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The Crete Board of Education met on Monday, June 9, 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; and interested staff and 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 the room.

The Mission Statement was read by Dr. McDowell.

There was no public comment at this meeting.

CPS only received one bid for milk this year. CPS received bids from Rotella and Bimbo for bread. Nutrition Services recommends Bimbo for Bread this year. Dr. McDowell highlighted claims of interest.

Motion #48-25      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 check #146191 and Krejci abstains from check #163296; both approve the remainder of the consent agenda. Seconded Vince Krejci. On roll call: Motion Carried. Michaela Conway: Yea, Greg Hollman: Yea, Vince Krejci: Yea, Justin Kuntz: Yea, Greg Mach: Yea, Scott Piening: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0.

Dr. Hajek presented on the curriculum work that has taken place during the summer months. PreSchool, K-12 S.S., K-12 EL curriculum spent time in month working on curriculum maps, unit guides, pacing guides and assessment planning. K-2 teachers also met and worked through aligning standards and common formative assessments within Skills from CKLA. Additional curriculum work is happening in the High School pathway courses.

Mr. Hinz reported on the revenues that CPS has taken in by funds. On point to note is that the nutrition fund has outspent their funds and therefore are looking at raising rates for the 25-26 school year. Expenditures were broken down into key expenses (salaries, utilities, benefits, supplies) for the fiscal year 25. Salaries and benefits continue to make up the bulk of the cost of the budget. A 2025-2026 budget timeline was presented to the board.

Transportation update was provided by Mrs. Beck. Comparisons were provided comparing MidStates, Holiday Express, and Crete Public Schools. The comparisons included the amount of routes, amount of stops, capacity of bus, routes at capacity and students on the waitlist. Transportation costs were shared for the 24-25 school year now that Crete Public Schools manages its own transportation. A timeline for the 25-26 school year was shared which included when bus application opens and closes, planning routes, communicating with families, and first day of transportation. A facilities update was provided which included concrete work locations and building projects (removing shared walls, carpet and paint, and preparing locker rooms at the intermediate).

Dr. McDowell shared about the District leadership retreat content and how the team reflected on the year and prepared for the next year. One part of the retreat included learning about the data driven dialogue and how it will be used for the 25-26 school year. The reVision Action grant award was shared and how it will be used for an anatomy table.

Dr. McDowell shared about the third and final contract for phase 1 of the work for the athletic complex. The scoreboard is still an alternate, depending on fundraising effort. The amendment is for a total of \$510,094 which brings the total cost to \$2.269 million of phase 1 which is less than the originally presented in January of \$2.4 million. This includes parking lot, sidewalks and the drainage pond work that needs to be completed. Construction is still on schedule, do not anticipate any major setbacks with the weather.

Motion #49-25      Greg Hollman moved to approve the 3rd amendment to the Mammoth construction contract as is set forth in the material and approving the base price of \$510,094. Seconded Vince Krejci. On roll call: Motion Carried. Michaela Conway: Yea, Greg Hollman: Yea, Vince Krejci: Yea, Justin Kuntz: Yea, Greg Mach: Yea, Scott Piening: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0.

The next BOE meeting will be held on Monday, July 7, in the Cardinal Welcome Center's Zoom Room, starting at 6:00 PM.

Motion #50-25      Greg Hollman moved to approve the adjournment of the regular board meeting at 6:30 PM. Seconded Vince Krejci. On roll call: Motion Carried. Michaela Conway: Yea, Greg Hollman: Yea, Vince Krejci: Yea, Justin Kuntz: Yea, Greg Mach: Yea, Scott Piening: Yea. Yea: 6, Nay: 0.

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

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