**Clark County School District 161**
**School Board Meeting**
**February 12, 2026**
**MINUTES**

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| **Call to Order** | **5:30 p.m.** | |
| **Pledge** | | |
| **Roll Call** | Jeri Tavenner, Chair | Laurie Small |
| | Tom L. Strong, Vice Chair | Rebecca Aguilar |
| | Deena Williams (absent) | |
| **Attendance** | Eileen Holden, Superintendent | |
| | Will Empey, SRO | |
| | Dan Hager, Maintenance Supervisor | |
| | Karlyn Heeder, Teacher | |
| | Jolene Johnson, Teacher | |
| | Tyson Schwartz, Teacher | |
| | Malinda Ricks, Teacher | |
| | Taylore Lang, Parent | |
| | Kelley May, Parent | |

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion was made to approve the agenda by Mr. Strong, seconded by Ms. Small. Motion passed.

**Public Input**

No report.

**Maintenance Report**

Mr. Hager reported on the quotes that he received from 3 different companies for the upgrade of the fire alarm system. The upgrade would notify emergency responders of a fire directly.

**SRO Report**

Mr. Empey discussed the emergency scenario that he brought to the board in previous meetings. He stated that we did not get the grant for the exercise so they will talk about where other monies can be used. He is going to attend the Prevention Conference in April. The Lidar gun is still not repaired and he is waiting to hear back from them. The vape detectors are working, but last time it went off he was in trainings and didn't hear it. Other staff in the building will now get the alert in case he is not at the schools.

**Lindy Ross Teacher Presentations**

Ms. Heeder, a 3rd grade teacher, shared poems that her students have written and explained how she supports their writing by providing a writing guide. Using this guide, students have been able

to write both informative and opinion pieces. She also records ELA and math videos so students can learn at their own pace. Students who want to move ahead can watch the videos and continue progressing, while students who are struggling allow Ms. Heeder to spend more time working with them individually.

Mr. Schwartz, 2nd Grade Teacher, said they are testing a new ELA program and he said a lot of it is good but also likes what they have used in the past. He stated that I-ready math has been really good it teaches about not just memorizing factors but the reasons behind them and how to use them. He has been working on writing with students on building writing structures.

Ms. Johnson, Kindergarten & Preschool Teacher, she brought tools to the board showing what they use to help a student hold pencil correctly. She also had other items that they use to build the fine motor skills along with building patterns.

**Jr. /Sr. Teacher Presentations**

Ms. Ricks, the Special Education teacher who serves both schools, shared that there are currently 18 students in the program. She has been working on completing students' IEPs and submitting required reports to the State Department of Education. One of her reports was recently sent back by the department due to wording issues, and she is currently working on correcting it. She also explained the three prongs used to determine eligibility for special education services. The first prong involves reviewing assessment data and test scores. The second prong looks at whether there is an adverse effect on the student's academic learning. The third prong determines whether the student requires specially designed instruction to meet their educational needs.

Mr. Summers, Shop Teacher, the board went to his classroom where he presented some of the projects his classes have been working on. They have been working on jewelry boxes that they used a laser to burn designs on the wood. He has a robotics class where they have built the robot but are now working on sending codes to the robot. His welding classes presented some of the welding items and will go to ISU to compete.

**Principal Report**

Ms. Westfall did not have a report. Ms. Holden stated she was on the final documents of the accreditation and are now going to the stakeholders for interviews. Girls' basketball and boys' basketball are completed for the year.

**Superintendent Report**

Ms. Holden reported that we will be receiving the payment from State Department of Education, this amount will help in determining where we are in the budget. She also stated we still are not exempt from being cut this year, but we will be cut for the coming FY27. They are discussing freezing the career ladder, but also giving other districts 14% health increase who went with the state health plan and the rest a 10% who aren't on the health plan. IDLA is also being hit hard and we use them for dual credits and classes that we cannot offer at our school. The cost for those classes could increase up to $500 where right now we are paying $40. She attended the transportation meeting and submitted our plan of correction on some requests after the bus inspections.

**Oath of Office**

Ms. Aguilar was sworn into office for Zone 1.

**Consent Agenda**

Motion was made to accept the consent agenda by Mr. Strong, seconded by Ms. Small. Motion passed.

**Code of Ethics –** Received signed document from Ms. Aguilar.

**Upgrade Fire Alarm System**

The board discussed the quotes for the system further and the only difference with Peak Alarm is they will replace everything and Omni will use some of the equipment that is here. They will also update the shop and bus barn.

Motion was made to accept the quote to upgrade the fire alarm system with Peak Alarm by Ms. Small seconded by Mr. Strong. Motion passed.

**Parent Permission Slip**

Motion was made to approve the parent permission for the Forensic class with school name added to the slip by Mr. Strong, seconded by Ms. Small. Motion passed.

**Bus Route – Adding a stop**

Motion was made to add two new bus stops to the bus routes by Mr. Strong, seconded by Ms. Small. Motion passed.

**Food Service Software Agreement**

Ms. Holden explained that the food service software would assist with nutritional planning and generating the reports required by the state for our audit next year. However, the program is expensive—approximately $2,500 per month—and she wanted to explore whether we could utilize the system currently used by West Jefferson instead.

Ms. Crandall is researching a more cost-effective alternative. Before making a final decision, Ms. Holden asked that she consult with other districts currently using the program to gather feedback on its effectiveness and overall value.

Motion was made to table until next month by Mr. Strong, seconded by Ms. Small. Motion passed.

**Board Policies 1st Reading – 2460, 2470, 2470P, 2470F, 2700P, 3000/3005, 3010, 3010P, 3340, 3340P, 8100, 8103, 8105, 8105P, 8110, 8110F, 8120, 8130, 8140, 8170, 8180, 8185**

Motion was made to approve the first reading of 2460, 2470, 2470P, 2470F, 2700P, 3000/3005, 3010, 3010P, 3340, 3340P. 8100, 8103, 8105, 8105P, 8110, 8110F, 8120, 8130, 8140, 8170, 8180, 8185 with the grammatical corrections by Ms. Small, seconded by Mr. Strong. Motion passed.

**Executive Session**

Motion was made to move into Executive session - 74-206(1)(b) :To consider the evaluation, dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student; by Ms. Small, seconded by Mr. Strong.
Roll Call – Ms. Small – aye, Mr. Strong – aye, Ms. Aguilar – aye, and Ms. Tavenner – aye

Time in: 7:26 p.m. Time out: 8:22 p.m.

**Superintendent Evaluation**

Motion was made to approve the superintendent evaluation as presented by Ms. Small, seconded by Mr. Strong. Motion passed.

**Superintendent Contract**

Motion was made to approve the Superintendent Contract with agreed upon terms with the pay being revisited after the funds are determined by Mr. Strong, seconded by Ms. Aguilar.

**Adjourn:** **8:26 p.m.**

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Board Chairman Date

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Board Clerk Date