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The Crete Board of Education met on -Date- 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; Jenny Beck, Chief of Staff; Katie Bevins, Director of Student Services; Joel Bramhall, Director of Federal Programs; Jodi Erickson Director of Nutrition Services; Melissa Frans, Director of Instructional Programs; Ryan Hinz, Director of Adult & Family Education; Justin Nickel, Director of Maintenance; Josh Littrell, Director of Transportation; Ross Louch, Director of Information Technology; 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; Matt Martin, Director of Activities; Stan Croft President of CEA; 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 present.

The Mission Statement was read by Dr. McDowell.

There was no public comment at this meeting.

Dr. McDowell highlighted claims of interest. There was no clarifying discussion about the consent agenda. Motion #15-26 Mr Greg Hollman moved to approve the 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

The Chief Academic Officer Department Update included:

CLSD and Literacy Update across 3 bands

Birth-K Band

Curriculum Coaching

LETRS Training

MTSS-A Development

PLC Development

K-5 Band

LETRS Training

HQIM Purchase (High Quality Instruction Materials)

MTSS-A Development

PLC Development

Kindergarten Jumpstart to Kindergarten Round Up

6-12 Band
ACT Prep/Support
Literacy Coach New to District for 26-27
MTSS-A Development
PLC Development

CLSD Literacy Goals

The Chief of Staff Department Update included:
Policy 4112 Contract & Renewals sent last business day of February returned by the 15 of March
Classified Staff also receive an intent to return to help with budgeting and staffing for the following school year
This was the last month to receive the early resignation incentive for the school year
Current open and hired position

Transportation Update:
52 Preschool Students
322 K-12 Students
Bus Fee collection has been more consistent

The Chief Financial Officer Department Update included:
overview of revenues; drops in comparison to the last fiscal year are due to the timing of tax reimbursements and changes in funding overall
overview of expenditures; overall, the district has been working hard to reduce expenditures
Revenue/Expenditure Cycle
Administrative Staff Expenses Proposed
Utility Update
What's Ahead for District Budget

The Superintendent Report included:
Athletic facility will be punch-listed 2/10
Scoreboard should be ready by March 1st
Proud of both the Emergency Response and Crisis Teams in the ongoing of the last couple of weeks and processes overall to be prepared
Legislative Update:
Review of TOSA formula
LB 1050 3rd reading proficiency
LB 765 requires bond issues of at least 50% turnout; could affect future projects
Hearing today on statewide grading

Teacher Leader Coalition met on Wednesday they asked great questions to clarify beats on the street
Classified Advisory also meets monthly for the same purpose

Discussion on the topic occurred during the working meeting. This year we have two eligible staff. Motion #16-26 Mr Greg Hollman moved to approve the usage of the Voluntary Separation Agreement for the upcoming school year.. 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

Discussion on this package increase occurred during the working session on Wednesday. This increase aligns with the Certified package. Motion #17-26 Mr Greg Hollman moved to approve a total package increase of 4.04% for the 2026-2027 school year for the administrative group.. 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

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be on Monday, March 9, 2026.

Motion #18-26 Mr Greg Hollman moved to approve the adjournment of the regular board meeting at 6:32
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: _____ Signed: _____
(Secretary) (President)