

TO: West Central Staff and Community
FROM: Stacey Day, Superintendent
DATE: August 20, 2025
RE: Summary of August 20, 2025, Board of Education Regular Meeting

At the August 20, 2025, Board of Education Regular Meeting the following took place:

1. The Regular Board of Education Meeting was called to order by President Schaley at 6:01 pm. Board members present were: Mindy Clark, Brendan Schaley, Dillan Vancil, Josh Higgins, Lauren Chockley, Karl Gullberg and Mike Lenahan. Also present for the meeting were: Superintendent Stacey Day, District Administrators: Kathy Lafary, Jason Kirby, Brittney Kugler, Stacey Kreps, Byron Helt, Jeremy Hennings and Mallory Nelson and Board Recording Secretary Jaime Shultz. Also in attendance were Kim Thompson and Jessica Booton.
2. President Schaley led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. The following items were presented as Good News Items:
 - a. ROE Summerfest was held on July 23 in conjunction with the Henderson County Fair. There was a great turnout for the event.
 - b. We had a lot of students participate in the Henderson County Fair and many who qualified to show their projects at the Illinois State Fair.
 - c. The buildings all looked really good (bright, white and clean) during our Welcome Back Nights to welcome students and families back in for the new school year.
4. The agenda was approved with no changes.
5. Kim Thompson and Jessica Booton were in attendance to talk to the Board about the HS Gym Scoreboard and Sponsorship. They provided their comments when the board got to that agenda item.
6. The following items were approved by a 7-0 roll call vote as part of the Consent Agenda:
 - a. Meeting Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, July 16, 2025
 - b. Meeting Minutes of the Closed Session, July 16, 2025
 - c. Meeting Minutes of the Special Board Meeting, July 21, 2025
 - d. Payment of Monthly Bills
 - e. Approval of June and July Treasurer's Reports
 - f. Approval of Activity Accounts
 - g. Approval of PRESS Policy Update 119 - Second Reading
 - h. Approval of 2025-2026 Bowling Agreement with Tombstone Bowling
7. Superintendent Day reported that we received two FOIA requests prior to this meeting. One from Smart ProCure and one from Starbridge App. Both were requesting information regarding vendors, costs and items purchased. The Starbridge request was for information from January 1, 2022 to the present. The Smart ProCure request was for the last quarter. Both requests were completed in the needed timeframe.
8. Superintendent Day and the building principals gave a quick overview of the start of the school year. We've had a great first couple of days. 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.

9. Superintendent Day gave an overview of the upcoming Health-Life-Safety Bond Process. We completed our 10-year Health-Life-Safety (HLS) Survey a few years ago. Our final bond payment on our current bond happens this December. We are working with Stifel to complete the process for the new bond that will be used to pay for the needed work on the HLS Survey that is required to be done by ISBE. The first step will be to hold a hearing in September notifying the community that we will be purchasing HLS bonds. In October, we will authorize the purchase of the bonds and in November we will finalize and close on the purchase. Superintendent Day also discussed the option to invest part of the bond funds after we receive them. The District will work with ISDLAF and PMA in order to set up the investment structure, allowing us to withdraw needed funds at the appropriate time, based on project completion.
10. The Board discussed the next steps in the WCE playground project. We have received updated options and quotes from Team Reil and Custom Pro, with the playground equipment estimates coming in at around \$112,000. The next step will be for the elementary administration, Superintendent and PTC to meet and determine exact equipment needs, plans for funding and playground surface needs. The hope is to have the equipment ready to promote before the PTC Fall Festival.
11. The Board discussed the need of a new HS Gym Scoreboard (to include shot clocks that are required by IHSA). The Board received an offer from Atlantic Bottling Company to provide \$2250/year in sponsorships and rebates on cases of bottled drinks. In order to participate, we would have to go exclusively to Coca Cola products. WCAA has concerns with going exclusively with Coca Cola (or with another brand) and the impact that will have on their fundraising. Music Boosters (represented by Mike Lenahan on the Board) has similar concerns. WCAA has memorial money that they are willing to put towards a new scoreboard and the District previously received memorial money from the Nancy Tennant memorial. WCAA felt they could also work on sponsorship opportunities for local businesses/community members that would offset the remaining cost of the scoreboard. The next steps will be to get updated quotes on the scoreboard to determine funding needs. We plan to install the new scoreboard over the summer and use them during the 26-27 school year.
12. Superintendent Day discussed the need for the Board Building and Grounds committee to start meeting consistently in order to plan out future projects, especially related to our 10-Year HLS survey. Superintendent Day will work with Board Members Vancil and Gullberg to set up meetings and will report back to the Board plans at upcoming Regular Board meetings.
13. The Building Administrators gave them monthly reports. Jeremy Hennings, District Technology Director and Mallory Nelson, District Special Education Coordinator, both gave updates to their monthly reports as well.
14. The Board approved the tentative budget presented by Superintendent Day by a 7-0 roll call vote. It will be on display in the District Office for the next month and will be formally voted on at the September Board meeting. The overall estimated expenses remain about \$13,000,000, which matches previous years. Grant funds are anticipated to have flat funding for this school year. The Transportation Fund is going to take a large hit in revenue, due to the state reducing the reimbursement amount. In order to offset that

loss in revenue, we plan to permanently transfer \$600,000 from the Working Cash fund to Transportation. In July we completed an interfund loan of \$300,000 between those two funds, we plan to make that permanent and increase the total amount to \$600,000. Superintendent Day will continue to work on determining more detailed expenditures (salary and health insurance) in order to fine tune numbers in the next month. About 64% of our overall budget expenses are due to salaries and benefits for our staff members. We anticipate budgets getting tighter over the next few years than they have been recently, due to increasing costs (salary, insurance and utilities) and reduced revenues.

15. The Board approved the new job descriptions for District Cook and District Head Cook by a 7-0 roll call vote. The updated job descriptions will be posted on the website.
16. The Board discussed changes in District Legal Representation. Our lead attorney, Brandon Wright, moved law firms at the start of the month. The Board had the option to stay with the current firm (Miller, Tracy, Braun, Funk and Miller), move to Franzeck, PC to continue working with Brandon Wright or change firms all together. The Board voted (7-0 by roll call) to move to Franzeck, PC in order to continue working with Brandon Wright and to maintain the retainer plan currently in place. Superintendent Day will complete the paperwork and notify the law firm of the change.
17. The Board was reminded to notify President Schaley or Superintendent Day if there is a request for an agenda item for a future meeting.
18. The Board took the following action by a 6-0 roll call vote (Schaley abstained) to approve the following items as part of the personnel agenda:
 - a. Volunteer - Brendan Schaley - WCMS Softball Coach
 - b. Volunteer - Eric Vancil - WCMS Baseball Coach
 - c. Volunteer - Landon Winters - WCMS Baseball Coach
 - d. Volunteer - Amanda Corzatt - WCMS and WCHS Softball Coach
 - e. Employment - Austin Bigger - WCHS Assistant Football Coach
 - f. Employment - Austin Bigger - District Paraprofessional
 - g. Employment - Payton Clark, WCMS Student Council Sponsor
 - h. Employment - Gwen Kahlke - WCMS Physical Education Teacher
 - i. Employment - Teresa Stevenson - SIP Team Member
 - j. Employment - Steve Boughton - District Custodian
 - k. Employment - John Martinez - District Custodian
 - l. Employment - Kristi Lumbeck - Elementary Special Education Teacher
 - i. Adjusted Official Start Date to August 22, 2025
 - m. Employment - District Mentor - Stacey Kreps
 - n. Employment - HS Mentors - Jackie Biggs, Adam Boyle, Tiffany Ouellette, and Tom Williams
 - o. Employment - MS Mentors - Heather Davis, Jackie Spence, and Teresa Stevenson
 - p. Employment - EL Mentors - Kristi Lumbeck and Jessica Winters
 - q. Resignation - Erin Clark, WCMS Physical Education Teacher

19. The Board was reminded that the Next Regular Board of Education meeting is on Monday, September 22 at 6:00 pm and the FY26 Budget Hearing will take place the same night at 5:30 pm.
20. The meeting was adjourned at 8:39pm.