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GET BETTER EVERY DAY

Regular Meeting Minutes
28 October 2026 @ 5:30 p.m.

Attendees: Eddy Slick, Jim Harbin, Trey Dobbs, and Shena Sanders

Call to Order: Eddy Slick @ 5:30 p.m. **Prayer:** Trey Dobbs

Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem

Board Member Jared Hawthorn arrived at 5:38 p.m.

Public Comment:

Sign up sheet was posted 30 minutes prior to the board meeting and collected at 5:30 p.m. There were no persons signed up for public comment and a copy of the sign up sheet will be attached to the meeting minutes.

Presentations/Recognitions:

Mrs. Baber the Elementary School Principal recognized student Joseph Jones, 5th grader as the elementary student of the month.

Mrs. Heatherly the High School Principal recognized student Garrett Duncan as the high school student of the month.

Mrs. Baber the Elementary School Principal recognized Mrs. Tracy Pratt as the elementary teacher of the month.

Mrs. Heatherly the High School Principal recognized Mr. Tony Mason as the high school teacher of the month.

Coach Brickell the Athletic Director and Coach Chenowith recognized the CMS High School Lady Eagles Volleyball team as the 2A-7 District Champs and the CMS Junior High Lady Eagles Volleyball team as regular season 2A-7 Champs and the hard work of both teams this season.

Coach Brickell and Coach Rogers recognized the CMS Elementary School 3rd/4th grade peewee football team finishing runner ups in championship game and the teams hard work and dedication this year.

Annual Report to the Public

- Mrs. Baber and Mrs. Heatherly presented the increases in letter grades for schools/district and improved performance at both campuses.
- Targets to increase student percentage by 5 points on the ATLAS English and Math to perform at or above expected level.
- Mrs. Harrison the Elementary School Asst. Principal presented Enrollment and Community Access on the newly established IURs for transportation for school of choice

students beginning 30 Nov 2026 and targets to increase enrollment year over year.

- Mrs. Donna Lingo the Business Manager presented districts operating revenue, expenditures, building fund balance and the audit approval.
- Mr. Williams the High School Asst. Principal presented the student support, safety and facilities report which highlighted security focus for campuses and services available for our students.
- Superintendent Dr. Campbell discussed What Comes Next for 2026-2027; "Get Better Every Day", increase ATLAS performance, strengthen enrollment, keep classroom instruction aligned to grade level, maintain focus on safety, attendance and stewardship of public resources.

MOTION BY Jim Harbin and seconded by Trey Dobbs to approve Items of Action in one motion:

Minutes of 16 Sept 2026 Regular and 16 Sept 2026 Board Training minutes
Finance Report
Revisions to the Certified Employee Salary Schedule
One-time Employee bonus for the 2026-2027 school year
Board to Board Transfers
2026-2027 Partnership Agreement with Henderson State University Partners in Education (PIE)
Close construction bank account at Malvern National Bank

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Informational:

Dr. Campbell discussed the car wash and future operations of the car wash; expenditures on maintenance and upkeep. Dr. Campbell will explore options to lease outside the district and options to convert to cashless.

Board members requested to move the Title I, Part A, Public Hearing information to be presented prior to Executive Session since there were no parents or community members present. Mrs. Donna Lingo presented and information will be posted to CMS website.

Executive Session: BREAK FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION @ 6:54 p.m. to discuss personnel.

Return from Executive Session @ 8:07 p.m. and NO ACTION TAKEN.

MOTION BY Trey Dobbs and seconded by Jared Hawthorn to approve Ratification of Personnel for new hires and resignations.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

The next regular Board Meeting is scheduled for November 11, 2026 @ 5:30 p.m.

Adjournment: Motion by Jim Harbin and Seconded by Trey Dobbs to adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED 5-0

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.