

TO: West Central Staff and Community
FROM: Stacey Day, Superintendent
DATE: September 29, 2025
RE: Summary of September 22, 2025, Board of Education Regular Meeting

At the September 22, 2025, Board of Education Regular Meeting the following took place:

1. The Public Hearing for FY26 District Budget was called to order by President Schaley at 5:30 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, Byron Helt, Jeremy Hennings and Mallory Nelson and Board Recording Secretary Jaime Shultz. Also in attendance were Drew Postle (from the Quill), Mallie Rodeffer, Shelby Bailey, Shelby Johnson, Megan Rodeffer, Alli Wheeler, Conner Hill and Jennifer Bratcher.
2. There was no one from the public wishing to speak to the Board on the FY26 budget. Superintendent Day presented information about the proposed FY26 budget, highlighting a permanent transfer from working cash to the transportation fund and reminding the Board that we estimate expenses high and revenue low. On the budget form were the estimated starting fund balances (pending final FY25 audit information) for each fund as follows: Education - \$8,638,063, Operations and Maintenance - \$2,568,727, Debt Services - \$101,713, Transportation - \$462,934, Municipal Retirement and Social Security - \$456,007, Capital Projects - \$53,028, Working Cash - \$1,110,527, Tort - \$348,295, and Fire Prevention and Safety - \$688,273.
3. The Hearing was adjourned at 5:32 pm.
4. Between the Budget Hearing and the Regular Board Meeting, the Board had an opportunity to meet the new staff members for the 2025-2026 school year.
5. 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, Byron Helt, Jeremy Hennings and Mallory Nelson and Board Recording Secretary Jaime Shultz. Also in attendance was Drew Postle (from the Quill).
6. President Schaley led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.
7. The Board held a Public Hearing concerning the intent to sell up to \$8,250,000 School Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds. There were no members of the public in attendance to make comments about the bonds and no comments from Board members during the Hearing. The Hearing was adjourned.
8. After the official hearing ended, the Board continued their discussion of the Bonds with Kevin Heid from Stifel to answer any questions about the process and options. The Board discussed purchasing a bond for \$8,000,000 payable over 10 years and will move forward in October with the sale of the bond. The funds will be used to complete projects in the current 10-year Health Life Safety Survey. Those projects include, but are

not limited to: HS Roof, MS Boiler, MS Windows, Elementary Playground and Elementary exterior doors.

9. The following items were presented as Good News Items:
 - a. Our partnership with the Farm Bureau is appreciated. They sponsor events such as Safety Day and Ag Days for our elementary students
 - b. Our partnership with the Stronghurst Lion's Club is appreciated. They provide vision screenings at our early childhood screenings
 - c. Several of our students participated in the Warren County Prime Beef Festival Special Persons Day. During this event, the students are invited to ride the carnival rides with their caregiver for free. We are very thankful for their partnership! They had a great time!
 - d. Our District. Our Legacy. Recognitions. The following staff were recognized by their colleagues for what they do each day to build our Legacy at West Central: Amy Chandler, Andrew Foss, Ariel Dillard, Bryan Taylor, Connie Sue Torrance, EJ Santos, Emily Schaley, Jeannie Seitz, Judy Kelly, Karri Wallace, Katie Westfall, Kellsy Scott, Kilene Chapin, Mackenzie Johnson, Neo Coulter, Paige Leath, Payton Clark, Peyton Jack, Renata Conway, Stacey Kreps, Steve Arnold, Steve Boughton, Tom Williams and Tracey Richers.
 - e. The Middle School Baseball game qualified for the IESA State Tournament! They will play on Friday, September 26 at 4:30 pm at Eastside Centre in East Peoria.
 - f. The agenda was approved as presented.
 - g. There were no members of the public present to address the Board.
 - h. The following items were approved by a 7-0 roll call vote, as part of the Consent Agenda:
 - i. Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting, August 20, 2025
 - ii. Meeting Minutes of the Closed Session, August 20, 2025
 - iii. Meeting Minutes of the Special Meeting, August 29, 2025
 - iv. Meeting Minutes of the Closed Session, August 29, 2025
 - v. Payment of Bills
 - vi. Approval of Activity Accounts
 - vii. Approval of Treasurer's Report
 - viii. Delabar CTE Agreement
 - ii. WCHS FFA Trip to attend the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis
 - i. Superintendent Day explained the District received five FOIA requests since the last meeting. Public Data Research and Data Branch were both requesting vendor information. The Galesburg Reporter sent three requests this month requesting any student was designated as a College Board AP Scholar (West Central does not offer AP courses, so there are no students that receive this recognition), names of all students who graduated 8th grade and the high school they would attend and contracts for all building principals. All requests were responded to in the needed timeline.
 - j. Superintendent Day provided an update to the Board on our 6th Day Enrollment. As of the 6th Day of School, we had 748 students enrolled in the District. The

Board also received projected enrollment numbers for the next 5 years based on our current enrollment. If the current enrollment numbers stay over the next 5 years, the District expects to have a K-12th grade enrollment of about 664 students, down about 42 students from current numbers.

- k. The Board was given a short update on the Elementary Playground project. The playground committee is still working to finalize the equipment and starting the grant application process. The PTC Fall Festival is coming up on October 10 and proceeds will go towards the playground.
- l. The Building and Grounds Committee provided the Board with an update after their meetings since the previous Board meeting. The Building and Grounds committee met with the District architect to learn about the process of project design, bidding and construction. The Building and Grounds Committee is scheduling a community meeting for area contractors to come and learn about the steps needed to complete projects for the school district, including insurance, bidding, bonding. The hope is to encourage more of our local contractors to participate in the bidding process for our upcoming projects.
- m. The building principals gave a brief summary of their monthly reports. Jeremy Hennings gave an overview of the technology department work over the past month. Mallory Nelson provided an overview of the special education department and numbers to start the school year.
- n. The Board reviewed the 2024-2025 Administrator and Teacher Salary and Benefit Report that is required by ISBE each year. The report will be posted on the district website and includes the salary and benefits for all certified staff for the last school year.
- o. The Board approved the FY26 District Budget, as presented, by a 7-0 roll call vote. The budget is posted on the district website.
- p. The Board approved to change signatory names for WCHS on the Activity and Imprest Accounts (removing Nancy Hull and adding Megan Rodeffer), by a 7-0 roll call vote.
- q. The Board approved the early graduation request for Morghan Campbell, pending completion of all graduation requirements, by a 7-0 roll call vote.
- r. The Board was reminded to send future agenda item requests to President Schaley or Superintendent Day.
- s. The Board did not go into closed session. They did approve the following items as part of the Personnel Agenda by a 7-0 roll call vote:
 - i. Volunteer - Brianna Fink - WCMS Cheer Coach
 - ii. Volunteer - David Guile - WCMS Football Coach
 - iii. Change of Assignment - Tabitha Cooper - District Cook
 - iv. Employment - Nick Allen - WCHS Head Baseball Coach
 - v. Employment - Trey Goff - WCHS Assistant Basketball Coach
 - vi. Employment - Bailey Garner - WCHS Girls' Track Coach
 - vii. Employment - Conner Hill - WCHS Yearbook Sponsor
 - viii. Employment - Thomas Williams - WCHS Senior Class Rotating Sponsor
 - ix. Employment - Robert Fleming - WCHS Junior Class Rotating Sponsor

- x. Employment - Peyton Jack - WCHS Sophomore Class Rotating Sponsor
- xi. Employment - Heidi Crane - WCHS Freshmen Class Rotating Sponsor
- xii. Resignation - Robert Fleming - WCHS Senior Class Rotating Sponsor
- xiii. Resignation - Adam Boyle - WCHS Speech Sponsor
- xiv. Resignation - Bryce Bigger - WCMS 7th Grade Boys' Basketball Coach
- xv. Resignation - Ashley Dermer - District Paraprofessional
- xvi. Resignation - Trey Goff - WCMS 8th Grade Boys' Basketball Coach
- xvii. Retirement Incentive - Connie Sue Torrance
- t. The Board was reminded that the next Regular Board of Education meeting is on Wednesday, October 15 at 6:00 pm in the Elementary Cafeteria.
- u. The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm.