

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #235 IN THE ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA ON OCTOBER 15, 2025

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, Lenahan, Schaley, and Vancil. Board member Higgins was absent. President Schaley declared a quorum present. Also present were Superintendent Day, Recording Secretary J. Shultz, K. Lafary, B. DeWeese, B. Helt, J. Kirby, S. Kreps, J. Hennings, and M. Nelson. Also in attendance were Will, Carrie and Aiden Todd, Chris, Rachel and Katelyn Ford, Bryan, Floralia and Alesandro McVay and Jimena Perez, Emily, Justine and Mason Schaley, and Kevin Heid.

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

GOOD NEWS ITEMS

- The Bank of Stronghurst \$100 Donation for WCMS Baseball Team for State
- Plate Services \$300 Donation for WCMS Baseball Team for State
- Inghram Lawn & Landscaping \$328 Donation for WCMS Baseball Fan Bus
- Donation from Mike Curry of \$1000 for the WCHS Activity Account and \$1100 for the District
- Monthly donation from Mike Curry of \$100 for the WCMS
- Monthly donation from Mike Curry of \$85.00 for the WCES
- Security Savings annual donation for the Education Foundation
- Thank you to the WCHS FFA for Ag Day on October 3!
- Illinois Principals Day is on Friday, October 24, 2025. We want to thank all of our district principals for all they do for our district.
- The Homecoming Alumni Event was another great success! Miranda Gullberg and her team worked tirelessly to plan the event and we had over 180 attend!
- The MS Baseball Team ended their season with a 4th place finish in the IESA State Series!
- The West Central PTC held their annual Fall Festival and it was a huge success. Lots of kids, lots of smiles and lots of fun. Thank you to the volunteers and organizers.
- Our District. Our Legacy. Recognitions

APPROVE AGENDA

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

The Board recognized the following high school students for maintaining a 4.0 GPA during the 2024-2025 school year: Teegan Rodeffer, Katelyn Ford, Jimena Perez, Aiden Todd, Christian Del Carlo, Jaxon Endress, and Mason Schaley.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- The minutes of the FY26 Budget Hearing; September 22, 2025
- The minutes of the regular meeting of September 22, 2025
- The minutes of the Public Hearing of September 22, 2025

- The payment of all bills
- All activity accounts
- The treasurer's report for September 2025

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

The District received two FOIA requests over the last month. One from Allium Data requesting a summary of the District insurance policies, including deductibles, aggregate coverage, etc. The Galesburg Reporter submitted a request for the names of the most recent inductees to our National Honor Society and any students who received National Merit Scholarship recognition. All requests were submitted within the needed timelines.

The Board discussed the upcoming Triple I Conference that will take place in November. Board members Schaley, Clark and Lenahan will be attending, as well as Superintendent Day and Recording Secretary Jaime Shultz. The attending members were reminded of travel plans and will report back to the full Board at the December meeting, after the conference.

The Board discussed the upcoming Elementary Playground project. The playground committee is working on final plans and were able to share posters at the PTC Fall Festival that showed students and families the equipment we hope to purchase. There was lots of excitement from the kids when they saw the pictures! The playground committee set their next meeting for Tuesday, October 28 at 1:00 pm and will focus on fundraising ideas and plans.

The Building and Grounds committee updated the Board on their current work. The committee is holding a Local Contractor Informational meeting on Wednesday, October 22 at 6:00 pm to explain the process of school construction, bidding, bonding, insurance and our upcoming types of projects. All local contractors are invited to attend. The flyer was sent out to area contractors and is available on our social media and website. Superintendent Day also informed the Board that Summer 2026 projects have been submitted to the architect to start the process and there will be a building and grounds committee meeting after those projects are ready to discuss before posting them for bids.

REPORTS

The Board reviewed and heard reports from the Building Principals K. Lafary, B. DeWeese and J. Kirby, District Technology Coordinator Jeremy Hennings and High School Assistant Principal/Athletic Director Stacey Kreps, and School Psychologist/Special Education Coordinator Mallory Nelson.

ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Clark, seconded by Vancil to approve the Resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$8,250,000 General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2025, for the purpose of altering and reconstructing school buildings and purchasing and installing equipment therein for fire prevention and safety, energy conservation and school security purposes, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the execution of a Bond Purchase Agreement with Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated. On roll call the following members voted aye: Gullberg, Lenahan, Schaley, Vancil, Chockley, and Clark. 6-0 Motion carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Board was reminded to contact President Schaley or Superintendent Day for requested future agenda items.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Vancil, seconded by Chockley to adjourn to closed meeting pursuant of the Illinois Open Meetings Act - 5ILCS 120/2 (2) (16) at 7:09 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 7:13 p.m. On roll call the following members answered roll call: Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, Lenahan, Schaley, and Vancil. Also present was S. Day. Mr. Kirby entered closed session at 7:34 p.m.

Motion by Chockley, seconded by Lenahan to return to open session at 8:19 p.m. On roll call the following members answered roll call: Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, Lenahan, Schaley, and Vancil.

The Board took a short break and reconvened in the elementary cafeteria at 8:22 p.m. On roll call the following members answered roll call: Lenahan, Schaley, Vancil, Chockley, Clark, and Gullberg.

Motion by Chockley, seconded by Clark to approve the personnel agenda as presented.

West Central School District School Board Meeting Personnel Items for Board Approval Wednesday, October 15, 2025		
<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
Volunteer:		
Kati Pepper	WCMS Cheer Coach	N/A
Travis Vancil	WCHS Bowling Coach	N/A
Kevin Gibb	WCMS 6th Grade Boy's Basketball Coach	N/A
New Appointments:		
Andrew Foss	WCMS 6th Grade Boys' Basketball Coach	WCATS
Andy Chockley	WCMS 7th Grade Boys' Basketball Coach	WCATS
Casey Goff	WCMS 8th Grade Boys' Basketball Coach	WCATS
Tom Williams	WCHS Head Girls' Basketball Coach	WCATS
Jordain Johnson	WCHS Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach	WCATS

Board acknowledges the following resignations/retirements:		
Nick Allen	WCHS Assistant Boys' Baseball Coach	N/A
Michelle Sheehan	District Paraprofessional	N/A

On roll call the following members voted aye: Lenahan, Schaley, Vancil, Clark, and Gullberg. Chockley abstained. 5-0 Motion carried.

FUTURE MEETING DATE

The Board was reminded that the regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 18, 2025.


ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Chockley, seconded by Clark to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

THESE MINUTES ARE APPROVED AS WRITTEN THIS 18th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2025.



 Brendan Schaley, Board President



 Malinda Clark, Board Secretary