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Central School District 13J

Minutes

CSD 13J Board PLC

This is a work session for the board.

Date and Time

Tuesday February 17, 2026 at 5:00 PM

Location

Central High School
1530 Monmouth St., Independence
Library

Directors Present

Andrea Van Heeswyk, Byron Shinkle, Irene Oliveros-Vega, Jann Jobe, Melanie Landon-Hays,
Susan Graham (remote)

Directors Absent

None

Guests Present

Emily Mentzer, Jennifer Kubista

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B.

Call the Meeting to Order

Byron Shinkle called a meeting to order on Tuesday Feb 17, 2026 at 5:06 PM.

II. Business agenda

A. Out of State Field Trip request

Melanie Landon-Hays made a motion to approve the Model UN trip as presented.

Andrea Van Heeswyk seconded the motion.

The team **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Andrea Van Heeswyk	Aye
Melanie Landon-Hays	Aye
Irene Oliveros-Vega	Aye
Susan Graham	Aye
Byron Shinkle	Aye
Jann Jobe	Aye

III. Central High School

A. CHS data presentation

Principal Rick Dormer and Assistant Principal Virginia Antunez presented data about Central High school. The discussion included:

- Positive culture building
- Focus on attendance
 - Treating tardies with grace
 - Path back to enrollment after 10-day drop
 - Partnering with families
- Monthly pep assemblies
- Welcoming environments for all forms of culture
- Student led socials
- Parent Newsletters
- Classroom engagement and effective teaching strategies
- Building an AVID team
- Boost advanced classes
- Building common language among staff for minor vs. major referrals
- Student Code of Conduct
- Finding patterns for 9th grade on track

The board took a recess from 6:44 p.m. to 6:51 p.m. during this discussion item.

IV. Executive Session - Closed to the Public

A.

Recess into executive session

The board recessed into executive session at 7:06 p.m.

V. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

The board recessed out of executive session into regular session at 7:31 p.m.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Byron Shinkle

Documents used during the meeting

- Model UN trip request 2-26.pdf