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The Crete Board of Education met on Monday, August 11, 2025, at 6:00 PM at the Cardinal Welcome Center for their Regular Meeting. Board members present were Justin Kuntz, President; Greg Hollman, Vice President; Vince Krejci, Secretary; Greg Mach, Scott Piening, and Michaela Conway. Also in attendance were Josh McDowell, Superintendent; Ryan Hinz, Chief Financial Officer; Brittany Hajek, Chief Academic Officer; Jenny Beck, Chief of Staff; Katie Bevins, Director of Student Services; Joel Bramhall, Director of Federal Programs; Melissa Frans, Director of Instructional Programs; Ross Louch, Director of Information Technology; Sarah Sell, Elementary Assistant Principal; Jennifer Banos, Executive Assistant; and interested members of the community.

The meeting, having been duly preceded by advance notice and conducted in accordance with the posted Open Meetings Law, was called to order by President Kuntz at 6:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all those in the room.

The Mission Statement was read by Dr. McDowell.

There was no public comment at this meeting.

Dr. McDowell provided highlights on claims of interest.

Motion #58-25 Mr Greg Hollman moved to approve the consent agenda as published. Seconded Mr Vince Krejci. On roll call: Motion Carried. Michaela Conway: Yea, Mr Greg Hollman: Yea, Mr Vince Krejci: Yea, Justin Kuntz: Yea, Greg Mach: Yea, Mr Scott Piening: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0.

Motion #59-25 Mr Greg Hollman moved to approve the Annual Microsoft Agreement as proposed. Seconded Mr Vince Krejci. On roll call: Motion Carried. Michaela Conway: Yea, Mr Greg Hollman: Yea, Mr Vince Krejci: Yea, Justin Kuntz: Yea, Greg Mach: Yea, Mr Scott Piening: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0.

Excess goods will be at the city auction on September 6th

Motion #60-25 Mr Greg Hollman moved to approve the sale of excess goods as listed in the agenda. Seconded Mr Vince Krejci. On roll call: Motion Carried. Michaela Conway: Yea, Mr Greg Hollman: Yea, Mr Vince Krejci: Yea, Justin Kuntz: Yea, Greg Mach: Yea, Mr Scott Piening: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0.

Dr. Hajek provided the Board with an update on the NDE Literacy Journey. CPS has been approved as a recipient of the CLSD Grant.

Mrs. Beck provided updates on summer projects. The gas company has completed its work at the high school. The Board also received a staffing update. The first few

Mr. Hinz provided a financial office update of changes made to how claims are presented to the board, as well as updates to the Treasurer's report. Mr. Hinz highlighted the budget timeline.

Current & Upcoming Projects in the Finance Office include: Infinite Campus Payments for all school fees, closing FY 2025.

Superintendent report:

- Kindergarten Jumpstart 8/11 & 8/12 10-12 families per classroom opted to participate
- Wednesday transition day
- Thursday all students back
- Enrollment numbers: K - 145; 102 new registrations since February; anticipated 65 new to district students for the 25-26 school year
- Project Mammoth update: parking lot is nearly completed; it needs to be completed before the press box can be installed
- The softball field is ready; but construction continues around
- Update on storm damage: CWC entrance panels; tennis courts; numerous trees and limbs (crew member came in on Saturday to clean up)
- Budget outlook workshops: August 19th 6:30, August 25<sup>th</sup>

The Board asked clarifying questions.

The next Board of Education meeting will be on Wednesday, September 3, 2025.

Motion #61-25      Mr Greg Hollman moved to approve the adjournment of the regular board meeting at 6:36 PM. Seconded Mr Vince Krejci. On roll call: Motion Carried. Michaela Conway: Yea, Mr Greg Hollman: Yea, Mr Vince Krejci: Yea, Justin Kuntz: Yea, Greg Mach: Yea, Mr Scott Piening: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Secretary)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(President)