

Midwest Central Community Unit School District #191
Unit Office, 1010 S Washington St, Manito, IL 61546
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Wednesday, July 16, 2025 - 6:30 PM

Board Minutes

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

Melinda Beebe:	Absent
Alyssa Bennett:	Present
Jay Blair:	Absent
Scott Dierker:	Present
Heather Friedrich:	Present
Amber Schmidt:	Present
Tara Zaayenga:	Absent

III. Visitors Wishing to Address the Board

- Kevin Burks was present

IV. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes

1. Open Meetings - June 19, 2025
2. Destruction of Closed Meeting Verbatim Records - December 21, 2023

B. Treasurer's Report

C. Payment of Bills

V. Motion for Consent Agenda

I move to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll call. This motion, made by Amber Schmidt and seconded by Scott Dierker, Passed. Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

Melinda Beebe:	Absent
Alyssa Bennett:	Yea
Jay Blair:	Absent
Scott Dierker:	Yea
Heather Friedrich:	Yea
Amber Schmidt:	Yea
Tara Zaayenga:	Absent

VI. Reports

A. FOIA

1. Owen Wang - Peoria Standard
2. Peoria Standard

B. Transportation Report

C. Superintendent

1. Sales Tax Update

VII. Business Discussion/Action Items

A. Middle School Improvement Plan

I move to approve the school improvement plan for the middle school as presented. This motion, made by Heather Friedrich and seconded by Amber Schmidt, Passed. Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

B. PRESS Policy Issue 119 June 2025 - First Reading

I move to approve the first reading of PRESS Policy Update Issue 119 June 2025. This motion, made by Alyssa Bennett and seconded by Heather Friedrich, Passed. Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

VIII. Executive Session to Discuss

I move to enter into executive session to discuss 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1), (2), and (21) at 6:47 PM. Roll Call. This motion, made by Amber Schmidt and seconded by Alyssa Bennett, Passed. Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

Melinda Beebe: Absent

Alyssa Bennett: Yea

Jay Blair: Absent

Scott Dierker: Yea

Heather Friedrich: Yea

Amber Schmidt: Yea

Tara Zaayenga: Absent

A. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity; and

B. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(2) Collective negotiation matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; and

C. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(21) Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06 (5 ILCS 120/2.06).

IX. Departing Executive Session

I move to depart executive session at 7:06 PM. This motion, made by Heather Friedrich and seconded by Amber Schmidt, Passed. Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

X. Personnel Discussion/Action Items

A. Leave Requests

1. Laura Williams - Dock Days

I move to approve the dock day request for Laura Williams as presented. This motion, made by Alyssa Bennett and seconded by Heather Friedrich, Passed. Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

B. Hiring

• Ryan Henry - Primary School Custodian

I move to approve hiring Ryan Henry as a Primary School Custodian for the 2025-26 school year. This motion, made by Amber Schmidt and seconded by Alyssa Bennett, Passed. Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

C. Appointments

- Patricia Meyer - High School JV Volleyball Coach
- Shane Butler - High School Wrestling Volunteer Coach
- Tommy Wood - High School Wrestling Volunteer Coach
- Rhonda Fisher - High School Girls Basketball Volunteer Coach
- Chris Fisher - High School Girls Basketball Volunteer Coach
- Alexis Epkins - High School Cheer Volunteer Coach
- Kacey Harper - High School Cheer Volunteer Coach
- Annah Miller - Middle School Girls Basketball Volunteer Coach
- Emma Stout - Middle School Cheer Volunteer Coach

I move to approve appointing Patricia Meyer as the High School JV Volleyball Coach, Shane Butler and Tommy Wood as High School Wrestling Volunteer Coaches, Rhonda Fisher and Chris Fisher as a High School Girls Basketball Volunteer Coaches, and Alexis Epkins and Kacey Harper as High School Cheer Volunteer Coaches, Emma Stout as a Middle School Volunteer Coach, and Annah Miller as a Middle School Girls Basketball Volunteer Coach for the 2025-26 school year. This motion, made by Amber Schmidt and seconded by Alyssa Bennett, Passed. Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

D. Informational Items - Resignations, Employee Transfers

1. Andrea Dean - Transfer - 8th Grade ELA Teacher to 1st Grade Teacher
2. Andrea Dean - Resign - Middle School Student Council Sponsor
3. Mary Ann Baker - Transfer - Part-Time Bus Monitor to Part-Time Bus Driver
4. Julie Moore - Resign - Part-Time Bus Monitor

E. Other Personnel Items

XI. Closed Session Minutes - June 19, 2025

I move to approve the closed session minutes of June 19, 2025. This motion, made by Heather Friedrich and seconded by Amber Schmidt, Passed. Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

XII. Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes January to June

I move to approve the review of closed session minutes from January to June as presented. This motion, made by Heather Friedrich and seconded by Amber Schmidt, Passed. Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

XIII. Adjourn

I move to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:15 PM. This motion, made by Heather Friedrich and seconded by Amber Schmidt, Passed. Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

XIV. The next meeting is August 20, 2025 at 6:30 PM at the Unit Office

President: _____

Secretary: _____