

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF WEST CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #235 IN THE ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA ON NOVEMBER 18, 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: Clark, Gullberg, Higgins, Lenahan, Schaley, and Vancil. Board Member Chockley was absent. Board Member Chockley arrived at 6:50 p.m. President Schaley declared a quorum present. Also present were Superintendent Day, J. Shultz, K. Lafary, B. Taylor, B. DeWeese, J. Kirby, J. Hennings, and M. Gullberg.

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

**GOOD NEWS ITEMS**

- A big thank you to all of our families for supporting reading and our schools by purchasing items at our most recent Scholastic Book Fair at both the elementary and the middle school.
- The Middle School Veteran's Day Assembly on Monday was a great success. Thank you to all of our Veterans for attending and to the students and staff who planned the event.
- WCE joined the Cereal Box Domino Challenge: We Collected, We Created, We Conquered! We were able to donate 1,182 boxes of cereal to our local food pantries. Congratulations to Ms. Lewis and her 5th grade crew!
- Rebecca Hinshaw, WCHS Junior, qualified for the IHSA Swim State Finals for the second year in a row!
- Keaton Ruebush was named to 1st Team All-State and we had six football players named to the 1st Team All Conference!
- One of our MS Speech groups earned 1st place at Rockridge Invitational and will come present at the next Board Meeting.
- School Board Appreciation Day was earlier in the weekend. We thanked all of our school board members for their time and work for our District.
- The following staff members were recognized as part of Our District Our Legacy: All Bus and Van Drivers, Alyssa Hawk, Amy Chandler, Brooke Day, Bryan Taylor, Cindy Boyd, Connie Sue Torrance, Deb Paulus, Dylan Brooks, Elementary Kitchen Staff, Emily Schaley, Heidi Crane, Jackie Biggs, Jamie Hennings, Jenny Ford, Jessica Burrell, Jordain Johnson, Karri Wallace, Kayla Crum, Kilene Chapin, Kim Thompson, Laura Lewis, Lauren Chockley, Megan Bailey, Megan Rodeffer, Miranda Gullberg, Nikki Mills, Paige Leath, Peyton Jack, Rose Garner, Shelby Johnson, Sherri Walters, Stacey Kreps, Taylor Carpenter, Tiffany Kaup, Tiffany Ouellette, and Tracey Richers.

**APPROVE AGENDA**

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

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no comments from the public.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- The minutes of the regular meeting of October 15, 2025;
- Closed session minutes of October 15, 2025;
- The payment of all bills;
- All activity accounts;
- The treasurer's report for October 2025;

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

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS

Superintendent Day reported the District received two FOIA requests since the last meeting. SmartProCure requested vendor information and Steve Watts (from Texas) wanted information about employees, email addresses, positions and salary details. Both requests were completed in the required timelines.

Superintendent Day gave a presentation on the 2025 Summative Designations for each of the buildings. Designations are given to each school building annually. Our schools maintained the same designation they received last year. The High School and Middle School were both Commendable and the Elementary School was Targeted, for their Children with Disabilities subgroup.

The Board heard a short update on the Playground project. The PTC has started fundraising and working on the paperwork to gain 501c3 status. The first Drinks at Drop-Off went really well and they earned about \$300 towards the playground! The Playground committee will meet again in December.

The Building and Grounds committee gave a short update as well. The Local Contractor meeting was held at the end of October and had about 11 different contractor companies show up to learn more about school construction projects. It was a big success. Superintendent Day talked to the Board about investing the new Health-Life Safety Bond and will work with ISDLAF to invest those funds while we work on completing projects. The Building and Grounds committee will meet with the architect before the December meeting to receive an update on the projects scheduled for Summer 2026.

#### REPORTS

The Board reviewed and heard reports from the Building Principals K. Lafary, B. DeWeese and J. Kirby, and District Technology Coordinator Jeremy Hennings, Special Education Report reviewed by Mrs. Day.

#### ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Clark, seconded by Vancil to approve the tentative FY25 Tax Levy Option estimated at \$8,034,875 for next school year, as presented. On roll call the following board members voted aye: Gullberg, Higgins, Lenahan, Schaley, Vancil, Chockley, and Clark. 7-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Higgins, seconded by Chockley to approve the FY25 Audit as presented. On roll call the following board members voted aye: Higgins, Lenahan, Schaley, Vancil, Chockley, Clark, and Gullberg. 7-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Higgins, seconded by Chockley to approve the FY26 Maintenance Grant for the elementary playground surface as presented. On roll call the following board members voted aye: Lenahan, Schaley, Vancil, Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, and Higgins. 7-0 Motion carried.

Motion by Clark, seconded by Chockley to approve Press Plus Issue 120 on the first reading. Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

#### FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Board was reminded to submit future agenda items to Superintendent Day or President Schaley.

## CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Clark seconded by Chockley to adjourn to closed meeting pursuant of the Illinois Open Meetings Act - 5ILCS 120/2 (2) (16) at 8:06 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 8:10 p.m. On roll call the following members answered roll call: Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, Higgins, Lenahan, Schaley and Vancil. Also present was S. Day.

Motion by Vancil, seconded by Gullberg to return to open session at 9:01p.m. On roll call the following members answered roll call: Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, Higgins, Lenahan, Schaley and Vancil. 7-0 Motion carried.

The Board took a short break and reconvened in the elementary cafeteria at 9:03 p.m. On roll call the following members answered roll call: Schaley, Vancil, Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, Higgins, and Lenahan.

Motion by Higgins, seconded by Chockley to approve the personnel items as presented.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>West Central School District School Board Meeting Personnel Items for Board Approval Tuesday, November 18, 2025</b></p>
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*Please note: the following new appointments are pending completion of all certifications, requirements, and clearance on the state required background investigation.*

**Personnel Changes**

Name	Title	Salary
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**Volunteer:**

Bailey Stombaugh	WCHS Cheer Coach	N/A
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**New Appointments:**

Jaime DeCrane	District Paraprofessional	WCATS
Gwen Kahlke	WCMS 7th Grade Volleyball Coach	WCATS
Bailey Garner	WCHS Cheer Coach	WCATS
Julie Colwell	District Paraprofessional	WCATS

**Board acknowledges the following resignations/retirements:**

Renata Conway	WCHS Cheer Coach	N/A
Brian Kreps	Transportation Director	N/A

Lene Lox	WCMS Boys' Track Coach	N/A
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On roll call the following members voted aye: Vancil, Chockley, Clark, Gullberg, Higgins, Lenahan, and Schaley. 7-0 Motion carried.

FUTURE MEETING DATE

The Board was reminded that the next regular Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 17, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Clark, seconded by Chockley to adjourn at 9:04 p.m. Majority of Ayes by Voice Vote. Motion carried.

THESE MINUTES ARE APPROVED AS WRITTEN THIS 17th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2025.



Brendan Schaley, Board President



Malinda Clark, Board Secretary