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The Crete Board of Education met on Monday, July 7, 2025 at 6:06 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; Joel Bramhall, Director of Federal Programs; Melissa Frans, Director of Instructional Programs; Ross Louch, Director of Information Technology; and Jennifer Banos, Executive Assistant.

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 6:06 p.m.

There was no public comment at this meeting.

Dr. McDowell highlighted claims of interest. All of the policies on final read were previously reviewed by the board as recommended by the school district attorney.

There was no clarifying discussion about the consent agenda. Motion #52-25 Mr Greg Hollman moved to approve the consent agenda as published. Out of an abundance of caution and to avoid any actual or perceived conflict of interest, Mach abstains from voting to approve the UBT credit card charges to Old Main in the amount of \$319.82; approving the remainder of the consent 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. McDowell presented updates to the Student/Parent Handbook for the 2025-2026:

- clarification of excused/unexcused absences
- cleaned up language regarding credit loss
- High School Late Work Policy
- cleaned up language with tardies
- air quality monitoring
- concussion management for non-student athletes
- CHS Cell Phone and Technology Policy
- Technology Accounts - Google Compliance

Motion #53-25 Mr Greg Hollman moved to approve the Approve the 2025-2026 Student/Parent Handbook as presented.. 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

This purchase will be completely grant-funded. The Virtual Cadaver Table will be used in the health sciences pathway. Motion #54-25 Mr Greg Hollman moved to approve the Approve the purchase of the Anatomage Virtual Cadaver Table as presented.. 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 Annual Microsoft Agreement is up for review; this item is information only. This agreement helps the IT department manage all Microsoft related software including user management. The quote is in line with past years.

Dr. Hajek shared Cardinal Summer Data including:

- 136 unique student registrations at the Elementary (51%)
- 247 unique student registrations at the Intermediate (54%)
- 177 unique student registrations at the Middle School (28%)
- 85 unique student registrations for Credit Recovery at High School (13%)
- 426 total unique students
- 3387 breakfast, 6577 lunches, 5335 snacks
- 5 bus routes
- 100 summer staff

Special thanks to all who helped make Cardinal Summer run smoothly.

The Board asked clarifying questions

Mr. Hinz provided a finance update and budget draft:

- Budget Timeline
- Anticipated budget numbers
- Anticipated tax-request public hearing
- total package increases over the years
- historical and anticipated budget
- historical and anticipated tax ask

Dr. McDowell anticipates State Aid numbers will increase because the district is growing. More districts will need to attend the "pink postcard" meetings for tax requests due to changes in funding formulas.

Mr. Hinz & Dr. McDowell are working toward being fiscally responsible, building cash reserves in the general and bond funds, and using special building funds for long-term facility needs and levy tolerance.

The Board engaged in clarifying discussion regarding lowering the levy ask.

Dr. McDowell provided his update:

Registration Extravaganza data: 185 annual updates, 12 new to district, 200 hot dogs served

Construction Update: bleachers are up, retention pond is underway pending weather, electrical starting, light posts will start going up next week, timeline is still on time

Commissioner of Education invited Dr. McDowell to sit in on a superintendent advisory board for the upcoming school year

Motion #55-25 Mr Greg Hollman moved to approve the I move that the Board enter into closed session because closed session is clearly necessary for the protection of the public interest and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual at 6:57 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

Motion #56-25 Mr Greg Hollman moved to approve the exit Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting at 7:52 PM. Seconded Mr Scott Piening. 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 Board of Education Working Meeting is on Wednesday, August 6, 2025 at 6:30 PM. The next Board of Education Regular Meeting is on Monday, August 11, 2025 at 6:00 PM.

Motion #57-25 Mr Greg Hollman moved to approve the adjournment of the regular board meeting at 7:53 pm. Seconded Michaela Conway. 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)