Clark County School District 161
School Board Meeting
May 14, 2026
MINUTES

Call to Order	**5:33 p.m.**
Pledge	
Roll Call	Jeri Tavenner, Chair — Laurie Small Tom L. Strong, Vice Chair — Rebecca Aguilar (absent) Deena Williams (arrived 5:53 p.m.)
Attendance	Eileen Holden, Superintendent Sara Westfall, Principal Will Empey, SRO Dan Hager, Maintenance Will Lower, Teacher Jolene Johnson, CCEA Holly Maraist, CCEA Dee Anne Taylor, Counselor Amanda Erickson, 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 that the school rental homes' roofs have been started to be replaced and the windows have been replaced. He has started the work on the car barn and working in the shop. Discussed the Peak Alarm bid compared to Omni.

SRO Report

Mr. Empey will be attending the behavioral threat assessment training. He stated that next year they would be working on emergency drills and training. He stated the mock mass casualty drill went well and received many positive feedbacks from the people involved.

Jr. /Sr. Teacher Presentations

Mr. Lower delivers instruction through PowerPoint presentations, followed by vocabulary and quiz worksheets to assess understanding. He sometimes incorporates YouTube videos to support and enhance the lessons.

Principal Report

Ms. Westfall discussed the data review for district K-5 IRI and math data showing great growth. Jr./Sr. High data on ISAT's show great growth especially in math.

Literacy Training

No training since new board member was not present.

Superintendent Report

Ms. Holden attended the CSFGA training, working on 26-27 budget, supplemental levy coming up next year, and ISEE uploads completed. She stated we have received forest fund money. She also attended the law conference in Boise and the legislative roadshow.

Consent Agenda

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

Math Curriculum Jr. /Sr. High Adoption

The math program is CPM- College Preparatory Mathematics, which is the program used this year as trial run.

Motion was made to accept the math curriculum (CPM) for adoption by Mr. Strong, seconded by Ms. Williams. Motion passed.

Fire Alarm – additional cost

Motion was made to approve the additional cost for the fire alarm in bus barn by Ms. Small, seconded by Mr. Strong. Motion passed.

COPS - Grant

This grant will cover a new intercom system, where our system is old and starting to not work correctly. Mr. Blake Jensen from Shelley is going to write the grant and charge the district 3% on award amount. Possibly include security cameras if we receive the grant.

Motion was made to approve COP grant by Ms. Small, seconded by Ms. Williams. Motion passed.

School Messenger System

This system will provide a better way to communicate with parents for forms, etc. and also teachers with students that is monitored. It will cost approximately $3500 a year.

Motion was made to approve the school messenger system by Mr. Strong, seconded by Ms. Small. Motion passed.

2026-2027 Negotiated Agreement with CCEA

Motion was made to approve the 2026-2027 negotiated agreement with CCEA by Mr. Strong, seconded by Ms. Williams. Motion passed.

3-4 Year old Preschool Program Proposal

Research shows that students who attend preschool tend to perform better academically, and there is a demonstrated need for preschool services within the community. Preference would be given to school employees for staffing positions, although certification would not be required. Additionally, high school students could serve as classroom aides and earn child development credit while gaining valuable hands-on experience.

Motion was made to gather more information on the 3-4 year old Preschool program proposal by Mr. Strong, seconded by Ms. Williams. Motion passed.

Additional House Purchase for lot by Football Field

Discussed purchasing a manufactured home for the school lot with the forest fund money.

Motion was made to start checking into housing for the lot by the football field by Ms. Williams, seconded by Mr. Strong. Motion passed.

Pickle ball court & Tetherball install in Jr./Sr. Courtyard

The school had money donated around 7,000 for student movement. Some options that we could do is pickle ball, Frisbee golf, or tetherball that would be open to the community after school and in the summer.

Motion was made to approve a pickle ball court, tetherball court and other items if budget permits by Mr. Strong, seconded by Ms. Williams. Motion passed.

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; and 74-206(1)(d): To consider records that are exempt from disclosure as provided in chapter 1, title 74, Idaho Code;

Motion to move into executive session by Ms. Small and seconded by Mr. Strong.
Roll call – Ms. Small – aye, Ms. Williams – aye, Mr. Strong – aye, and Ms. Tavenner – aye.

Time in – 7 p.m.
Time out – 7:20 p.m.

Motion was made to approve the graduation requirement modification for student A 2026 by Mr. Strong, seconded by Ms. Small. Motion passed.

Adjourn: **7:21 p.m.**

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Board Chairman Date

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Board Clerk Date