The Regular Meeting for the Board of Education of Illini Central School District #189 was called to order in the ICGS Professional Development Room in Mason City at 6:30 p.m. on August 20, 2026.

Vice President Boyd called the meeting to order with the following answering present on roll call:

Mr. Brock Boyd, Vice President
Ms. Amilee Bradshaw, Secretary
Mr. Dennis Hull
Ms. Chelsey Lemme
Mr. Kent Renken
Ms. Nancy Robertson

Board members absent:

Mr. Brian Hughes, President

Administrators present were:

Dr. Jennifer Durbin, Superintendent
Ms. Lori Avart, Special Education Coordinator
Ms. Annie Baugher, HS Principal
Ms. Kyra Fancher, MS Principal
Ms. Cassy Carey, GS Principal

Visitors: Erika Brock, Dominic Vilatte, Kristi Bruce

A motion was made by Renken, seconded by Bradshaw to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held on July 16, 2026.

The motion was put to a voice vote and the motion carried 6-0.

Dr. Durbin reviewed the Treasurer's Report.

A motion was made by Bradshaw, seconded by Robertson to approve the bills from August 2026.

The motion was put to a roll call vote as follows: Boyd – aye, Bradshaw – aye, Hull – aye, Lemme – aye, Renken – aye, Robertson – aye Motion carried 6-0

There was no Correspondence or Public Comment.

Superintendent Report

Dr. Durbin reported on the Skyward transition, regional safety meeting at ICC, Crisis Management for School-Based Incidents hosted by Illini Central, New Teacher Orientation, and the FY26 audit.

Director of Building & Grounds Report

Dr. Durbin reviewed Mr. Gronewald's report with the board. His report included a summary of summer work and upcoming projects.

FOIA Report

a. Isabella Foster (Data Branch Research Team) - Procurement documents for services related to 95 Percent Group, Core Learning Edmentum, iStation, IXL Learning, Amplify, Curriculum Associates (i-Ready Learning), Imagine Learning (7/15/26)

b. Rowan Ellsworth (Data Branch Research Team) - Procurement documents and services related to Apptegy, Finalsite, and ParentSquare (7/31/26)
c. Cody Whitmore (Data Branch Research Team) - Procurement documents and services related to National Time & Signal and Pyramid Time Systems (8/3/26)
d. Sheri Reid (Smart Procure) - Purchasing records from 5/5/26 to present (8/5/26)
e. Colton Pierce (Data Branch Research Team) - Procurement documents and services related to MajorClarity, Naviance, Schoolinks, Xello, and Youscience (8/6/26)
f. Kelsey Bennett (Data Branch Research Team) - Procurement documents and services related to dataminr, recorded future, and Shadow Dragon (8/6/26)
g. Grant Ellsworth (Data Branch Research Team) - Procurement documents and services related to Bobrick, Excel Dryer, Georgia Pacific, Kimberly Clark, and World Dryer (8/6/26)

A motion was made by Bradshaw, seconded by Hull to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

7.1 Action to approve the second reading of policy updates as recommended by the IASB
  a. 2:230 - Public Participation at School Board Meetings and Petitions to the Board
  b. 3:70 Succession of Authority
  c. 4:175 Convicted Sex Offender; Screening; Notification
  d. 5:40 Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease
  e. 5:70 Religious Holidays
  f. 5:110 Recognition for Service
  g. 5:140 Solicitations By or From Staff
  h. 5:240 Suspension
  i. 6:70 Teaching about Religions
  j. 6:80 Teaching About Controversial Issues
  k. 6:190 Extracurricular and Co-curricular Activities
  l. 7:30 Student Assignment and Intra-District Transfer
  m. 7:80 Release Time for Religious Instruction/Observance
  n. 7:130 Student Rights and Responsibilities
  o. 7:330 Student Use of Buildings - Equal Access
  p. 8:10 Connection with the Community
  q. 8:70 Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities

7.2 Action to create Student Accounts for HS Golf and MS Golf
7.3 Action to approve the August 2026 Surplus Property list
7.4 Action to approve the FFA overnight trip to Indianapolis for the FFA Convention
7.5 Action to approve the Crisis Management Plan for 2026-2027

The motion was put to a voice vote and the motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Bradshaw, seconded by Renken to approve the first reading of the Illini Central CUSD #189 FY2027 budget and set 6:30 pm on September 17, 2026, in the Illini Central Professional Development Room as the time, date, and place for the budget hearing.

The motion was put to a voice vote and the motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Renken, seconded by Robertson to approve IDOT Hazardous Route Application.

The motion was put to a voice vote and the motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Renken, seconded by Bradshaw to approve an agreement with Apptegy for website, app, and communications platform in the amount of $25,342.17.

The motion was put to a roll call vote as follows: Bradshaw – aye, Hull – aye, Lemme – aye, Renken – aye, Robertson – aye, Boyd – aye		Motion carried 6-0

A motion was made by Bradshaw, seconded by Hull to approve Resolution Directing the School Treasurer to Repay Certain Debts with Revenue from the Transportation Fund.

The motion was put to a roll call vote as follows: Hull – aye, Lemme – aye, Renken – aye, Robertson – aye, Boyd – aye, Bradshaw – aye		Motion carried 6-0

A motion was made by Renken, seconded by Lemme to go into closed session at 6:58 p.m. pursuant to:

Personnel 5 ILSC 120/2 c. (1)
Pending Litigations 5 ILSC 120/2 c. (11)

The motion was put to a roll call vote as follows: Lemme – aye, Renken – aye, Robertson – aye, Boyd – aye, Bradshaw – aye, Hull – aye		Motion carried 6-0

A motion was made by Renken, seconded by Lemme to come out of closed session at 7:11 p.m.

The motion was put to a voice vote and the motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Renken, seconded by Hull to accept the resignations of certified staff Julian Castillo, middle and high school music teacher; non-certified staff Morgan Hellman, paraprofessional; Tabitha Martin, paraprofessional; and Jessica Kramer, part-time food services.

The motion was put to a voice vote and the motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Bradshaw, seconded by Robertson to accept the retirement of Kristi Bruce, grade school teacher, at the conclusion of the 2029-2030 school year; and Michelle Hellman, grade school teacher, at the conclusion of the 2029-2030 school year.

The motion was put to a voice vote and the motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Renken, seconded by Hull to approve the employment of certified staff Jennifer Newton, grade school music teacher; non-certified staff Kaitlyn Hedrick, part-time food services; Marlena O'Donoghue, paraprofessional, pending licensure; Mackenzie Anderson, paraprofessional, pending licensure; and Bryan Paddack, part-time bus driver, pending licensure.

The motion was put to a roll call vote as follows: Renken – aye, Robertson – aye, Boyd – aye, Bradshaw – aye, Hull – aye, Lemme – aye		Motion carried 6-0

In Announcements, Dr. Durbin reminded the board that election packets will be available Tuesday.

A motion was made by Renken, seconded by Hull to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

The motion was put to a voice vote and the motion carried 6-0.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 17, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. in the ICGS Professional Development Room in Mason City, IL.

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Brian Hughes, President
Illini Central CUSD 189
Board of Education

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Amilee Bradshaw, Secretary
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