

TO: West Central Staff and Community
FROM: Stacey Day, Superintendent
DATE: July 21, 2025
RE: Summary of July 16, 2025, Board of Education Regular Meeting

At the July 16, 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 6:00 pm. Board members present were: Mindy Clark, Brendan Schaley, Dillan Vancil, Josh Higgins, Lauren Chockley and Mike Lenahan. Karl Gullberg was absent. Also present for the meeting were: Superintendent Stacey Day, District Administrators: Kathy Lafary, Jason Kirby and Board Recording Secretary Jaime Shultz. Also in attendance were Greg Link and Brian and Stacey Kreps.
2. President Schaley led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. The following items were presented as Good News Items:
 - a. A big thank you to the Twomey Foundation for the annual \$5,000 donation to our District.
4. The Agenda was approved with an addition of Discussion Item 8c. Solar on Earth Program.
5. During Public Comment, Greg Link addressed the Board regarding his interest in the MS Head Baseball Coaching position and the process to fill that vacancy.
6. The Board approved the following items as part of the Consent Agenda by a 6-0 roll call vote:
 - a. Minutes of the FY25 Amended Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting, June 18, 2025
 - b. Minutes of the Closed Session, June 18, 2025
 - c. Minutes of the Board Retreat, June 21, 2025
 - d. Payment of Monthly Bills
7. The Board was reminded that the annual New Staff Orientation will take place on August 4 and 5, 2025. New staff will have an opportunity to meet each other, receive training, tour the district and meet with building administrators to kick off the new school year.
8. Superintendent Day provided the Board with information about participation in the Illinois Shines Program, through Solar on Earth. The program comes at no cost to the District and allows us to take advantage of federal grant requirements for solar companies to pass along electricity cost savings to communities and organizations. The program offers up to 20% reduction on electric costs for the school district, with a 10 year commitment to the program, two automatic 5 year extensions and an opt-out clause that the District can terminate the contract (at no penalty) with 180 day notice. The next step is the Board to give formal approval to participate in the program. We will hold a Special Meeting on Monday, July 21 at 5:00 pm to consider formal approval to participate in the program.
9. The District received 5 FOIA requests since the previous Board Meeting. Public Info Access requested names, emails, titles and building assignments for all district administrators. The Galesburg Reporter requested names of anyone attending the Mu

Alpha Theta Convention (National Math Conference), names and directory information for our graduates from the last 5 years and headshots and names of graduates. Smart ProCure submitted a follow-up request to their FOIA in May for vendor information. All requests were responded to in the needed timeline.

10. The Board approved an updated tractor lease with Heritage Tractor (John Deere) for one year at a total lease cost of \$7800, on a 6-0 roll call vote.
11. The Board approved the construction of an additional baseball/softball field at the Middle School, at no cost to the district, on a 6-0 roll call vote.
12. The Board approved the PRESS Plus Issue 119 on its first reading, on a 6-0 roll call vote.
13. The Board approved the updated District Behavioral Threat Assessment Plan for the 2025-2026 school year, on a 6-0 roll call vote.
14. The Board approved the RAES 2025-20236 MOU, by a 6-0 roll call vote. RAES is the alternative school operated through the ROE in Galesburg. All districts pay an annual \$5000 with an additional \$10/student/day tuition for students participating in the program.
15. The Board approved the resolution for an Interfund Loan from Working Cash Fund to the Transportation Fund. Due to Henderson County property taxes being collected later than normal, our Transportation Fund needed the loan in order to have the 'Cash' in the bank for our lease payment. Once our tax money is received and the budget is completed, this money will be transferred back to the Working Cash Fund.
16. The Board was reminded if they have agenda items they would like on future agendas to send those requests to President Schaley or Superintendent Day.
17. The Board returned from closed session and took the following action:
 - a. Approval of following Personnel Agenda by a 6-0 roll call vote:
 - i. Volunteer - Mallory Nelson - WCHS Cross Country Coach
 - ii. Employment - Stacey Kreps - WCHS Assistant Principal/Athletic Director
 - iii. Employment - Shelby Bailey - WCHS Ag Teacher
 - iv. Employment - Kristi Lumbeck - WCES Special Education Teacher (TRS Retiree Return to Work)
 - v. Employment - EJ Santos - WCMS Head Baseball Coach
 - vi. Employment - EJ Santos - WCMS Athletic Director
 - vii. Employment - Jena Goff - WCMS Assistant Softball Coach
 - viii. Change of Assignment - Tiffany Kaup - District Cook to Head Cook (South Campus)
 - ix. Change of Assignment - Kilene Chapin - District Cook to Head Cook (North Campus)
 - x. Resignation - Ross Parcel - WCHS Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach
 - xi. Resignation - Ross Parcel - WCMS Head Baseball Coach
 - xii. Resignation - Lene Lox - WCMS 7th Grade Volleyball Coach
 - xiii. Resignation - Hallie Eisnnicher - WCMS Assistant Softball Coach
 - xiv. Resignation - Hallie Eisnnicher - WCHS Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach

- b. The Board approved Superintendent Day's contract bonus for meeting the performance goal (district curriculum alignment plan) set by the Board at the start of the 2024-2025 school year.
 - c. The Board approved the contract for Stacey Kreps for the 2025-2026 school year, as High School Assistant Principal/Athletic Director.
 - d. The Board approved the MOU with WCATS. This agreement allows for non-certified staff that move job categories are able to maintain their in-district years of service for pay scale placement. Impacted employees maintain seniority in their previous position, but do not move accumulated seniority to their new position.
18. The Board was reminded we are planning a short Special Board Meeting on Monday, July 21, 2025, to talk about the Illinois Shines Program. The meeting will be at 5:00 pm in the North Campus Library. The next Regular Board of Education meeting will be on Wednesday, August 20, 2025, at 6:00 pm in the Elementary Cafeteria.
19. The Board adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm.