

Governing Board Meeting

James Hixson Board Room
Thursday, October 9, 2025
6:00pm

Present: Cindy Payton, Business Manager, Central Nine Career Center; Dr. William Kovach, Executive Director; Dawn Downer, Franklin Township Community School Corporation; Becky Nelson, Franklin Community School Corporation; Linda Polesel, Clark Pleasant Community School Corporation; Scott Alexander, Center Grove Community School Corporation; Brian Downard, Beech Grove City Schools; Chris Lewis, Perry Township Schools; Ed Harvey, Nineveh Hensley Jackson United School Corporation

Absent: Sheila Martin, Greenwood Community School Corporation

1 Pledge and Welcome

Dawn Downer, President

This meeting is a meeting of the Governing Board in public for the purpose of conducting the Career Center's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There will be time for public participation as indicated by a specified agenda item.

Mission Statement: To engage, support, and empower students by providing active, career-based learning in an experiential environment.

Minutes:

Before the meeting was called to order, a public hearing was held to take public comment regarding the ratification of the Collective Bargaining Agreement. No public comment was received.

The meeting was called to order at 6:14 p.m. by Governing Board President, Dawn Downer. Mrs. Downer welcomed everyone and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those in attendance: Alvin Bible, C9TA Representative; Michelle Davis, Adult Education Director; Mike Quaranta, Assistant Director; and Laura Showalter, Benefits Coordinator/Executive Assistant.

No additions/changes to the agenda were presented.

2 Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Minutes:

Becky Nelson moved for approval of the Consent Agenda Items as presented. Brian Downard seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

2.1 Financial Report and Claims

Attachments:

[CHECK DATE 09-12-2025.pdf](#)

[CHECK DATE 09-26-2025.pdf](#)

[Financial 1.pdf](#)

[Financial 2.pdf](#)

[Financial 3.pdf](#)

2.2 Personnel Recommendations

- No High School Personnel

2.3 Minutes for Approval

Attachments:

[Minutes 9.11.25.pdf](#)

2.4 Donations

Attachments:

[Kovach Donation.pdf](#)

3 Items of Action - ACTION

3.1 Request Approval of Revised School Billings

Minutes:

Dr. Kovach requested approval of the revised school billings based on Count Day enrollment numbers. Scott Alexander moved for approval of the revised school billings based on Count Day enrollment numbers. Ed Harvey seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Attachments:

[25.26 Count Day Billings for Board.pdf](#)

3.2 Request Approval of Statement of Work with Vincennes University

Minutes:

Dr. Kovach explained that it has been 3-4 years since this Memorandum of Understanding for the Early Child Program has been approved by the Board. Dr. Kovach explained that legal counsel did review this document last time it was approved by the Board but he did not have it reviewed again because the only changes made were dates. There was a question regarding the contract requiring Central Nine to carry cyber insurance. Dr. Kovach assured the Board that we do in fact carry the required cyber insurance.

Brian Downard moved for approval of the Statement of Work with Vincennes University. Linda Polesel seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Attachments:

[Central Nine Joint Services and SOW.pdf](#)

3.3 Request Approval of Revised CERT Contract

Minutes:

Dr. Kovach requested approval of the revised CERT Contract based on count day enrollment. He explained that the CERT program dropped 2 students since it was brought to the Board earlier this year.

Ed Harvey moved for approval of the Revised CERT Contract. Scott Alexander seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Attachments:

[Revised CERT Agreement 25.26.pdf](#)

3.4 Request Approval of Cummins Diesel Engine Module Donation

Minutes:

Dr. Kovach shared that after review of the donation document, there were several pages that were not readable. He stated that if the Board would like to table this item, he would work with Cummins to get a readable version of the donation form and bring it back for Board consideration at the November 13, 2025 meeting.

Scott Alexander moved to table the Cummins Diesel Engine Module Donation until next month. Becky Nelson seconded the motion. Motion tabled 7-0.

Attachments:

[Cummins Engine Module Donation.pdf](#)

4 Director's Comments and Items of Information

Dr. Kovach, Director

Met with the superintendents last week and shared the C9 24-25 data on retention, attendance, dual credit, certifications, etc. They got to see overall data and specific high school data. We had a great discussion and generated ideas for data to capture in the future.

We plan on offering Smart manufacturing for the 2026-2027 school year. we already have the equipment we purchased with a Perkins reserve grant a couple of years ago. We can hire an instructor by paying that person with Perkins funds for the first three years. Year one is full compensation, year two is half, etc. We also have an advisory board that includes people from Endress+Hauser, former board member Mike Metzger, and a retired Smart manufacturing teacher.

Minutes:

Dr. Kovach shared the Director's Comments and Items of Information (listed above). The Board requested a presentation on Smart Manufacturing be sent to them in the Friday Board Notes in order to understand the program in more depth.

4.1 Board Policy Review - 1st Reading

Volume 37 No. 2

Special Update July 2025

Special Update August 2025

Minutes:

Dr. Kovach shared the Board Policy Review for a 1st reading. Dawn Downer volunteered to review the policy on behalf of the Governing Board.

4.2 Students of the Month

Minutes:

Dr. Kovach shared the October Students of the Month (attached).

Attachments:

[October SOTM 25 1 .pdf](#)

4.3 Upcoming Dates and Events

- October 20, 2025 - Classes Resume from Fall Break
- Next Governing Board Meeting - November 13, 2025 - Program Showcase: Aviation

Minutes:

Dr. Kovach shared the upcoming dates and events (listed above).

5 High School Division Update

5.1 ECA Risk Assessment Report

Minutes:

Mike Quaranta shared the annual ECA Risk Assessment Report with the Board.

Attachments:

[eca fund balances.pdf](#)

[eca risk 2024.pdf](#)

[eca report cert.pdf](#)

[eca reconciliation.pdf](#)

[eca fund receipts exp.pdf](#)

5.2 High School Division Update

Minutes:

Mike Quaranta shared the High School Division Update (attached).

Attachments:

[October 2025 High School Board Report.pdf](#)

6 Adult Education Division Action and Items of Information

6.1 Approval of Adult Education Personnel Report

Minutes:

Michelle Davis requested approval of the Adult Education Personnel Report.

Scott Alexander moved for approval of the Adult Education Personnel Report as presented. Ed Harvey seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Attachments:

[Adult Education Personnel Report for October 2025.1.pdf](#)

6.2 Request Approval that Expenditures be moved from Fund to Fund

Minutes:

Michelle Davis requested approval to move expenditures from fund to fund.

Brian Downward moved for approval of expenditures to be moved from fund to fund. Scott Alexander seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Linda Polesel left 6:35 p.m. to attend another meeting.

Attachments:

[Funds moved - Oct Board meeting.pdf](#)

7 Adult Education Monthly Update

Minutes:

Michelle Davis shared the Adult Education Monthly Update (attached). The Board requested that the success stories be posted on the Adult Education website.

Attachments:

[2025-2026 Monthly Enrollment - October Board.pdf](#)

[Brian Foster Success Story 1 .pdf](#)

8 Public Comments

Minutes:

None presented.

9 Board Member Comments

Minutes:

None presented.

10 Adjournment

Minutes:

With no further business, Ed Harvey moved for adjournment at 6:56 p.m.