

Cripple Creek Victor School District
Regular Board Minutes
January 12, 2026

1. The meeting was called to order by the Board President Brazill at 5:00 PM in person and a virtual meeting held through Elevate meetings as disclosed in the posted meeting agenda for public attendees.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Brazill.
3. **Roll call:** Brazill, aye; Green, aye; Hilfers, aye; Stokes, aye; Young, aye.
4. **I move that we Approve the Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda, by Green, seconded by Stokes.
5. **Roll call:** Brazill, aye; Green, aye; Hilfers, aye; Stokes, aye; Young, aye.

Public Participation: None.

Faculty Introductions- Cummings stated at the request of the board, we have reintroduced faculty introductions as part of every board meeting moving forward. Cummings has asked principals to invite members of the faculty to introduce yourselves, who you are and what you do for the district. Copley stated she has Victor Lewis here; Lewis is our special education teacher at the elementary school he has been at the elementary school for several years. He has two paraprofessionals that work with him and students. He works with the IEP coordinator, Phyllis Heldman. Copley stated she also has Sarah Letsch here; Letsch wears a couple of hats in the district. One is an elementary school dean. Letsch has worked really hard through the years with the EARRS grant to really build a solid foundation of restorative practices. Letsch is also an elementary school reading specialist. Kahrs stated she has Kris Riley who is our faculty mentor and works at both schools. Riley knows the district very well and the jobs since she has done all of them. Riley is our curriculum coordinator for the district. Kahrs stated the other guest is Vicky Burke. Burke is our junior high English teacher, she also does tutoring after school and the Space Club. Burke has been doing our READ act for junior high.

6. **Superintendent, Principals and Department Reports:** Brazill asked if any questions on the reports? Green has a couple of comments. Green wants to congratulate our culinary staff and culinary students. They did an excellent job with all the food this year. Green stated he had a chance to be over at Cresson, and the High School, both the Thanksgiving dinners were excellent. Green is excited that the district has thirteen internships this year and enrollment in our trades school, culinary arts, and fire science. Congratulations to Tom Hess for keeping up with the maintenance of our buildings.

7. **Board Questions:** None

8. **Business Meeting:**

A. New Business

i. **Consent Agenda:**

- a) Regular Minutes from December 1, 2025 and Special Meeting December 10, 2025
- b) Resignations/Recommendations/Terminations
- c) Financial Reports – November 2025

Brazill stated under the consent agenda, regular meeting minutes there is a typo, informational section five should be IEP reviewer not IQ reviewer.

- 9. **Motion to Approve Board Minutes:** Motion to approve by Green, seconded by Green.
- 10. **Roll call:** Brazill, aye; Green, aye; Hilfers, aye; Stokes, aye; Young, aye.
- 11. **Motion to Approve Resignations/Recommendations/Terminations/Non-Renewals:** Motion to approve by Hilfers, seconded by Stokes.
- 12. **Roll call:** Brazill, aye; Green, aye; Hilfers, aye; Stokes, aye; Young, aye.
- 13. **Motion to Approve Financial Reports-November 2025:** Motion to approve by Stokes, seconded by Young.
- 14. **Roll call:** Brazill, aye; Green, aye; Hilfers, aye; Stokes, aye; Young, aye.

ii. **Approval of November 2025 Payables/Payroll**

Motion to Approve November 2025 Payables & Payroll: Motion to approve by Green, seconded by Hilfers.

iii. **Roll call:** Brazill, aye; Green, aye; Hilfers, aye; Stokes, aye; Young, aye.

iv. **Second and Final Reading of J (and one K) Policies-** JFC-R: Student Withdrawal from School/Dropouts; JH: Student Absences and Excuses; JHB: Truancy; JIC: Student Conduct; JICA: Student Dress Code; JICDA: Code of Conduct; JICDE: Bullying Prevention and Education; JICEA: School Related Student Publications (School Publications Code); JICEA-R: School Related Student Publications (School Publications Code)-Regulation; JICF-Secret Societies/Gang Activity; KLG: Relations with state and federal agencies

Approval of Second and Final Reading of J (and one K) Policies

Motion to Approve Second and Final Reading of J (and one K) Policies: Motion to approve by Green, seconded by Young.

- 1. **Roll call:** Brazill, aye; Green, aye; Hilfers, aye; Stokes, aye; Young, aye.

Riley stated she is the person to look at curriculum when the district needs to. The district does have a curriculum rotation that Copley and I have kept up as to what we need to look at. We are currently in English Language Arts for our middle and our high school. Riley gets four or five samples from curriculum providers then we choose a committee meet and talk about them with the staff that know what they are doing in that

field on the curriculum that fits our students the best then we put together a slide show and present it to the DAC (distant accountability committee) then approved the ones we selected to present to the board. Burke chose Amplify for junior high because it was engaging, and it had digital pieces where you had from bell-to-bell work along with getting back into the working on their textbooks. Kahrs chose Savvas for the high school. Students already use this for math and social studies, so they know how it works and the layout and we want to get back to the textbook.

Approval of English Language Arts Curriculum (Burke, Riley, Kahrs): Motion to approve by Stokes, seconded by Green.

Roll call: Brazill, aye; Green, aye; Hilfers, aye; Stokes, aye; Young, aye

Cummings stated after the 20 year bond we found out that we had an excess of 1.6 million dollars that was generated by the bond over the past 20 years which is great and my advice on that is to take that from the bond money of 1,609,482.55 and apply it to the Farmers Bank loan principal which is 1,749,568.84 which leaves a balance of 140,086.29 which we received confirmation today that in our budget for the school year we will have about an extra 450K. So we would need to adjust the budget come March to put the 140,860.29 in there and I would like the board's approval to pay off the Farmers Bank principal immediately. It saves us just under 1 million in interest.

Approval of Farms Bank and Trust loan: Motion to approve by Green, seconded by Hilfers.

Roll call: Brazill, aye; Green, aye; Hilfers, aye; Stokes, aye; Young, aye

C. Informational:

- i. **1% sales tax check for November: \$60,632.42**
- ii. **Presentation on use of 1% Sales Tax:** Cummings stated that this presentation is what he will be presenting to the City Council on the 21st of January. This presentation is to show what we have done with this 1% sales tax over the past year.
- iii. **2025 Audit Update-** Cummings stated that the audit is still not complete. There continues to be discrepancies between what K12 Accounting has been able to provide in terms of reconciliations and what the auditors need. We are guaranteed on a weekly basis that it is almost done. We are on regular communication with the auditors and K12. The work that has gone on this last week has not produced any progress.
- iv. **BOCES Update (Donna Brazill, Stephanie Stokes):** Katie Ueberroth stated that we will be having a BOCES meeting board meeting on January 20th at 5:30pm in Woodland Park. On January 27th we will be having Parent Academies at the Heritage Center in Cripple Creek around special education.
- ix. **Upcoming events:** Sales Tax Presentation to CC City Council (1/21)- Copley stated that Cresson Literacy Day is February 26th.

Board Reflection: None

Board Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Green, seconded by Stokes.

Roll call: Brazill, aye; Green, aye; Hilfers, aye; Stokes, aye; Young, aye

The meeting adjourned at 6:12pm. Next Board Meeting will be on Monday, February 2, 2025, at 5:00 PM.

Minutes are approved as to form & content.

ATTEST:

Board President

Board Secretary
