

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #235 HELD IN THE WEST CENTRAL LIBRARY ON JULY 15, 2026

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: Clark, Higgins, Lenahan, Schaley, and Vancil. Board Member Chockley was absent. President Schaley declared a quorum present. Superintendent Eric Lawson, District Administrators: Jason Kirby and Bryan Taylor. Also in attendance were Kathy Lafary, Diana Dugan, Emily Schaley and Morgan Lewis.

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

GOOD NEWS ITEMS

- Thanks to everyone who has worked so hard on the new elementary and PK playground.
- Club Heat put on a great production of "The Day the Internet Died".

APPROVE AGENDA

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Diana Dugan expressed her concern on transportation for her student and how it would work after elementary school.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Vancil, seconded by Gullberg to approve the consent agenda including the following items:

- The minutes of the FY26 Amended Budget Hearing, Public Hearing for E-Learning Plan and Regular Meeting of June 17, 2026;
- The minutes of the Closed Session of June 17, 2026;
- The payment of all bills.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The District received 5 FOIA requests since our last meeting from Data Branch requesting vendor, contract, purchasing and procurement information. All requests were responded to in the needed timeline.

The Board was reminded that the annual New Staff Orientation will take place on August 4 and 5, 2026. 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.

Morgan Lewis from Warren County Public Transportation in Monmouth provided the Board with information of the types of services they could provide in our community.

An update on the elementary and PK playground was provided to the Board.

Superintendent Lawson updated the Board on the summer projects that are happening District wide.

ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Clark, seconded by Vancil to approve the transportation pay structure as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Higgins, Lenahan, Schaley, Vancil, Clark, and Gullberg. 6-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Higgins, seconded by Vancil 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: Lenahan, Schaley, Vancil, Clark, Gullberg, and Higgins. 6-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Vancil, seconded by Gullberg to approve the signatory names on WCES activity account at Bank of Stronghurst and Imprest Account at Midwest Bank in Oquawka by removing Betty Mynatt and adding Jacqueline Clark. On roll call the following members voted aye: Schaley, Vancil, Clark, Gullberg, Higgins, and Lenahan. 6-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Vancil, seconded by Gullberg to approve the signatory names on WCMS activity account at Bank of Stronghurst and Imprest Account at Midwest Bank in Oquawka by removing Brittney Kuglar and adding Byron Helt. On roll call the following members voted aye: Vancil, Clark, Gullberg, Higgins, Lenahan, and Schaley. 6-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Vancil, seconded by Gullberg to approve the signatory names on the Gerling Scholarship Trust Account at Bank of Stronghurst by removing Stacey Day and adding Eric Lawson. On roll call the following members voted aye: Clark, Gullberg, Higgins, Lenahan, Schaley, and Vancil. 6-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Vancil, seconded Gullberg by to approve the signatory names on the district credit card by removing Stacey Day and adding Eric Lawson. On roll call the following members voted aye: Gullberg, Higgins, Lenahan, Schaley, Vancil and Clark. 6-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Vancil, seconded by Gullberg to approve the Press Plus Issue 122 on the first reading as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Higgins, Lenahan, Schaley, Vancil, Clark, and Gullberg. 6-0 Motion carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Board member Vancil requested that the PK program be added to next month's agenda.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Vancil, seconded by Higgins to adjourn to closed meeting pursuant of the Illinois Open Meetings Act - 5ILCS 120/2 (2) (16) at 6:35 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 6:38 p.m. On roll call the following members answered roll call: Clark, Gullberg, Higgins, Lenahan, Schaley and Vancil.

Motion by Higgins, seconded by Gullberg to return to open session at 7:12 p.m. On roll call the following members answered roll call: Clark, Gullberg, Higgins, Lenahan, Schaley, and Vancil. 6-0 Motion carried.

The Board took a short break and reconvened in the West Central Library at 7:15 p.m. On roll call the following members answered roll call: Clark, Gullberg, Higgins, Lenahan, Schaley, and Vancil.

PERSONNEL ACTION

Motion by Vancil, seconded by Gullberg to approve the extra duty stipends as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Lenahan, Schaley, Vancil, Clark, Gullberg, and Higgins. 6-0 Motion carried.

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

West Central School District School Board Meeting Personnel Items for Board Approval Wednesday, July 15, 2026		
<i>Please note: the following new appointments are pending completion of all certifications, requirements, and clearance on the state required background investigation.</i>		
Personnel Changes		
Name	Title	Salary
New Appointments:		
Shelby Bailey	WCHS FFA Sponsor	WCATS Contract
Brittany Smith	WCMS 6th Grade Boys' Basketball Coach	WCATS Contract
Board acknowledges the following resignations/retirements:		
Mallory Allen	WCHS Cross Country Coach	N/A

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

FUTURE MEETING DATE

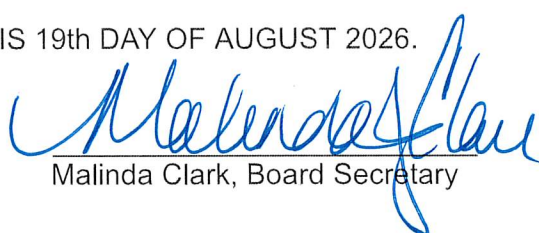
The next regular Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 19, 2026, 6:00 p.m., in the elementary cafeteria.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Gullberg seconded by Higgins to adjourn at 7:16 p.m. Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

THESE MINUTES ARE APPROVED AS WRITTEN THIS 19th DAY OF AUGUST 2026.


Brendan Schaley, Board President


Malinda Clark, Board Secretary