

TO: West Central Staff and Community
FROM: Stacey Day, Superintendent
DATE: February 23, 2026
RE: Summary of February 18, 2026, Board of Education Regular Meeting

At the February 18, 2026, Board of Education Regular Meeting the following took place:

1. The Board of Education Regular Meeting was called to order by President Schaley at 6:00 pm. Board members present were: Mindy Clark, Brendan Schaley, Josh Higgins, Dillan Vancil, Karl Gullberg and Lauren Chockley. Board member absent was Mike Lenahan. Also present for the meeting were: Superintendent Stacey Day, District Administrators: Kathy Lafary, Bryan Taylor, Stacey Kreps, Byron Helt, District Technology Director Jeremy Hennings, Special Education Coordinator Mallory Allen and Board Recording Secretary Jaime Shultz.
2. President Schaley led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. The following items were presented as Good News Items:
 - a. WCE celebrated the 100th day of school on January 29 with many activities!
 - b. Our 4th and 5th grade parent programs on February 9 were a great success. We are grateful to the Title Team for creating a science themed Escape Room that made learning both interactive and fun.
 - c. We are grateful to Mrs. Kelly for her hard work in coordinating our World Read Aloud Day activities. Her efforts ensured that our students celebrated the power of reading through engaging and interactive sessions that inspired readers of all ages.
 - d. Thanks to Ms. Lewis for organizing the "Send a Sucker" sales! All funds raised are being dedicated to our playground fund.
 - e. Both of our Middle School Boys Basketball Teams had great seasons! Our 7th graders qualified for state and played a tough game to finish their season! Our 8th graders made it to the Regional Championship! Congratulations on a great season!
 - f. Mrs. Lafary was selected as the 2026 IPA Western Region's Elementary Principal of the Year!
 - g. Our Winter Alumni event was held in January at a High School Basketball game. We had over 75 alums come back to campus to celebrate!
 - h. Our District. Our Legacy. Recognitions - Alyssa Hawk & Sherri Walters, Amanda Billingsley, Amy Wolf, Austin Bigger, Bryan Taylor, Elly Olson, Heather Hinshaw, Heidi Crane, HS Staff, Jalyne Young, Judy Kelly, Julie Ricketts, Karri Wallace, Kathy Lafary, Katie Westfall, Laura Lewis, Mike Lewis, Shylah Lenahan, Stacey Day, and Tiffany Byers
4. There was no one from the public in attendance to address the Board.
5. The following items were approved as part of the Consent Agenda, by a 6-0 roll call vote.
 - a. Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting, January 21, 2026
 - b. Meeting Minutes of the Closed Session, January 21, 2026
 - c. Payment of Bills

- d. Approval of Activity Accounts
 - e. Approval of Treasurer's Report
 - f. Approval of District Asthma Episode Emergency Response Protocol
6. Superintendent Day reported to the Board the following FOIA requests since the last Board meeting: all responses to the request from Bailey Templeton were completed (information on the District Magazine, Credit Card Statements, State and Federal Grants and vendors and contracts all from January 1, 2023 - Present), Public Info Access requested information on purchasing thresholds and procedures, SmartProCure submitted a recurring request for vendor information, Sunlight Records submitted a request for details on online programming and the final request was from Michael Henry requesting information on District attorney firms, recent bond purchases and background screenings for Board Members (there is no legal requirement for those background checks). All requests have been completed within the needed time frames.
 7. The Board members were reminded that they are Mandated Reports for the abuse and neglect of students at West Central. They all signed off on a document stating they understand the requirement and agree to report either to DCFS or to Superintendent Day concerns or information about the abuse or neglect of any students.
 8. The Board was provided an update from the Building and Grounds Committee. The playground surface project has been sent out for bids and those bids are due back by February 26. We will hold the bid opening for that project on February 26 at 1:30 pm in the District Office. The MS and HS windows project is the next set of bids that are available. Those went out this week and the pre-bid meeting is scheduled for February 26 after the playground bid opening. We have started our new construction projects landing page on our District website for contractors interested in projects to see the bids and needed timelines. We will add information to that landing page as we develop it more.
 9. The Board was provided an update on the Elementary Playground project. The playground committee is in the process of determining the final pieces of equipment to purchase and their associated costs. The plan is to send in the final order in the next two weeks in order to ensure that all equipment is onsite in time for the installation this summer. We are still waiting to hear back on grant opportunities. The PTC is working on fundraising and the brick project (\$100/brick) is going really well! Once final equipment items and associated costs are determined, we will need the exact cost and will be able to finalize payment details. The Board was reminded to mark their calendars for Singo on April 17 at the Barn, more details on this fundraiser to come in the coming days!
 10. The administrators, District Technology Director and Special Education Coordinator provided updates to their monthly reports.
 11. Board Member Vancil asked to include a discussion of an additional baseball field on the next month's agenda. Board members were reminded if they have additional requests to send them to President Schaley or Superintendent Day.
 12. The Board returned from Closed Session and approved the following items as part of the personnel agenda by a 6-0 roll call vote:

- a. Volunteer - Clinton Stimpson, Gage Stimpson, Steve Fryrear, Mike Waddell, Lewis McGraw, David Knustrom - WCHS Bass Fishing Coaches
 - b. Maternity Leave - Sara McVey
 - c. Employment - Zoey Ryan - District Paraprofessional
 - d. Employment - Heather Hinshaw - Long-Term Substitute - January 16, 2026
 - e. Resignation - Brittney DeWeese - WCMS Principal
 - f. Resignation - Thomas Williams - WCHS Girls' Basketball Coach
 - g. Resignation - Brad Underwood - Bus Driver
13. The Board was reminded that the next Regular Board of Education meeting will be on Wednesday, March 18 at 6:00 pm in the Elementary Cafeteria.
14. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.