

TO: West Central Staff and Community
FROM: Stacey Day, Superintendent
DATE: January 26, 2026
RE: Summary of January 21, 2026, Board of Education Regular Meeting

At the January 21, 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 and Mike Lenahan. Board members absent were Karl Gullberg and Lauren Chockley. Also present for the meeting were: Superintendent Stacey Day, District Administrators: Kathy Lafary, Jason Kirby, Stacey Kreps, Byron Helt and 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. Henderson County Handicapped Children's Trust, Charles Vaughn, TTEE donated \$3500 to our special education transportation fund.
 - b. Gladys Bigger Memorial donated \$1168.66 to our CNA Class to purchase a new Nursing Skills Manikin.
 - c. A huge thank you to those who make the Henderson County Angel Tree a success!
 - d. Our District. Our Legacy. Recognitions: Alex Cuevas, All of Title Team, Betty Mynatt, Chad Ellison, Deb Paulus, EJ Santos, Elly Olson, Gwen Kahlke, Jesse Winters, Karri Wallace, Julie Ricketts, Kathie Pence, Kathy Lafary, Kelsy Scott, Kimberly Johnson, Lene Lox, Middle School Custodians and subs, Stacie Anderson, Trisha Forquer, and WC Special Education Team.
4. The Board approved the agenda without changes.
5. There was no one from the public to address the Board.
6. The following items were approved by a 5-0 roll call vote as part of the Consent Agenda:
 - a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting, December 17, 2025
 - b. Minutes of the Closed Session, December 17, 2025
 - c. Payment of Bills
 - d. Approval of Activity Accounts
 - e. Approval of Treasurer's Report
 - f. Approval of 2025 - 2026 District Seniority List for Certified and Support Personnel
7. Superintendent Day reported to the Board the following FOIAS received since the last meeting. SmartProCure requesting quarterly vendor information. Galesburg Reporter requested the contract for full-time paraprofessionals and vendor/contract information for vendors over \$1000. Public Info Access also requested a staff list with building assignments, positions and email addresses. All requests were responded to in the needed timeline. The District received four FOIA requests this week from Bailey Templeton asking for information about our District Magazine, vendors over \$5000, State and Federal Grants and Credit Card Statements. We are in the process of collecting the

needed information on the final four requests and will submit them within the required time frame.

8. The Board was provided an update about Building and Grounds. The Building and Grounds committee is scheduled to meet with the architect on Friday, January 23, pending weather. President Schaley provided an update on the modular buildings at the Middle School. We had a company scheduled to pick them up and remove them, but we have not heard from them since they were supposed to be on campus to remove them. Superintendent Day will continue working to find someone to remove them ASAP. Superintendent Day shared with the Board that we will add a small project to the list of summer projects and replace the asphalt behind the Middle School (by the baseball/softball fields) this summer to have it ready for use when school resumes.
9. A short update on the playground project was provided. Equipment has been ordered through the PTC and the initial payment has been made. The playground committee is scheduled to meet again in early February. The PTC is continuing their fundraising plans and will start selling bricks in the next few weeks. They have also scheduled a Singo fundraiser event for Friday, April 17, more details to come.
10. The building administrators in attendance and Mallory Allen, Special Education Coordinator, provided updates to their written reports.
11. The Board approved the updated High School Tardy Policy by a 5-0 roll call vote. The new policy will be updated in the student handbook that is posted online.
12. The Board approved the resolution to permanently transfer \$600,000 from Working Cash to the Transportation Fund by a 5-0 roll call vote. This was included as part of the FY26 Budget in September and is due to the ever increasing costs of transportation and lack of reimbursement by the State.
13. The Board approved the service agreement with Way to Grow Therapy to provide additional needed Speech Services for students by a 5-0 roll call vote. The agreement will allow for hybrid services (both in-person and virtual) for the remainder of the school year. Future needs will be determined before next school year.
14. The Board was reminded to submit future agenda suggestions to President Schaley or Superintendent Day.
15. The Board went into Closed Session to discuss Personnel and Negotiations needs. The following items were approved when they returned to Open Session.
 - a. The following was approved as part of the Personnel Agenda by a roll call vote of 4-0, Board Member Lenahan abstained from the vote.
 - i. Employment - District Custodian - Michelle Carnes
 - ii. Employment - Elementary Teacher - Kimberly (Michelle) Johnson
 - iii. Employment - Transportation Director - Tiffany Byers
 - iv. Employment - Darren Steele - WCHS Assistant Baseball Coach
 - v. Change of Assignment - Erin Von Kannon - Elementary to Middle School Teacher
 - vi. Change of Assignment - Shylah Lenahan - Part-Time Title Para to Full-Time District Paraprofessional
 - vii. Resignation - Alyssa Long - District Paraprofessional

- b. The Board approved the MOU with WCATS for the Transportation Direct/Head Grounds position by a 5-0 roll call vote.
- 16. The Board was reminded that the next regular meeting date will be on Wednesday, February 18 at 6:00 pm in the Elementary Cafeteria.
- 17. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.