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The Crete Board of Education met on Monday, March 10, 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; Meagan Kershner, Chief Financial Officer; Brittany Hajek, Chief Academic Officer; Katie Bevins, Director of Student Services; Joel Bramhall, Director of Federal Programs; Melissa Frans, Director of Instructional Programs; Ryan Hinz, Director of Adult & Family Education; Justin Nickel, Director of Maintenance; Josh Littrell, Director of Transportation; Sarah Sell, Interim Elementary Principal; Janet Carriker, Interim Elementary Assistant Principal; Shannon Cole, Intermediate Principal; Brent Cain, Intermediate Assistant Principal; Perla Jaimes, Middle School Principal; Randy Newmyer, Middle School Assistant Principal; BT Kracl, Community Schools Coordinator; Cory Bohling, High School Principal; Marcy Harrifeld, High School Assistant Principal; Dustin Nelson, IT Specialist; 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.

The Mission Statement was read by Dr. McDowell.

There was no public comment at this meeting.

Dr. McDowell highlighted claims of interest for clarification. Listed in Policy First Read is a base policy for Naming of the School District Facilities, the Board will discuss at the April working meeting.

Motion #22-25 Greg Hollman moved to approve the consent agenda as published. Out of an abundance of caution, Mr. Mach abstains from voting to approve the following checks: 145806 & 145842 to avoid an actual or perceived conflict of interest and votes to approve the balance of the consent agenda. Seconded Vince Krejci. On roll call: Motion Carried. Michaela Conway: Yea, Michaela Conway: Yea, Greg Hollman: Yea, Vince Krejci: Yea, Justin Kuntz: Yea, Greg Mach: Yea, Scott Piening: Yea . Yea: 7, Nay: 0.

Ms. Cole, Intermediate School Principal; Mr. Cain, Intermediate School Assistant Principal; Mrs. Tristan Smith, Fourth Grade Teacher; and two Crete Intermediate Students presented to the Board. The presentation highlighted why students, staff, and the community want to connect and be part of Crete Intermediate.

Dr. McDowell clarified the "Athletic Facility Update - Mammoth Sports Construction Phase I Contract Proposal" Agenda Item will be an Action Item this evening. Mammoth Sports Construction presented pricing and contract for approval for Phase One. The Board may approve all or a portion of the Phase I Contract as presented and attached to the agenda. There was clarifying discussion about the drainage study currently being done to prepare for construction and the lighting positioning. Approval of the proposed phase will include ordering of materials.

Ms. Conway asked if there is concern for the difference in cost. Dr. McDowell answered that initial bidding did not include all requests.

Motion #23-25 Greg Hollman moved to approve the Phase I contract as proposed and set forth. Seconded Vince Krejci. On roll call: Motion Carried. Michaela Conway: Yea, Michaela Conway: Yea, Greg Hollman: Yea, Vince Krejci: Yea, Justin Kuntz: Yea, Greg Mach: Yea, Scott Piening: Yea .Yea: 7, Nay: 0.

Dr. McDowell presented a proposal from Idea Bank Marketing for a Capital Campaign for the CPS Athletic Facility. This campaign would be in conjunction with the CPS Foundation. The Board asked clarifying questions. We partner with IDEABank for other marketing needs; they have experience with similar projects.

Motion #24-25 Scott Piening moved to approve the estimate for the IdeaBank quote. Seconded Greg Hollman. On roll call: Motion Carried. Michaela Conway: Yea, Michaela Conway: Yea, Greg Hollman: Yea, Vince Krejci: Yea, Justin Kuntz: Yea, Greg Mach: Yea, Scott Piening: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0.

Dr. Brittany Hajek provided the Board updates on Innive and Curriculum Resource Adoption. The Innive Database project is now in a Pilot Database Phase. Dr. McDowell presented the dashboard in its pilot phase.

Mrs. Kershner, CFO, provided an update for the 2025-2026 Budget Authority. The Board asked a clarifying question as to why State Aid went down. State Aid is a formulated amount. The Board would like to visit this topic monthly.

Dr. McDowell presented a recommended managed print contract. CPS went through a formal RFP process. The current contract with ACCESS Sytems will be up at the end of the school year. The recommendation is to go with Eakes. This item is only informational this month.

Motion #25-25 Greg Hollman moved to approve the request to add Mr. Ryan Hinz as an official signatory for CPS (bank/financial/grant, etc.) and remove Mrs. Meagan Kershner as an official signatory effective her last official day in the District.. Seconded Vince Krejci. On roll call: Motion Carried
Michaela Conway: Yea, Michaela Conway: Yea, Greg Hollman: Yea, Vince Krejci: Yea, Justin Kuntz: Yea, Greg Mach: Yea, Scott Piening: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0.

Dr. McDowell's update included

- due to weather we need to make up 1 student day & 3 staff days; OPTIONS: Easter make-up one day on that Tuesday OR beginning March 21 add 15 minutes to the end of the day
- online registration is open for Kindergarten; April 1 opens for all currently enrolled as the annual information update; we will again have one summer day for a big registration event
- CPS App / Rooms and Parent Portal will be the two places for parents to go; we are working on eliminating too many systems for parents

The next Board working meeting will be on Wednesday, April 9, and the next regular meeting will be on Monday, April 14.

Motion #26-25

Greg Hollman moved to approve the adjournment of the regular board meeting at 7:06 PM. Seconded Vince Krejci. On roll call: Motion Carried. Michaela Conway: Yea, Michaela Conway: Yea, Greg Hollman: Yea, Vince Krejci: Yea, Justin Kuntz: Yea, Greg Mach: Yea, Scott Piening: Yea. Yea: 7, Nay: 0.

Attest: _____
(Secretary)

Signed: _____
(President)