

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #235 HELD
IN THE ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA ON AUGUST 19, 2026

The meeting was called to order by President Schaley at 6:00 p.m. in the elementary cafeteria. The following board members answered roll call: Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, Higgins, Schaley, and Vancil. Board Member Lenahan was absent. President Schaley declared a quorum present. Also present were Superintendent Lawson, J. Shultz, B. Taylor, B. Helt, T. Mason, J. Kirby, S. Kreps, and J. Hennings.

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

GOOD NEWS ITEMS

Under good news items the following items were highlighted:

- We had many West Central Students who participated in the Henderson County Fair! It was a great week to watch them participate outside of their school activities.
- We had a great 1st day of school!

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Clark, seconded by Chockley to approve the agenda as presented. Majority of ayes by voice vote.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Several bus drivers were in attendance to bring concerns to the Board over their pay structure.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- The minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 15, 2026;
- The minutes of Closed Session of July 15, 2026;
- The minutes of the Special Board Meeting of July 22, 2026;
- The minute of the Special Board Meeting of August 4, 2026;
- The payment of all bills;
- The Treasurer's Report for June and July 2026;
- The approval of all activity accounts;
- The approval of PressPlus Policy Issue 122 Updates on second reading;
- The approval of the 2026-2027 Bowling Agreement with Tombstone Bowling.

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Superintendent Lawson reported that we received seven FOIA requests prior to this meeting. From the data branch and data@blue door. Both were requesting vendor, contract, purchasing and procurement information. All requests were completed in the needed timeframe.

Superintendent Lawson and the building principals gave a quick overview of the start of the school year. We've had a great first day of school. Transportation has gone well. The Staff Institute Days covered a lot of information and gave staff time to work in their rooms. We had great attendance at all of the Welcome Back/Backpack Nights.

The Board discussed the next steps in the WCE playground project.

REPORTS

The Board reviewed and heard reports from the Building Principals B. Taylor , B. Helt, and J. Kirby. West Central High School Athletic Director E. Schaley and District Technology Coordinator J. Hennings.

ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Clark, seconded by Vancil to approve the tentative FY27 District Budget as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Gullberg, Higgins, Schaley, Vancil, Chockley, and Clark. 6-0 Motion carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

President Schaley asked for the lunch program to be added, Board Member Higgins asked for energy costs to be added as a discussion item, and Board Member Vancil asked for Health Insurance to be added as a discussion item for the next board meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

No closed session was held.

PERSONNEL ACTION

Motion by Gullberg, seconded by Clark to approve the personnel items as follows:

West Central School District School Board Meeting Personnel Items for Board Approval Wednesday, August 19, 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:		
Kathy Lafary	District Paraprofessional	
Eric Vancil	WCMS Assistant Baseball Coach	WCATS
Maricruz Meyer	District Paraprofessional	WCATS
Change of Assignment:		
Board acknowledges the following resignations/retirements		
Judy Kelley	WCES Title Teacher	N/A
Laura Lewis	WCES Title Teacher	N/A

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

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

FUTURE MEETING DATE

The Board was reminded that the FY27 Budget Hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., in the elementary cafeteria. The regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Clark, seconded by Chockley to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

THESE MINUTES ARE APPROVED AS WRITTEN THIS 22nd DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2026.

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Brendan Schaley, Board President

A cursive handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Malinda Clark'.

Malinda Clark, Board Secretary