

TO: West Central Staff and Community
FROM: Stacey Day, Superintendent
DATE: June 22, 2026
RE: Summary of June 17, 2026, Board of Education Special and Regular Meetings

At the June 17, 2026, Board of Education Regular Meeting the following took place:

1. The Board of Education FY26 Amended Budget Hearing was called to order by President Schaley at 5:50 pm. Board members present were: Mindy Clark, Brendan Schaley, Karl Gullberg, and Lauren Chockley. Absent were Dillan Vancil, Mike Lenahan and Josh Higgins. Also present for the meeting were: Superintendent Stacey Day, building administrators Jason Kirby, Stacey Kreps, Brittney DeWeese, Kathy Lafary and Bryan Taylor, also present was District Technology Director Jeremy Hennings and Board Recording Secretary Jaime Shultz.
2. There was no one from the public wishing to speak to the Board.
3. Superintendent Day provided an update on the amended budget, which will be voted on during the Regular Board Meeting.
4. The Board adjourned the FY26 Amended Budget Hearing at 5:53 pm.
5. The Board of Education E-Learning Renewal Hearing was called to order by President Schaley at 5:53 pm. Board members present were: Mindy Clark, Brendan Schaley, Karl Gullberg, and Lauren Chockley. Absent were Dillan Vancil, Mike Lenahan and Josh Higgins. Also present for the meeting were: Superintendent Stacey Day, building administrators Jason Kirby, Stacey Kreps, Brittney DeWeese, Kathy Lafary and Bryan Taylor, also present was District Technology Director Jeremy Hennings and Board Recording Secretary Jaime Shultz.
6. There was no one from the public wishing to speak to the Board.
7. Superintendent Day reminded the Board that the E-Learning plan is a 3-year approval and allows for flexibility when we have weather issues during the school year. The approval of the renewal will be voted on during the Regular Board Meeting.
8. The Board adjourned the E-Learning Plan Renewal Hearing at 5:55 pm.
9. The Board of Education Regular Meeting was called to order by President Schaley at 6:01 pm. Board members present were: Mindy Clark, Brendan Schaley, Karl Gullberg, and Lauren Chockley. Board Member Dillan Vancil arrived at 6:04 pm. Board Members Mike Lenahan and Josh Higgins were absent. Also present for the meeting were: Superintendent Stacey Day, District Administrators: Kathy Lafary, Bryan Taylor, Jason Kirby, Stacey Kreps, Brittney DeWeese, District Technology Director Jeremy Hennings and Board Recording Secretary Jaime Shultz. Also present were community members Krista Forbes, Jeff Forbes and Holly Seitz.
10. President Schaley led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.
11. The following items were presented as Good News Items:
 - a. A big thank you to ALL of our staff who made the 2025-2026 school year a success! We hope they enjoy their summer break and can't wait for August to welcome everyone back in the buildings!

- b. Congratulations to the WCHS Softball team on an outstanding season. They were sectional champs and lost a heartbreaker to end their season in the super-sectional game.
 - c. Congratulations to Mr. Brooks, 2nd Grade Teacher, for winning the ROE Teacher Appreciation Award!
12. The Board approved the agenda as presented.
13. During public comment, Krista Forbes spoke to the Board sharing her concerns about bullying happening by a high school student.
14. The Board approved the following items as part of the Consent Agenda, by a 5-0 roll call vote:
- a. Meeting minutes of the Special Meeting, May 20, 2026
 - b. Meeting minutes of the Closed Session, May 20, 2026
 - c. Meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting, May 20, 2026
 - d. Meeting minutes of the Closed Session, May 20, 2026
 - e. Meeting minutes of the Special Meeting, June 10, 2026
 - f. Payment of Bills
 - g. May Treasurer's Report
 - h. Authorization to Spend
 - i. Continued Participation with Illinois Association of School Boards
15. Superintendent Day provided the Board with information on the FOIA requests received since the previous Board Meeting. The following requests were made and responded to in the required timeline: Databranch USA (technology vendors), Employee Research Data (employee names, positions, emails), University of Texas/Bentley University (AFRs and tax abatements), West Central Parent (softball bus video), Upgrade Research (utility bills, facility plans).
16. The Board held a short discussion about their annual Board Retreat. The Board will schedule their retreat in late July or Early August in coordination with the new superintendent to discuss plans and goals moving forward.
17. The Board discussed the new Heat Wave magazine that was started this school year and if they would like to move forward with it in the future. The Forottonia Times provided a quote for consideration. The cost would be about \$14,000, per edition. During FY26 the magazine was published twice and was paid for through the Stronger Connections Grant. Moving forward the District would have to pay for the publication out of District funds. The Board will consider moving forward with a publication during FY27 at the next Board meeting.
18. The Board held a short discussion about the possibility of working with Warren County Public Transportation to support District transportation needs. Superintendent Day reached out to WCPT, but was not able to connect with them. Dillan will reach out again to ask them to attend the July Board meeting to talk about the opportunity and cost.
19. The Board held a discussion regarding the technology usage guidelines, as a follow-up to previous discussions at Board meetings. Superintendent Day provided the Board with guidelines that summarize the previous discussions and allowed for administrators and teachers to continue the discussion and analysis to ensure that chromebook usage at school is appropriate and purposeful for students. The draft guidelines contain the

following and will be shared and discussed in more details with staff when the new school year begins:

- a. West Central believes that technology usage and skills are vital to the future success of our students, but understands that over use comes with its own set of concerns. These guidelines were created to support student learning and skills in order to grow our students into successful community members.
 - b. West Central believes that the following guidelines will support student learning and teacher instruction:
 - i. Administrators and Teachers will engage in continuous professional conversation to ensure that chromebook usage is purposeful and appropriate for students
 - ii. Administrators and Teachers will work to limit chromebook usage time to the following guidelines
 1. Elementary - 20 minutes at a single time and no more than 90 minutes in a single day
 2. Middle School - no more than 90 minutes in a single day
 3. High School - half a class period
 - iii. Administrators and Teachers will continue to prioritize chromebook usage for Curricular-Aligned Technology Programs
 - iv. Principals may approve extended chromebook time for specific circumstances, such as a flipped classroom instructional model or a research project, so long as the activity is directly tied to learning standards. All Chromebook usage must be tied to learning standards.
 - v. Administrators and Teachers will work together to limit rewarding students with chromebook time
20. The Board discussed a proposal from Superintendent Day to adjust the bus driver pay structure from a daily route pay to hourly pay. The proposal allows bus drivers to earn the same amount of pay that they normally do (\$94/day compared to \$24.00/day). With all of the changes in transportation needs, moving to an hourly rate will help streamline payroll and timecard needs. We hope we will also be able to encourage more people to become bus drivers by advertising this structure. The Board will continue conversations and work on details, before an official vote on the payment plan at the July Board Meeting.
21. The building principals and District Technology Director presented updates on their monthly reports.
22. The Board approved the FY26 Amended Budget by a 5-0 roll call vote. The budget will be sent to ISBE, posted on the website and submitted to the ROE and County Clerks, as required.
23. The Board approved the updated 2026-2027 District Student Handbook for the new school year. The handbook will be posted on the District website prior to registration opening for the new school year. Administrators will go over the handbook with staff and students at the start of the new year.
24. The Board approved the FY27 Consolidated District Plan by a 5-0 roll call vote and Superintendent Day will submit the CDP to ISBE.

25. The Board approved the 2027 Early Graduation Requests of the following students: Sidney Birky, Kylei Burkholder, Carly Craig, Corri DeMent, Ashton Garner, Matthew Goff, Riley Hand, Zakk Kempker, and Dustie Liggett by a 5-0 roll call vote. Students will be able to graduate in December 2026, pending completion of all graduation requirements.
26. The Board approved the resolution for the 3-Year E-Learning Plan Renewal by a 5-0 roll call vote.
27. The Board approved the MOU with WCATS to increase the Board contribution for the single employee health insurance premium to 80% during the 2026-2027 school year, by a 5-0 roll call vote. This adjustment allows the District to meet the requirements of the Affordable Care Act. Future adjustments will be negotiated with the new WCATS agreement, starting in July 2027. No other insurance premium contributions were changed.
28. The Board held a lengthy discussion on adjusting the 2026-2027 District School Calendar. After a 3-2 roll call vote, with members Schaley and Clark voting no, the Board approved moving the start date of the 2026-2027 school year to August 17, 2026 and making November 3, 2026 an attendance day. November 3 is Election Day, but the State Legislature didn't mandate that it be a non-attendance day, which was expected. The anticipated last day of school will be on or around June 3, 2026. Superintendent Day will work to make the adjustments to the school calendar and then it will be posted on the District website.
29. The Board approved the 2026-2027 District Threat Assessment Plan by a 5-0 roll call vote.
30. The Board discussed the elementary kickball field and voted to install a sand/rock finish in the south west field after the playground project, in order to provide the elementary with a dry kickball field that will be easier to maintain. The project was approved by a 5-0 roll call vote, with a maximum cost of \$1000.
31. The Board was reminded that if they have requests for next month's agenda to submit those to President Schaley or new Superintendent Lawson.
32. The Board entered Closed Session to discuss Personnel and Negotiations. When the Board returned to Open Session they took the following action:
 - a. Approval of the Spring Coach Rehires by a 5-0 roll call vote:

SPRING COACH REHIRES
Board Meeting: June 17, 2026
Board Approved: June 17, 2026

HS Baseball Head Coach	Nick Allen	MS Boys' Track Coach	Neo Colter
HS Baseball Asst. Coach	Darren Steele	MS Girls' Track Coach	Heather Davis
HS Softball Head Coach	Dylan Voyles		
HS Softball Asst. Coach	Hallie Eisnnicher		
HS Boys' Track Coach	Steve Arnold		
HS Girls' Track Coach	Bailey Garner		
HS Bass Fishing Coach (Volunteer)	Clinton Stimpson		
HS Cross Country Coach (Volunteer)	Mallory Allen		

- b. The Board approved the following as part of the Personnel Agenda by a 4-0 roll call vote. Board Member Chockley abstained from the vote.
 - i. Employment - Alyssa Smith - HS PE Teacher
 - ii. Employment - Dalton Chenault - Paraprofessional
 - iii. Employment - Jordain Johnson - Varsity Girls Basketball Coach
 - iv. Employment - Andy Chockley - 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach
 - v. Employment - Travis Wiemer - WCHS Paraprofessional
 - vi. Resignation - Andrew Foss - 6th Grade Boys Basketball Coach
 - vii. Resignation - John Martinez - District Custodian
- c. The Board approved Emily Schaley as the WCHS Athletic Director by a 4-0 roll call vote. Board Member Schaley abstained from the vote.
- d. The Board approved Jena Goff as the WCMS Athletic Director by a 5-0 roll call vote.
- e. The Board approved 2026-2027 Exempt Staff Salaries by a 5-0 roll call vote.
- f. The Board approved the resolution, as presented, to release Closed Session minutes and destroy verbatim recordings, as required by law, by a 5-0 roll call vote.
- g. The Board was reminded that the next Regular Board of Education meeting will be on Wednesday, July 15, 2026 at 6:00 pm in the Elementary Cafeteria.
- h. The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 pm.