

# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #235 HELD IN THE WEST CENTRAL LIBRARY ON JULY 16, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Schaley at 6:00 p.m. in the West Central Library. The following board members answered roll call: Chockley, Clark, Higgins, Lenahan, Schaley, and Vancil. Board member Gullberg was absent. President Schaley declared a quorum present. Superintendent Stacey Day, District Administrators: Kathy Lafary, Jason Kirby and Board Recording Secretary Jaime Shultz. Also in attendance were Greg Link and Brian and Stacey Kreps.

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

## GOOD NEWS ITEMS

Under good news items the following items were highlighted:

- Twomey Foundation annual \$5,000 donation

## APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Clark, seconded by Vancil to approve the agenda with the addition of Discussion Item 8-C Solar on Earth Program. Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

## COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Greg Link addressed the Board regarding his interest in the MS Head Baseball Coaching position and the process to fill that vacancy.

## CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Clark, seconded by Chockley to approve the consent agenda including the following items:

- The minutes of the FY25 Amended Budget Hearing, and Regular Meeting of June 18, 2025;
- The minutes of the Closed Session of June 18, 2025;
- The payment of all bills;

On roll call the following members voted aye: Clark, Higgins, Lenahan, Schaley, Vancil, and Chockley. 6-0 Motion carried.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

The Board was reminded that the annual New Staff Orientation will take place on August 4 and 5, 2025. New staff will have an opportunity to meet each other, receive training, tour the district and meet with building administrators to kick off the new school year.

Superintendent Day provided the Board with information about participation in the Illinois Shines Program, through Solar on Earth. The program comes at no cost to the District and allows us to take advantage of federal grant requirements for solar companies to pass along electricity cost savings to communities and organizations. The program offers up to 20% reduction on electric costs for the school district, with a 10 year commitment to the program, two automatic 5 year extensions and an opt-out clause that the District can terminate the contract (at no penalty) with 180 day notice. The next step is the Board to give formal approval to participate in the program. We will hold a Special Meeting on Monday, July 21 at 5:00 pm to consider formal approval to participate in the program.

The District received 5 FOIA requests since the previous Board Meeting. Public Info Access requested names, emails, titles and building assignments for all district administrators. The Galesburg Reporter requested names of anyone attending the Mu Alpha Theta Convention (National Math Conference),

names and directory information for our graduates from the last 5 years and headshots and names of graduates. Smart ProCure submitted a follow-up request to their FOIA in May for vendor information. All requests were responded to in the needed timeline.

#### ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Vancil, seconded by Clark to approve the tractor lease with Heritage Tractor for one year at a total lease cost of \$7800. On roll call the following members voted aye: Higgins, Lenahan, Schaley, Vancil, Chockley, and Clark. 6-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Clark, seconded by Vancil to approve adding an additional baseball/softball field at the WCMS, at no cost to the District as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Higgins, Lenahan, Schaley, Vancil, Chockley, and Clark. 6-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Higgins, seconded by Clark to approve the Press Plus Issue 119 on the first reading as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Lenahan, Schaley, Vancil, Chockley, Clark, and Higgins. 6-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Vancil, seconded by Clark to approve the District's Behavioral Threat Assessment Plan as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Schaley, Vancil, Chockley, Clark, Higgins, and Lenahan. 6-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Clark, seconded by Chockley to approve the RAES 2025-2026 MOU as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Vancil, Chockley, Clark, Higgins, Lenahan, and Schaley. 6-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Clark, seconded by Higgins to approve the Resolution for an Interfund Loan from Working Cash Fund to Transportation Fund as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Chockley, Clark, Higgins, Lenahan, Schaley, and Vancil. 6-0 Motion carried.

#### FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

#### CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Clark, seconded by Chockley to adjourn to closed meeting pursuant of the Illinois Open Meetings Act - 5ILCS 120/2 (2) (16) at 6:28 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 6:34 p.m. On roll call the following members answered roll call: Chockley, Clark, Higgins, Lenahan, Schaley, and Vancil.

Motion by Vancil, seconded by Higgins to return to open session at 7:41 p.m. On roll call the following members answered roll call: Chockley, Clark, Higgins, Lenahan, Schaley, and Vancil. 6-0 Motion carried.



The Board took a short break and reconvened in the West Central Library at 7:44 p.m. On roll call the following members answered roll call: Chockley, Clark, Higgins, Lenahan, Schaley, and Vancil.

**PERSONNEL ACTION**

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

<b>West Central School District School Board Meeting Personnel Items for Board Approval Wednesday, July 16, 2025</b>		
<i>Please note: the following new appointments are pending completion of all certifications, requirements, and clearance on the state required background investigation.</i>		
<b>Personnel Changes</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Salary</b>
<b>Volunteer:</b>		
Mallory Nelson	WCHS Cross Country Coach	N/A
<b>New Appointments:</b>		
Stacey Kreps	WCHS Assistant Principals/Athletic Director	Per Contract
EJ Santos	WCMS Head Baseball Coach	WCATS
EJ Santos	WCMS Athletic Director	WCATS
Kristi Lumbeck	Elementary Special Education Teacher (TRS Retiree Return to Work)	WCATS
Shelby Bailey	WCHS Ag Teacher	WCATS
Jena Goff	WCMS Assistant Softball Coach	WCATS
<b>Change of Assignments:</b>		
Tiffany Kaup	District Cook to Head Cook at South Campus	WCATS
Kilene Chapin	District Cook to Head Cook at North Campus	WCATS
<b>Board acknowledges the following resignations/retirements:</b>		
Ross Parcel	WCHS Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach & WCMS Head Baseball Coach	
Lene Lox	WCMS 7th Grade Volleyball Coach	
Hallie Eisnnicher	WCMS Assistant Softball Coach & WCHS JV Girls Basketball Coach	

On roll call the following members voted aye: Clark, Higgins, Lenahan, Schaley, Vancil, and Chockley.  
6-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Clark, seconded by Chockley to approve the Superintendent Contract performance bonus goal (district curriculum alignment plan) set by the Board at the start of the 2024-2025 school year. On roll call the following members voted aye: Higgins, Lenahan, Schaley, Vancil, Chockley, and Clark. 6-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Higgins, seconded by Chockley to approve the WCHS Assistant Principal/Athletic Director contract as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Higgins, Lenahan, Schaley, Vancil, Chockley, and Clark. 6-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Clark, seconded by Lenahan to approve the MOU with WCATS as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Lenahan, Schaley, Vancil, Chockley, Clark, and Higgins. 6-0 Motion carried.

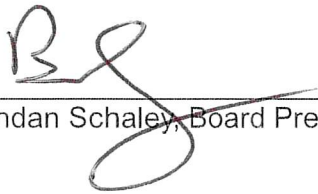
#### FUTURE MEETING DATE

The Board was reminded that we are having a Special Meeting on July 21, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. The next regular Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 20, 2025, 6:00 p.m., in the elementary cafeteria.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Clark, seconded by Vancil to adjourn at 7:46 p.m. Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

THESE MINUTES ARE APPROVED AS WRITTEN THIS 20th DAY OF AUGUST 2025.



Brendan Schaley, Board President



Malinda Clark, Board Secretary