

❖ MINUTES ❖

Regular Meeting—Board of Education  
**CARL JUNCTION R-1 SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**6:15 p.m. - Board of Education Meeting**  
**Instructional Services Center - Board Room**  
**>>>Board Roll-Call<<<**

H = Here    A = Absent    P = Partial

H - LARRY COWGER	H - KASEY COWGER
H - MELINDA BROWN	H - BRIAN MASSEY
H - TRAVIS SPENCER	H - ROBERT HAYS
H - DR. ROB HERRON	

**I. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

- A. Larry Cowger called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm. There were 7 members present. Dr. Cook, Dr. Wilson, Dr. Pyle, and Jennifer Kennedy, Secretary were present.
- B. Motion by Dr. Rob Herron to approve the board agenda. Motion seconded by Brian Massey and carried 7-0.
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Reading of Mission Statement

**II. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS**

- A. Approve April 8, 2025 Carl Junction School Board Certified Election Results
  - Motion by Brian Massey to approve the certified school board election results. Motion seconded by Melinda Brown and carried 7-0.

**Board of Education Reorganization**

**III. ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**IV. REORGANIZATION**

- A. Dr. Pyle serves as Temporary Chairman.
- B. Dr. Pyle calls for nominations for Board President. Motion by Travis Spencer to nominate Larry Cowger as Board President. Motion seconded by Brian Massey. Motion by Dr. Rob Herron to cease nominations. Motion seconded by Robert Hays. Larry Cowger was affirmed as Board President by a vote of 7 “yes”, 0 “no”, and 0 “abstain”.
- C. Larry Cowger calls for nominations for Board Vice President. Motion by Brian Massey to nominate Travis Spencer as Vice President. Motion seconded by Melinda Brown. No other nominations. Travis Spencer was affirmed as Vice President by a vote of 7 “yes” and 0 “no”.
- D. Larry Cowger calls for nominations for MSBA Delegate. Motion by Robert Hays to nominate Melinda Brown as MSBA Delegate. Motion seconded by Dr. Rob Herron. No further nominations. Melinda Brown was affirmed as MSBA Delegate by a vote of 7 “yes” and 0 “no”.

- E. Larry Cowger calls for nominations for MSBA Alternate Delegate. Motion by Robert Hays to nominate Kasey Cowger. No second - nomination fails. Motion by Kasey Cowger to nominate Robert Hays as MSBA Alternate Delegate. Motion seconded by Melinda Brown. No further nominations. Robert Hays was affirmed as MSBA Alternate Delegate by a vote of 6 “yes” and 1 “no”.
- F. Larry Cowger calls for nominations for Educational Foundation Representative. Motion by Kasey Cowger to nominate Travis Spencer as Educational Foundation Representative. Motion seconded by Brian Massey. No further nominations. Travis Spencer was affirmed as Educational Foundation Representative by a vote of 7 “yes” and 0 “no”.
- G. Motion by Robert Hays to appoint Jennifer Kennedy as Board Secretary for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion was seconded by Melinda Brown. Jennifer Kennedy was appointed as Board Secretary by a vote of 7 “yes” and 0 “no”.
- H. Motion by Kasey Cowger to appoint Robin Grosse as Board Treasurer for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion was seconded by Dr. Rob Heron. Robin Grosse was appointed as Board Treasurer by a vote of 7 “yes” and 0 “no”.

#### **V. CALL TO ORDER OF NEW BOARD**

#### **VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 24, 2025
- B. Approve General Ledger for April 2025
- C. Approve Payment of Bills
- D. Designation of Special Services Director as District Liaison for Homeless Students, effective July 1

Motion by Kasey Cowger to approve consent agenda. Motion seconded by Brian Massey and carried 7-0.

**VII. CORRESPONDENCE** - Note of thanks from Tracie Skaggs and family. Note of thanks from Tammy Sparlin and family.

#### **VIII. SUPERINTENDENT/ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

- A. Positive Comments - Dr. Pyle received a positive email from a community member regarding the lighted flag display at the baseball field. Staff response to storm cleanup was great. Benny McWilliams and students, RE Smith, Dee Smith, Bob Hays all helped with cleanup. Baseball field dedication night was great. Baseball players showed immense respect during the national anthem. Tracie Skaggs, public relations director, quick response in getting important information to staff, students, and family. Dr. Pyle participated in The Flight for Bataan, raising over \$52,000 for the Honor Flight program. Tonya Nease received District Teacher of Year. Chelsi Leggett received Secondary Teacher of the Year. Jocelyn Wengert receives Golden Lion Award.
- B. Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction
  - 1. Professional Growth & Learning
- C. Assistant Superintendent for Operations
  - 1. Safety Report
  - 2. Project Updates

- Motion by Brian Massey to approve school farm and greenhouse improvements as presented. Motion seconded by Kasey Cowger and carried 7-0.
- D. Superintendent - Dr. David Pyle presenting
  - 1. Legislative Update
  - 2. Summer Board Retreat - Date set for June 25, 2025

**IX. BUSINESS**

- A. Motion by Robert Hays to approve the Learn Life Savers lesson plan for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion seconded by Melinda Brown and carried 7-0.
- B. Motion by Travis Spencer to approve MSBA 25A policies updates as presented. Motion seconded by Kasey Cowger and carried 7-0.
- C. Motion by Robert Hays to approve the Professional Growth & Learning handbook for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion seconded by Kasey Cowger and carried 7-0.

**X. CLOSED SESSION For the Purpose of Discussion of Legal and Personnel Matters per Section 610.021, Par. 1 & 3**

Motion by Larry Cowger to go into closed session for the purpose of discussion of legal and personnel per Section 610.021, Par. 1 & 3. Motion carried by roll call vote of 7-0: Mr. Larry Cowger – Yea; Mr. Kasey Cowger – Yea; Ms. Melinda Brown – Yea; Mr. Travis Spencer – Yea; Dr. Rob Herron – Yea; Mr. Brian Massey - Yea; Mr. Robert Hays – Yea.

Motion by Larry Cowger to go into open session. Motion seconded by Dr. Rob Herron and carried by roll call vote of 7-0: Mr. Larry Cowger – Yea; Mr. Kasey Cowger – Yea; Ms. Melinda Brown – Yea; Mr. Travis Spencer – Yea; Dr. Rob Herron – Yea; Mr. Brian Massey - Yea; Mr. Robert Hays – Yea

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Larry Cowger to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 pm. Motion was seconded by Dr. Rob Herron and carried 7-0.

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Larry Cowger, President

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Jennifer Kennedy, Secretary to the Board of Education