MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR FY26 AMENDED BUDGET AND REGULAR MEETING OF WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #235 HELD IN THE WEST CENTRAL ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA ON JUNE 17, 2026

PUBLIC HEARING FOR FY26 AMENDED BUDGET
The hearing was called to order by President Schaley at 5:50 p.m., in the elementary cafeteria. The following board members answered roll call: Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, Schaley. Board members Higgins, Lenahan, and Vancil were absent.

President Schaley declared a quorum present. Also present were Superintendent Day, Building Administrators: K. Lafary, B. Taylor, B. Kugler, J. Kirby, S. Kreps. Also present were J. Shultz, J. Hennings and Eric Lawson.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC
There were no remarks from the public at this meeting.

Superintendent Day explained the hearing was a formal step for amending the FY26 Budget. No members of the public were present to address the Board.

ADJOURNMENT
President Schaley declared the public hearing adjourned at 5:53 p.m. Motion by Clark, seconded by Gullberg. Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR E-LEARNING PLAN RENEWAL
The hearing was called to order by President Schaley at 5:53 p.m., in the elementary cafeteria. The following board members answered roll call: Clark, Gullberg, Schaley and Chockley. Board members Higgins, Lenahan, and Vancil were absent.

President Schaley declared a quorum present. Also present were Superintendent Day, Building Administrators: K. Lafary, B. Taylor, B. Kugler, J. Kirby, S. Kreps. Also present were J. Shultz, J. Hennings and Eric Lawson.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC
There were no remarks from the public at this meeting.

Superintendent Day reminded the Board that the E-Learning plan is a 3-year approval and allows for flexibility when we have weather issues during the school year. The approval of the renewal will be voted on during the Regular Board Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT
President Schaley declared the public hearing adjourned at 5:54 p.m. Motion by Clark, seconded by Gullberg. Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

RECONVENED
The Board reconvened for the Regular Board of Education Meeting at 6:01. p.m., in the West Central Cafeteria for the Regular Meeting. The following Board members answered roll call: Gullberg, Schaley, Chockley and Clark. Board members Higgins, Lenahan, and Vancil were absent. Board members Vancil arrived at 6:05 p.m.

President Schaley declared a quorum present. Also present were Superintendent Day, Building Administrators: K. Lafary, B. Taylor, B. Kugler, J. Kirby, S. Kreps. Also present were J. Shultz, J. Hennings, Eric Lawson, Krista Forbes, Jeff Forbes and Holly Seitz.

President Schaley then led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

GOOD NEWS ITEMS
Under good news items the following items were highlighted:
- A big thank you to ALL of our staff who made the 2025-2026 school year a success! We hope they enjoy their summer break and can't wait for August to welcome everyone back in the buildings!
- Congratulations to the WCHS Softball team on an outstanding season. They were section champs and lost a heartbreaker to end their season in a super-sectional game.
- Congratulations to Mr. Brooks, 2nd Grade Teacher, for winning the ROE Teacher Appreciation Award!

APPROVE AGENDA
Motion by Chockley, seconded by Gullberg to approve the agenda as presented. Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC
Krista Forbes spoke to the Board sharing her concerns about bullying happening by a high school student.

CONSENT AGENDA
Motion by Clark, seconded by Vancil to approve the consent agenda including the following items:

- The minutes of the Special Meeting of May 20, 2026;
- The minutes of Closed Session of May 20, 2026;
- The minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 20, 2026;
- The minutes of the Closed Session of May 20, 2026;
- The special meeting of June 10, 2026;
- The payment of all bills and any bills received on or before June 30, 2026;
- The Treasurer's Report for May 2026;
- The approval of Authorization to Spend;
- The approval of our Continued Participation with Illinois Association of School Boards;

On roll call the following members voted aye: Schaley, Vancil, Chockley, Clark, and Gullberg. 5-0 Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS
Superintendent Day provided the Board with information on the FOIA requests received since the previous Board Meeting. The following requests were made and responded to in the required timeline: Databranch USA (technology vendors), Employee Research Data (employee names, positions, emails), University of Texas/Bentley University (AFRs and tax abatements), West Central Parent (softball bus video), Upgrade Research (utility bills, facility plans).

The Board held a short discussion about their annual Board Retreat. The Board will schedule their retreat in late July or Early August in coordination with the new superintendent to discuss plans and goals moving forward.

The Board discussed the new Heat Wave magazine that was started this school year and if they would like to move forward with it in the future. The Forgottonia Times provided a quote for consideration. The cost would be about $14,000, per edition. During FY26 the magazine was published twice and was paid for through the Stronger Connections Grant. Moving forward the District would have to pay for the publication out of District funds. The Board will consider moving forward with a publication during FY27 at the next Board meeting.

The Board held a short discussion about the possibility of working with Warren County Public Transportation to support District transportation needs. Superintendent Day reached out to WCPT, but was not able to connect with them. Dillan will reach out again to ask them to attend the July Board meeting to talk about the opportunity and cost.

The Board held a discussion regarding the technology usage guidelines, as a follow-up to previous discussions at Board meetings. Superintendent Day provided the Board with guidelines that summarize the previous discussions and allowed for administrators and teachers to continue the discussion and analysis to ensure that chromebook usage at school is appropriate and purposeful for students. The draft guidelines contain the following and will be shared and discussed in more details with staff when the new school year begins:

REPORTS

The Board reviewed and heard reports from the Building Principals and Technology Director.

ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Clark, seconded by Chockley to approve the FY26 Amended Budget as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Schaley, Vancil, Chockley, Clark, and Gullberg. 5-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Clark, seconded by Vancil to approve the 2026-2027 Student Handbook changes as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Schaley, Vancil, Chockley, Clark, and Gullberg. 5-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Clark, seconded by Vancil to approve the FY27 Consolidated District Plan as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Vancil, Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, and Schaley. 5-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Clark, seconded by Vancil to approve the early graduation request of Sidney Birky, Kylei Burkholder, Carly Craig, Corri DeMent, Ashton Garner, Matthew Goff, Riley Hand, Zakk Kempker, and Dustie Liggett pending completion of all graduation requirements as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, Schaley, and Vancil. 5-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Clark, seconded by Gullberg to approve the Resolution for District's E-Learning plan as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Clark, Gullberg, Schaley, Vancil, and Chockley. 5-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Clark, seconded by Gullberg to approve the WCATS MOU for Single Health Insurance Premium as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Gullberg, Schaley, Vancil, Chockley, and Clark. 5-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Vancil, seconded by Chockley to approve the 2026-2027 District School Calendar as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Vancil, Chockley, Gullberg. Board Members Schaley and Clark voted nay. 3-2 Motion carried.

Motion by Clark, seconded by Vancil to approve Threat Assessment Plan as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Schaley, Vancil, Chockley, Clark and Gullberg. 5-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Clark, seconded by Vancil to approve installation of a sand/rock finish in the south west field after the playground project, in order to provide the elementary with a dry kickball field that will be easier to maintain. At a cost not to exceed $1000. On roll call the following members voted aye: Vancil, Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, and Schaley. 5-0 Motion carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Board members were asked to contact Superintendent Day with future agenda items.

CLOSED SESSION
Motion by Clark, seconded by Vancil to adjourn to closed meeting pursuant of the Illinois Open Meetings Act - 5ILCS 120/2 (2) (16) at 7:46 p.m. to discuss the following subjects:
A. Personnel - The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity;
B. Negotiations - Collective negotiating matters between the school board and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees;

Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

The Board took a short break and reconvened in the District Office conference room at 7:51 p.m. On roll call the following members answered roll call: Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, Schaley, and Vancil. Also present were Superintendent Day and Eric Lawson.

Motion by Chockley, seconded by Vancil to return to open session at 8:35 p.m. On roll call the following members answered roll call: Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, Schaley and Vancil. 5-0 Motion carried.

The Board took a short break and reconvened in the West Central Elementary cafeteria at 8:37 p.m. On roll call the following members answered roll call: Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, Schaley, and Vancil.

PERSONNEL ACTION
Motion by Clark, seconded by Vancil to approve the rehire of Spring coaches as follows:

HS Head Baseball Coach	Nick Allen	MS Boys' Track Coach	Neo Colter
HS Asst. Baseball Coach	Darren Steele	MS Girls' Track Coach	Heather Davis
HS Softball Head Coach	Dylan Voyles		
HS Softball Asst. Coach	Hallie Eisnnicher		
HS Boys' Track Coach	Steve Arnold		
HS Girls' Track Coach	Bailey Garner		
HS Bass Fishing Coach (Volunteer)	Clinton Stimpson		
HS Cross Country Coach (Volunteer)	Mallory Allen		

On roll call the following members voted aye: Schaley, Vancil, Chockley, Clark, and Gullberg. 5-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Clark , seconded by Vancil to approve the personnel agenda as follows:

West Central School District
School Board Meeting
Personnel Items for Board Approval
Wednesday, June 17, 2026

Please note: the following new appointments are pending completion of all certifications, requirements, and clearance on the state required background investigation.

Personnel Changes		
Name	**Title**	**Salary**
New Appointments:		
Alyssa Smith	WCHS Physical Education Teacher	WCATS Contract
Dalton Chenault	Paraprofessional	WCATS Contract
Jordain Johnson	WCHS Girls' Head Basketball Coach	WCATS Contract
Andy Chockley	WCMS 8th Grade Boys' Basketball Coach	WCATS Contract
Travis Wiemer	WCHS Paraprofessional	WCATS Contract
Board acknowledges the following resignations/retirements		
Andrew Foss	WCMS 6th Grade Boys' Basketball Coach	N/A
John Martinez	District Custodian	N/A

On roll call the following members voted aye: Clark, Gullberg, Schaley, and Vancil. Board member Chockley abstained. 4-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Clark, seconded by Gullberg to approve Emily Schaley as the WCHS Athletic Director as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Clark, Gullberg, Vancil, and Chockley. Board member Schaley abstained. 4-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Clark, seconded by Gullberg to approve Jena Goff as the WCMS Athletic Director as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Gullberg, Schaley, Vancil, Chockley, and Clark. 5-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Clark, seconded by Vancil to approve the 2026-2027 exempt staff salaries as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Schaley, Vancil, Chockley, Clark, and Gullberg. 5-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Clark, seconded by Gullberg to approve the Resolution to release Closed Session Minutes per Exhibits A and B and destroy the verbatim recordings per Exhibit C, as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Vancil, Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, and Schaley. 5-0 Motion carried.

FUTURE MEETING DATE

The next regular Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 15, 2026 at 6:00 p.m., in the elementary cafeteria.

THESE MINUTES ARE APPROVED AS WRITTEN THIS 15th DAY OF JULY, 2026.

Brendan Schaley, Board President

Malinda Clark, Board Secretary