, Herst, Wasson**

**Voting no: None**

**Absent:**

C. Approval of Resolution for Dismissal of 1st, 2nd, 3rd Year Teachers

**Motion by Dogan, second by Pappas, to approve the Resolution for the Dismissal of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Year Teachers**

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

**Voting no: None**

**Absent:**

D. Approval of the Fox Valley Center Joint Agreement

**Motion by Dogan, second by Pappas, to approve the Fox Valley Center Joint Agreement**

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

**Voting no: None**

**Absent:**

E. DECA International Career Development Conference, 4/24/2026-4/29/2027

**Motion by Ward, second by Herst, to approve The DECA International Career Development Conference 4/24/2026 - 4/29/2026**

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

**Voting no: None**

**Absent:**

F. Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative Classroom Use Agreement

**Motion by Mrkvicka, second by Pappas, to approve the Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative Classroom Use Assessment**

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

**Voting no: None**  
**Absent:**

4. Presentation

A. First Day Exclusion: Joyce Turnipseed

The Board heard a presentation recommending a shift in the district's health exclusion deadline. Currently following the state-mandated date of October 15, the district is considering moving to a first-day exclusion policy.

This would require students in Early Childhood, Kindergarten, 6th grade, and 9th grade to be compliant with required physicals and immunizations before they are allowed to start the first day of school. The goal is to move the administrative burden from October to before school starts and to avoid the educational disruption of excluding students mid-semester. This year, approximately 40 to 50 students were excluded in mid-October, which was disruptive to learning. The district is working with local resources like VNA to block off specific days during the summer for D301 students to get necessary healthcare requirements. A final vote on this policy is expected in April.

B. Instructional Updates: Stephen Buchs

Mr. Buchs shared the following 4 books to the Board for discussion, they will be posted for 30 days and be brought up for a vote at the April Board meeting.

1. Spanish for Heritage Speakers

**Course Context:** A brand new course launching this fall for native speakers to provide a more tailored educational experience than "Spanish 101."

- **Resource:** *Galleria* (Published by Vista Higher Learning).
- **Format:** Students will use an "e-version" with "Super Site" access for interactive activities. The district will purchase one tactile classroom set (30 books) to avoid students having to carry them.
- **Cost & Term:** \$5,566.21 for a **one-year** contract. The shorter term is a fiscal precaution until enrollment numbers stabilize for future levels.
- **Enrollment:** 42 students (two sections)

2. AP American Government

- **Resource:** Recommended AP-aligned textbook.
- **Format:** Includes both physical textbook sets for teachers and 6-year ebook licenses for students.

- **Cost & Term:** \$34,629.43 for a **six-year** adoption. A multi-year contract was chosen here to decrease the "cost per seat," as enrollment for this course remains consistently high.
- **Enrollment:** Approximately 199 students.

### 3. Spanish 1

- **Resource:** *Senderos* (Published by Vista Higher Learning).
- **Format:** Similar to the Heritage course, this includes "Super Site" online materials. The district is requesting four classroom sets (two for Central Middle School and two for the High School) so students have tactile books in class and digital access at home.
- **Cost:** \$52,445.80.

### 4. AP Psychology

- **Resource:** Selected for its alignment with the College Board's course exam and scientific practice foundations.
- **Format: Physical textbooks only.** Unlike the other selections, this resource is not available in an electronic version. Students in this course will be required to carry the physical book with them.
- **Quantity:** 150 textbooks.

Member Gorman questioned the dollar amounts on the quotes attached to the agenda. Mr. Buchs explained that he spoke to the representatives earlier in the afternoon and was able to dramatically lower the investment costs

Before the next presentation Dr. Schumacher thanked Dan Poloway, Pam Porto and their teams for the great job they did with the inclement weather we had this morning. He also thanked the teachers for coming in today with the challenge of other districts being closed.

C. Architects Update: Wold and STR Present: Matt Verdun, Alan Amburst and, Jennifer Costanzo

Architects from Wold and STR presented findings from recent district-wide facility assessments.

- **Building Conditions:** The assessment identified 770 maintenance issues across the district, primarily typical items for buildings reaching the 20-year mark, such as masonry tuckpointing and sealant replacements.
- **Capacity and Mobiles:** The Board discussed the ongoing master facility plan, emphasizing the need to look at building capacity **without relying on mobile classrooms** to get an accurate picture of the district's needs.
- **Next Steps:** A core team, including the incoming superintendent, Amy, will be formed to guide decision-making on future facility reorganization and expansion.

## 5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### A. Policy Committee: Andy Dogan

Member Dogan, who is a member of the Policy Committee, shared the following. The Policy Committee has met twice over the last couple of weeks to review updates to the Policy Manual. The District is in the process of moving to IASB's Press Plus Service which will help keep the Policy Manual up to date and in line with current laws and regulations of the Illinois School Code.

Dr. Schumacher added that the district currently uses Press, but Press Plus contains an online service that makes policies easier to search and update.

### B. DLT Committee: Jeff Gorman

Member Gorman, who is a member of the DLT Committee, shared that the committee went over E-Learning plans. Dr. Schumacher asked which other districts were the favorites of the ones they have discussed. Kaneland and Geneva were the top two choices. Amy MacCrindle, incoming superintendent, was introduced to the DLT Committee and she spoke with them briefly.

### C. CAT Committee: Morgan Pappas

Vice President Pappas shared updates from the CAT Meeting, including the discussion of District Safety and Security. There was discussion around student Chrome Books possibly not going home in the evening and for the summer (Grades K-5) to try and reduce wear and tear and the amount of Chromebooks that are lost each year. Kim Paulus discussed the Advanced learning program that will be rolled out for 4th grade and the excitement behind the upcoming changes. The committee also discussed the upcoming American Sign Language and the Heritage Spanish programs to come.

### D. CCC Committee: Stephen Buchs

Mr Buchs discussed the 7 course proposals that were discussed at CCC including High School AP Art History and 6 possible implementation courses for 6th and 7th Grade, allowing students to choose one of their high interest classes. This will be voted on soon.

## 6. INFORMATION ITEMS

The FOIA report is inclosed in the Board Packet

## 7. OLD BUSINESS

The Board discussed the possibility of hosting a Board Town Hall / Coffee Discussion in the future but decided it would be best to wait until our new Superintendent came onboard to participate.

## 8. Anticipated Agenda Items April 20, 2026 BOE Meeting.

A. Policy Manual Adoption

B. Textbook Adoption for Heritage Spanish, American Government, Spanish 1, and AP Psychology.

C. IASB New Superintendent Workshop

D. High School Schedule start times of Middle School and High School Schedule

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION 7:11 PM

Adjourn to closed session: The appointment, employment, resignation, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)]

Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives [5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)].

**Motion by Mervicka, Second by Hurst to Adjourn to closed Session**  
**Voting yes: Herst, Mrkvicka, Pappas, Ward, Dogan, Gorman, Wasson**

**Voting no: None**  
**Absent:**

10. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION 8:24 PM

**Motion by Mervicka, Second by Pappas to Adjourn to closed Session**  
**Voting yes: Herst, Mrkvicka, Pappas, Ward, Dogan, Gorman, Wasson**

**Voting no: None**  
**Absent:**

11. Adjourn

**Motion by Mrkvicka, second by Pappas to Adjourn. Approved unanimous voice vote at 8:26 p.m.**

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Board President Ryan Wasson

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Board Secretary Scott Mrkvicka