

TO: West Central Staff and Community
FROM: Stacey Day, Superintendent
DATE: May 26, 2026
RE: Summary of May 20, 2026, Board of Education Special and Regular Meetings

At the May 20, 2026, Board of Education Special and Regular Meetings the following took place:

1. The Board of Education Special Meeting was called to order by President Schaley at 5:02 pm. Board members present were: Mindy Clark, Brendan Schaley, Josh Higgins, Dillan Vancil, Karl Gullberg, Mike Lenahan and Lauren Chockley. Also present for the meeting were: Superintendent Stacey Day, WCATS Co-President Adam Boyle and Teacher Bethany Nannen-Miller.
2. There was no one from the public at the Special Meeting to speak to the Board.
3. The Board selected President Schaley to act as Student Disciplinary Hearing Presiding Officer.
4. The Board entered into closed session to discuss Personnel and Student Disciplinary Cases.
5. When the Board returned to open session, they took the following action:
 - a. The Board approved a resolution authorizing Notice to Remedy and Unpaid Suspension of a PEL Employee - Bethany Nannen Miller by a 7-0 roll call vote.
 - b. The Board upheld the disciplinary action assigned by the building principal for Student #30062.
6. The Board adjourned the Special Meeting at 6:26 pm.
7. The Board of Education Regular Meeting was called to order by President Schaley at 6:26 pm. Board members present were: Mindy Clark, Brendan Schaley, Josh Higgins, Dillan Vancil, Karl Gullberg, Mike Lenahan and Lauren Chockley. Also present for the meeting were: Superintendent Stacey Day, District Administrators: Kathy Lafary, Bryan Taylor, Jason Kirby, Stacey Kreps, Brittney DeWeese, Byron Helt, District Technology Director Jeremy Hennings and Board Recording Secretary Jaime Shultz. Also present were the following staff members of the building SIP Teams: Jessica Winters, Julie Ricketts, Kendrah Ruebush, PJ Thompson, Emily Klossing, Laura Lewis, Jenny Ford, Payton Clark, Sara Dittner, Amy Chandler, Teresa Stevenson, Adam Boyle, Jordain Johnson, Bob Fleming, Tom Williams, Tiffany Ouellette, and Jackie Biggs.
8. President Schaley led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.
9. The following items were presented as Good News Items:
 - a. Congratulations to our students and staff on their outstanding Spring Music performances.
 - b. Elementary IPA Student Recognition Award winners: Hailey Thompson and Rowen Crum
 - c. Middle School IPA Student Recognition Award winners: Wyatt Goff and Gabby Deverall

- d. High School IPA Student Recognition Award winners: Delaney Endress and Teegan Rodeffer
 - e. We appreciate the Stronghurst Lion's Club and the Henderson County Soil and Conservation group for partnering to provide trees to our 4th grade students in recognition of Arbor Day.
 - f. A big thank you to the Lion's Club for completing our annual vision screenings.
 - g. WCMS State Track Meet Qualifiers - Wyatt Goff and Nate Good
 - h. Several of our WC students participated in the 24th Annual Courageous Smiles Invitational at Illini West High School. We are so proud of our student athletes.
 - i. Four of our WC students (Elli M., Noah H., Ava C., and Kaylinn B.) participated in the Special Olympics. Elli M., Noah H. and Ava C. will be attending State in June.
 - j. WCMS Play had 3 fabulous public performances and 1 private show for Oakwood Lane of Crumpled Classics.
 - k. Congratulations to PJ Thompson, Paige Leath and Stacie Anderson being our 2026 ROE Excellence in Education winners for West Central.
 - l. We also want to recognize the following staff members who are retiring at the end of the year: Kathy Lafary, Betty Mynatt, Brenda Steck, Connie Sue Torrance and Darrell Gittings
 - m. Congratulations to Julie Ricketts who was selected as a 2026 Regional ROE Excellence in Education winner!
 - n. Our District, Our Legacy - All Transportation Staff, Brenda Steck, Brian Sterett, Carrie Todd, Connie Wiley, Emily Klossing, High School Special Education Teachers, Jalyne Young, Jessie Winters, Karri Wallace, Kathy Lafary, Kaycee Myers, Kilen Chapin, Kristi Lumbeck, LeaAnn Nylene, Michelle Johnson, Sara Dittner, Shelby Bailey, Stacey Day, Stacey Kreps, and Tiffany Ouellette.
10. The Board approved the agenda as presented.
11. Jessica Winters spoke with the Board about the 2026 - 2027 School Calendar. Mrs. Winters asked that the Board consider adjusting the start date to August 17 (with a tentative last day of June 3, 2027).
12. The following items were approved by a 7-0 roll call vote as part of the Consent Agenda:
- a. Minutes of the Regular Meeting, April 15, 2026
 - b. Minutes of the Closed Session, April 15, 2026
 - c. Minutes of the Special Meeting, May 3, 2026
 - d. Minutes of the Closed Session, May 3, 2026
 - e. Minutes of the Special Meeting, May 8, 2026
 - f. Minutes of the Closed Session, May 8, 2026
 - g. Minutes of the Reconvened Special Meeting, May 9, 2026
 - h. Minutes of the Closed Session, May 9, 2026
 - i. Minutes of the Special Meeting, May 14, 2026
 - j. Minutes of the Closed Session, May 14, 2026
 - k. Payment of Bills
 - l. Approval of Activity Accounts
 - m. Approval of Treasurer's Report

- n. Approval of Milk Bid
 - o. Approval of School Photographer
 - p. Approval of Summer 2026 Behind the Wheel Driver Education Program
 - q. Approval of Final 2025-2026 Public School Calendar
13. All three buildings (Elementary, Middle School and High School) SIP Teams presented their 2026-2027 SIP Plans to the Board, showing their goals and plans for the next school year. The Board approved all three plans by a 7-0 roll call vote.
 14. Superintendent Day notified that Board that we received six FOIA requests over the last month. Five came from DataBranch, requesting contracts, vendor payments and agreements with different vendors, many of which we have not worked with. Of the five DataBranch requests, two sets of them were identical, but cited Illinois or Iowa FOIA law. The responses were the same, but submitted back to two different requests. We also received the routine request from Smart ProCure for vendor information. All requests were responded to within the needed time frame.
 15. The Board was reminded that the registration for the Triple I Conference in Chicago opens on June 1. Board members Schaley, Lenahan and Clark all confirmed their interest to attend. Other Board members were reminded that they can sign up later, but we are unable to guarantee the same hotel if we do not sign up as a group. The conference takes place the weekend before Thanksgiving each year.
 16. Superintendent Day briefly discussed the FY26 Amended Budget. The notes of the changes are currently on display in the District Office. The changes are routine, adjusting line items, updated final grant revenue and expenses and including information about the new HLS Bond that the District purchased in November. In June, we will hold the Amended Budget hearing and then approve the final budget during the Regular Meeting.
 17. Superintendent Day provided the Board with an overview of projects happening over the summer. The Elementary Playground work has started with the old equipment and tire chips being removed and the ground work for the new playground is set to start on Tuesday. The Elementary exterior doors are set to be delivered and installed during the month of July. The HS Courtyard windows are estimated to be delivered at the end of July and due to a manufacturer and supply issue, there is no estimate on when the Middle School windows will be installed. The HS Roof project pre-construction meeting is in the process of being scheduled. We are planning on installing new flooring in 10 classrooms throughout the elementary and high school. There will be lots of painting happening throughout the District. We will also complete the HVAC portion of the Middle School Locker Room project, in order to complete the FY25 Maintenance Grant.
 18. The Board discussed the logos that are currently being used for the District and considered the need to select one that would be the primary logo used for branding purposes. No final decision was made and the discussion will continue in the future.
 19. The Board continued their discussion on a Chromebook Plan for the District. After a lengthy discussion on the usage of chromebooks and online platforms, amount of total time used versus continuous time and using technology as a reward or for free-time, the next step was decided that Superintendent Day would work with the administrators at their next meeting to talk about a framework or possible guidelines for chromebook

usage to consider moving forward. The framework and guidelines could be used to focus future conversations and plans for the District.

20. Superintendent Day presented a draft copy of the 2026-2027 District Student Handbook with the recommended changes. Many of the changes are just in legal information that has changed over the last few years and needs included in the handbook. There are no substantive changes to the policies, procedures or practices of the District. The Board did discuss Dual Credit opportunities and reimbursement for the high school students. Due to the increasing number of students taking advantage of Dual Credit opportunities, the updated handbook will clarify reimbursement steps, requirements and limits for students and families. The final changes will be presented at the June Board Meeting in order for the handbook to be ready when registration opens for the new school year in July.
21. Superintendent Day presented an overview of some of the expenditures and revenues related to our Special Education programming. The Board was able to see the changes between fiscal years for the previous 5 fiscal years. This was just a discussion item to show the financial impact on the increasing needs of students in the District.
22. The building principals, High School Athletic Director and District Technology Director presented highlights from their monthly reports.
23. The Board approved the renewal for Health Insurance with Blue Cross Blue Shield through ISEBC by a 6-1 roll call vote, with Board Member Schaley voting nay. The Board discussed the ever increasing costs of health insurance and will look into if there are other options in the future (different brokers or companies) that may help reduce the cost of the premiums.
24. The Board approved the District's Property/Casualty Insurance renewal with Unland by a 7-0 roll call vote.
25. The Board approved PressPlus Issue 121 on its second reading by a 7-0 roll call vote.
26. The Board declared the elementary playground equipment and structures as surplus by a 7-0 roll call vote.
27. The Board approved the updated Middle School and High School Athletic Director Job Descriptions by a 6-1 roll call vote, with Board Member Chockley voting nay.
28. The Board approved a 1-year lease with Bruce Foote for a total cost of \$1800 for a driver education vehicle by a 7-0 roll call vote. The District will need to look for alternatives for the following school year as Bruce Foote has notified us that this will be the final year for a lease.
29. The Board approved the Short-Term Substitute Training Agreement with ROE 33 by a 7-0 roll call vote.
30. The Board approved the quote from Inghram Lawn and Landscape for replacing the asphalt on the south side of the Middle School (by the baseball/softball fields) with concrete for \$48,275 to be completed this summer as part of our health-life-safety work, by a 7-0 roll call vote.
31. The Board approved the annual Intergovernmental Agreement Resolution with GAVC by a voice vote with all members voting aye.
32. The following items were requested to be placed on the next Board Agenda: Warren County Public Transportation, 2026-2027 School Calendar and the Kickball field next to

the elementary playground (consideration for leveling out the ground for safety). The Board was reminded if they have additional requests to send them to President Schaley or Superintendent Day.

33. The Board went into closed session to discuss Personnel, Negotiations and Student Issues, after returning into open session the following action items were taken:
 - a. The Board approved the following items as part of the Personnel Agenda by a 7-0 roll call vote:
 - i. Employment - Kalee Logan - WCES Teacher
 - ii. Employment - Allyson Celus - WCES Teacher
 - iii. Change of Assignment - Jacque Clark - WCES Paraprofessional to WCES Secretary
 - iv. Change of Assignment - Gwen Kahlke - 7th Grade Girls Volleyball Coach to 8th Grade Girls Volleyball Coach
 - v. Resignation - Casey Goff - WCMS 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach
 - vi. Resignation - EJ Santos - WCMS Football Coach and WCMS Paraprofessional
 - vii. Resignation - Jennifer Bratcher - WCHS Physical Education Teacher
 - viii. Resignation - Lene Lox - WCMS Teacher and WCMS 7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach
 - b. The Board approved the MOU with WCATS for the retirement adjustment for Connie Sue Torrance to September 30, 2026 by a 6-1 roll call vote, with Board Member Schaley voting nay.
 - c. The Board approved the 3 year contract with Nicolette Theodore-Moad as Elementary Assistant Principal from 2026 - 2029 by a 4-2-1 vote, with Board Members Higgins and Vancil voting nay, and Board Member Gullberg abstaining.
 - d. The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 pm.