

Governing Board Meeting

James Hixson Board Room
Thursday, August 13, 2026
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; Ed Harvey, Nineveh Hensley Jackson United School Corporation; Sheila Martin, Greenwood Community School Corporation

Absent: Chris Lewis, Perry Township Schools

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:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President, Dawn Downer. Mrs. Downer welcomed everyone and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Dr. Kovach requested the following agenda items to be added to the agenda: 3.2, 4.1, and 6.

Scott Alexander moved to approve the additions to the agenda. Sheila Martin seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

2 Public Comments

Minutes:

None presented.

3 Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Minutes:

Sheila Martin moved for approval of the Consent Agenda Items as presented. Ed Harvey seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

3.1 Financial Report and Claims

Attachments:

[CHECK DATE 07-03-2026.pdf](#)
[CHECK DATE 7-17-2026.pdf](#)
[CHECK DATE 7-31-2026.pdf](#)
[Financial_1.pdf](#)
[Financial_2.pdf](#)
[Financial_3.pdf](#)
[Financial_4.pdf](#)

3.2 Personnel Recommendations

Attachments:

[REVISED HS Personnel Report 8.13.26.pdf](#)

3.3 Minutes for Approval

Attachments:

[Ex. Session Minutes 7.9.26.pdf](#)
[Minutes 7.9.26.pdf](#)

3.4 Donations

Attachments:

[Kovach Donation.pdf](#)

4 Items of Action - ACTION

4.1 Request Approval of the Revised Pay Rate Increases for Non Certified Employees

Minutes:

Dr. Kovach explained that this was brought to the Board for approval in August, 2026; however, there was an error listing the Facility Advisor as making \$65,000.00 annually, but it should have been \$55,000.00 annually. He also shared that the new Facilities Director was added to the document.

Scott Alexander moved for approval of the Revised Pay Rate Increases for Non-Certified Employees. Linda Polesel seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Attachments:

[Revised Non-Cert Salary Worksheet.pdf](#)

5 Director's Comments and Items of Information

Dr. Kovach, Director

5.1 Upcoming Dates and Events

- August 13, 2026 - Meet the Instructor Night - 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- September 7, 2026 - Labor Day - No School
- September 10, 2026 - Next Governing Board Meeting - Program Showcase: Veterinary Careers

Minutes:

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

6 High School Division Update

Minutes:

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

Attachments:

[August 2026 High School Board Report.pdf](#)

7 Adult Education Division Action Items

7.1 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. Sheila Martin seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Attachments:

[Adult Education Personnel Report for August 2026 1 .pdf](#)

7.2 Request Approval to Transfer Expenditures from Fund to Fund

Minutes:

Michelle Daviss requested approval to Transfer Expenditures from Fund to Fund.

Ed Harvey moved for approval to transfer Adult Education Expenditures from Fund to Fund. Brian Downard seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Attachments:

[AE Transfers 06-30-2026 2 1 .pdf](#)

7.3 Request Approval of Pay Increases 2026-2027

Minutes:

Michelle Davis requested approval of a 5% pay rate increase for the Adult Education Employees for the 2026-2027 program year.

Ed Harvey moved for approval of the Adult Education pay rate increases. Shelia Martin seconded the

motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Attachments:

[Request for Approval of Pay Increases 2026-27 5 1 .pdf](#)

8 Adult Education Items of Information

8.1 Monthly Budget Update

- No Update

Minutes:

- No Monthly Budget Update presented.

8.2 Monthly Enrollment Update

Minutes:

Michelle Davis shared the Adult Education Monthly Enrollment Update (attached).

Attachments:

[August Board - July 2026 Enrollment.pdf](#)

8.3 Adult Education Success Story

Minutes:

Michelle Davis shared the Adult Education Student Success Story (attached).

Attachments:

[Tim O Neill Success Story 1 .pdf](#)

8.4 Program of Excellence

Minutes:

Michelle Davis shared that Central Nine Adult Education received the Program of Excellence Award.

Attachments:

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9 Board Member Comments

Minutes:

None presented.

Adjournment

10 Minutes:

With no further business, Scott Alexander moved for adjournment at 6:32 p.m.