

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #235 IN
THE WEST CENTRAL ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

The meeting was called to order by President Schaley at 7:00 p.m. in the West Central Elementary Cafeteria. The following board members answered roll call: Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, Higgins, Lenahan, Schaley, and Vancil. President Schaley declared a quorum present. Also present were Superintendent Lawson, J. Kirby, and a few community members.

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Ed Brokaw addressed the Board with his concerns relating to the MS baseball program.

HEARING OFFICER

Motion by Vancil, seconded by Higgins to appoint President Schaley as hearing officer to preside over a discipline hearing. Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Vancil, seconded by Gullberg to adjourn to closed meeting pursuant of the Illinois Open Meetings Act - 5 ILCS 120/2 at 7:05 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 7:08 p.m. On roll call the following members answered roll call: Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, Higgins, Lenahan, Schaley, and Vancil. Also present was Superintendent Lawson.

Motion by Vancil, seconded by Gullberg to return to open session at 8:27 p.m. On roll call the following members answered roll call: Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, Higgins, Lenahan, Schaley, and Vancil.

The Board took a short break and reconvened in the West Central Elementary Cafeteria at 8:29 p.m. On roll call the following members answered roll call: Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, Higgins, Lenahan, Schaley, and Vancil.

Motion by Higgins, seconded by Gullberg to approve the termination of Edward Santos as WCMS Head Baseball Coach as presented and the Board agrees to pay Edward Santos a pro-rated wage per WCATS agreement. On roll call the following members voted aye: Lenahan, Schaley, Vancil, Chockley, Clark, Gullberg and Higgins. 7-0 Motion carried

Motion by Vancil, seconded by Gullberg to approve the termination of Eric Vancil as WCMS Assistant Baseball Coach as presented and agrees to pay Eric Vancil a pro-rated wage per WCATS agreement. On roll call the following members voted aye: Vancil, Chockley, Gullberg, Higgins and Lenahan. Board Members Schaley and Clark voted nay. 5-2 Motion carried.

Motion by Schaley, seconded by Chockley to approve Nick Allen as the interim WCMS Head Baseball Coach as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Vancil, Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, Higgins, Lenahan, and Schaley. 7-0 Motion carried.

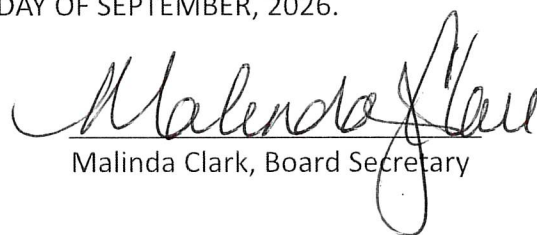
Motion by Chockley, seconded by Gullberg to approve Darren Steele as the interim WCMS Assistant Baseball Coach as presented. On roll call the following members voted aye: Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, Higgins, Lenahan, Schaley, and Vancil. 7-0 Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Chockley, seconded by Vancil to adjourn at 8:32 p.m. Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

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


Brendan Schaley, Board President


Malinda Clark, Board Secretary