

**CRAWFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT CENTER
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MEADVILLE, PA 16335**

**SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MEADVILLE AREA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

**MONDAY, September 15, 2025
5:30 P.M.**

Executive Session – Potential Litigation (Juul Settlement) & Personnel – 6:43 P.M. – 7:45 P.M.

Meeting called to order by the Committee at 5:31 P.M.

Members Present: Edward A. DeVore, Monica L. Hargenrater, Ronnie G. Irwin, Latasha T. Manning, Kevin G. Merritt, Jason T. Nesbitt, Jeffrey S. Rose, Tammy L. Silvis and D. Jerry Vettorel

Members Absent:

Administrative Staff Present: Michael Ditzenberger, Jonathan Frye, Dr. Jennifer A. Galdon, John Higgins, Richard Hogue, Dr. Ann Noonan, Scott Price, Meghan Stefanucci, Austin Stofferahn, Stacey Walsh and Kenneth Wolfarth

Others Present: Audra Peterson, Lydia Allio, Melissa Allio, Rebecca Allio, Kelli Ball, Gordon Barnett, Jim Basinger, Kathy Berkey, Kathy Blakeslee, Jeff Byham, Jill Carlson, Dee Cavanaugh, Mike Chauser, Sharon Collins, Monica Confer, Bethany Conway, Jessica Conway, Natalia Coppola, Bill Cox, Joel Cox, Mike Crowley (news media), Terry Crecraft, Michael Ferry, Ben Fiely, Luke Fiely, Riley Fronce, Sam Fuller, Anthony Gionti, Rachel Glasoe, Scott Gorrow, Kathy Graham, Judy Groover, Lori Guianen, Samantha Happart, Cindy Hart, Kristen Hepler, Francis Highhouse, Jeff Hilliard, Christy Hornstein, Brian Johnston, Cylee Jones, Eric Kantz, Marcy Kantz, Amanda Keister, Faith Kellick, Joseph Kelso, Tara Kelyman, Gail Kosienski, Caleb Landis, Arieka Ladese, Michael Lenzenby, Eric Lynn, Marti Malliard, Sherry Mason, Wally Mason, Kelly Mattocks, Nicole McBeth, Jacob McCoy, John McMasters, Jason McMasters, Amanda Miller, Bryan Miller, Sue Mulvey, Kim Nesbitt, Cory Overly, Andrew Pastor, Patty Peterson, Chris Polk, Martha Riddle, Lauren Sala, Marcus Schlye, Darcie Schonfeldt, Molly Seidel Byham, Arianna Shetler, Jon Shetler, Lacey Shorts, Lorelei Shorts, Robert Shorts, Alan Silvis, Krystal Smith, Nate Slawson, Kari Svirbly, Angie Tawkey, Shelly Tidball, Terry Tidball, Trent Tidball, Joe Todesco, Janice Tompkins, Anna Valesky, David Valesky, Garth Valesky, Melanie Valesky, Paula Valesky, McKenzie Walker, Tate Walker, Mark Weindorf, Pam Willis, Katrina Yoder, Lysa Yoder, and Ryan Young

NOTICE: No official action was taken during the Committee of the Whole Meeting. The business of this Meeting was merely to discuss and deliberate information that may be placed on the Agenda for the Voting Meeting to be held on September 22, 2025.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

STATEMENT FROM SOLICITOR

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jason McMasters, community member. He expressed concerns about a teacher who he feels needs to be fired immediately because he mocked a human life being taken for a senseless reason. He thinks the teacher is a bully and coward and the Board needs to not let the fear of the union keep them from deciding to fire him immediately.

Francis Highhouse, community member, Alumni of Meadville Area Senior High School. She expressed her concerns about a teacher. She feels like he normalized violence and fostered a toxic classroom environment of fear. Schools should be a safe haven. The teachers words can possess threats to our District and students that are on his Facebook saw his posts.

Marcy Kantz, community member, Meadville, PA, and speaking as a taxpayer. She expressed her concerns for a teacher in the district and stated that it is a severe hostile climate we find our children in. This teacher couldn't follow the standards he should be teaching, and he insulted his current and former students with his words. She says no to paying his salary.

Caleb Landis, community member, expressed his concerns about a teacher in the district. He said he would like to believe School Board Members have the best interest of our students at heart. But this teacher used dehumanizing language to mock the death of Charlie Kirk. Our teens are going through a confusing enough time anyways; this is not what they deserve. Firing this teacher won't be easy but it is the right thing to do.

Faith Kellick, community member, Alumni of Meadville Area Senior High School. She expressed concerns about a teacher. She stated that she couldn't stay silent, and 1 million people have seen the teacher's posts on social media and then quoted his posts. She stated that this teacher's students looked up to Charlie Kirk and he was an example to many. The teachers' words in the posts that were made foster students like Tyler Robinson – Charlie Kirks' murderer and asked that he be removed from classrooms permanently.

Kelli Ball, Vernon township, parent, educator, Alumni of Meadville Area Senior High School. She expressed her concerns about a teacher. She stated that freedom of speech should not promote prejudice. And that this is not the first time something like this has been brought up in reference to this teacher.

TECHNOLOGY

The Committee discussed the quote for Educational Networks website package. The item will be placed on the Agenda of the September 22, 2025 Board Meeting.

CURRICULUM

Dr. Jennifer A. Galdon discussed Literacy Under the Lights which is scheduled for October 7th, 2025, and will be held at Bender Field.

The Committee discussed Parker Lord Steam Take Over which will be held on October 8th, 2025. Ther will be a guest speaker who is an engineer at Parker Lord currently and a former student of Crawford Central as well as Steam Careers and activities for students to participate in. Dr. Jennifer A. Galdon made note to the public that there will be a helicopter on sight a distance away from students so they can view the engineering of it but wanted the public to be aware that would be the reason for it being there.

EXTRACURRICULAR

The Committee discussed the following overnight trips:

- Marching Band – Meadville Area Senior High School – Cincinnati, Ohio, May 1-3 2026 - \$397.20
- Girls Volleyball Tournament – Meadville Area Senior High School – State College, Altoona, October 3-4, 2025 - \$1,485.36

The items will be placed on the Agenda of the September 22, 2025 Board Meeting.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

The Committee discussed East End Building. Items discussed were the following:

- Tour with Common Roots and other Stakeholders
- 45-day notification to Planning Commissioners
- Vote on Resolution by Board after September 15, 2025

The item will be placed on the Agenda of the September 22, 2025 Board Meeting.

FINANCE

The Committee discussed the Volunteer Firefighter Tax Incentive. Items discussed were the following:

- Adopting ordinances for active volunteers within Crawford Central School District
- Not a free handout, volunteers must apply, attend fires and trainings, etc.
- Incentive to try to get more volunteers
- Fire Department's help our District with career days and teaching our students fire safety.

The item will be placed on the Agenda of the October 27, 2025 Board Meeting.

The Committee discussed Total Grant Services. The items discussed were the following:

- Contract is a draft currently
- 2-year commitment at \$33,000
- 20hours/month to write and secure grants, no additional admin fees. Flat fee
- Does not cover federal programs
- Is performance based

The item will be placed on the Agenda of the October 27, 2025 Board Meeting.

PERSONNEL/POLICY

The Committee discussed the First Readings the revisions to the following job descriptions:

- Gifted Teacher-Elementary
- Gifted Teacher-Secondary

The item will be placed on the Agenda of the September 22, 2025 Board Meeting.

The Committee discussed the reappointment of Dr. Christopher Rial, School Physician, for the 2025-2026 school year. The item will be placed on the Agenda of the September 22, 2025 Board Meeting.

The Committee discussed a Memorandum of Understanding between George Junior Republic and Crawford Central School District. The district currently has 2 students who attend there. George Junior Republic is a private residential treatment facility for makes. The district also used Extended School Year Services with them as needed. The item will be placed on the Agenda of the September 22, 2025 Board Meeting.

The Committee discussed the Addendum with ESS Northeast, LLC to increase the paraprofessional rate from \$14.00 to \$14.50. This will align the paraprofessional rate with the custodian and substitute rates. The item will be placed on the Agenda of the September 22, 2025 Board Meeting.

The Committee discussed the election of the PSBA Officers/Leadership Positions. The item will be placed on the Agenda of the September 22, 2025 Board Meeting.

The Committee discussed the Personnel Recommendations. The item will be placed on the Agenda of the September 22, 2025 Board Meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 P.M.