

CRETE-MONEE BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 11, 2026 – 6:57 PM

CRETE-MONEE EARLY LEARNING CENTER, 1500 SANGAMON STREET, CRETE, IL 60417

CALL TO ORDER AT 6:57 PM

ROLL CALL - The following members were present:

- Jamie Zite-Stumbris, Vice President
- Janine Woolfolk, Secretary
- William Sawallisch, Member
- Dr. Todd Hall, Member

Present via phone: Alejandro Gallegos

Absent: Maurice Brown, President

Elizabeth Venegas, Member

Others present:

- Dr. Kara Coglianesi, Superintendent
- Dr. Eric Melnyczenko, Assistant Superintendent
- Dr. Ghantel Perkins, Assistant Superintendent
- Jason Okrasinski, Assistant Superintendent/CSBO
- Jamie Huisman, Interim Secretary

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE and Mission Statement were read aloud

PUBLIC COMMENT

Written Comment from Kyle Riley:

Mr. Riley presented on Special Education and McKinney-Vento transportation services, recommendations, and rates.

BOARD UPDATES

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

BUSINESS

Discussion on the Updated Short-Term Facility Plan

Points of Discussion

- CSBO presented on financial details of Short-Term Facility Plan. Updates were provided on operational, capital, and life safety projects, which are funded from general obligation bonds and alternative revenue bonds.
- Past and upcoming projects at Crete-Monee High School were discussed. Crete-Monee Middle School construction is on schedule and on budget and will be ready for the start of the 2026-2027 school year.
- A projected surplus is expected in the amount of \$8.6 million, which can be used to address capital projects beyond 2026.

ACTION REPORTS

PERSONNEL & CULTURE

It was moved by Hall and seconded by Sawallisch to:

“Approve the Contract of the Lead Administrative Dean”

On roll call, the following answered Aye: Hall, Woolfolk, Zite-Stumbris, Sawallisch, and Gallegos, Nays: None, Absent: Brown, Venegas, Motion carried

It was moved by Hall and seconded by Sawallisch to:

“Approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Crete-Monee Education Association for Payment for Packing at Crete-Monee Middle School for the 2026-2027 School Year”

On roll call, the following answered Aye: Hall, Woolfolk, Zite-Stumbris, Sawallisch, and Gallegos Nays: None, Absent: Brown, Venegas, Motion carried

OLD BUSINESS

- Discussion was held regarding allowing employees' students to attend school within the district, including the benefits of the program, funding, terms, staff interest, and steps to begin the process.

NEW BUSINESS

- Board Member inquired about accessing graduation photos.; the Superintendent will follow up with Crete-Monee High School principal.

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Sawallisch and seconded by Hall to:

"Move into Closed Session for the Purpose of

"The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a specific employee of a public body that is subject to the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act may not be closed and shall be open to the public and posted and held in accordance with this Act. 5 ILCS 120 2(c)(1)."

On roll call, the following answered Aye: Hall, Woolfolk, Zite-Stumbris, Sawallisch, and Gallegos Nays: None, Absent: Brown, Venegas, Motion carried

The Board went into Closed Session at 7:33 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Hall and seconded by Sawallisch

"To adjourn."

On voice vote, ayes were unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 PM.

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