

Midwest Central Community Unit School District #191
High School Library, 910 S Washington St, Manito, IL 61546
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Wednesday, August 19, 2026 - 6:30 PM

Agenda

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

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

III. Visitors Wishing to Address the Board

IV. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes

1. Open Meetings - July 15, 2026
2. Destruction of Closed Meeting Verbatim Records - January 16, 2025 and February 19, 2025

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 Heather Askins and seconded by Amber Schmidt, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

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

VI. Reports

A. FOIA

1. Sam Crombie - LinkedIn
2. Srinivasan R - Dodge Construction Network
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B. Transportation Report

C. Principals

- Mrs. McMullen Reported: Meet the teacher on Aug 12 was a success with 95% percent attendance; total building enrollment is 390 not counting out of district placements; PTO meeting dates scheduled

- Mrs. Jackson Reported: Preschool's first day was yesterday with 71 enrolled, home visits conducted first two days of school, makeup day for home visits scheduled for September 16, full day classes are filled to capacity and ½ day classes half full, Lauren James serving as permanent substitute; Special Education numbers show 10 fewer students than last year, brought back 2 students from therapeutic settings; district social workers are spending time at HS this year for students who have minutes in 504 and IEP plans
- Mr. Mooney Reported: No discipline; this year's theme is "Happiest School on Earth" (Disney); has been smooth transition to new school year
- Mrs. Matthews Reported: No discipline; building enrollment at 204 not including out of district; IESA off to rainy start; won 25th Annual Lady Falcon Lead Off Tournament for first time since 2003; baseball one game won 11-8; all cross country meets have been rained out so far, 11 participants; orientation well attended; MS hosted teacher orientation this year, cafeteria supplied wonderful breakfast, Manito musical advocates set up lighting and sound for guest speaker
- Mr. Goss Reported: Discipline report; athletics up and running - cross country, volleyball and golf started
- Mr. Welch Reported: Great start to school year, building enrollment at 233, added AP class for first time, kudos to Mrs. Sauder for obtaining certification in AP calculus, two other virtual AP classes offered; new light show introduction sponsored by booster club

D. Superintendent

1. Sales Tax Update

VII. Business Discussion/Action Items

A. Tentative 2026-27 Budget

I move to approve the tentative 2026-27 budget as presented. Roll call. This motion, made by Heather Askins and seconded by Scott Dierker, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

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

B. Site-Based Expenditures

SBER Report 2026

C. Second Reading and Adoption - PRESS Policy, Administrative Procedures, and Exhibits June 2026 - Issue 122

This is the second reading and adoption of the following policy updates as recommended by PRESS:

- 2:230 Public Participation at Meetings
- 5:40 Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease
- 5:70 Religious Holidays
- 5:240 Suspension
- 6:70 Teaching About Religions
- 6:80 Teaching About Controversial Issues
- 7:60 Residence

- 7:130 Student Rights and Responsibilities
- 8:70 Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities
- 2:120-E3 Exhibit Resolution to Appoint a Delegate to the Illinois Association of School Board Delegate

D. Assembly - NEW

The following policy has been rewritten:

- 2:220-E3 Exhibit Closed Meeting Minutes

E. This is the second reading and adoption of the following policy updates as recommended for Review & Monitoring by PRESS:

- 3:40 Director
- 3:50 Administrative Personnel Other Than the Director
- 3:70 Succession of Authority
- 4:120 Food Services
- 4:175 Convicted Child Sex Offender; Screening; Notifications
- 5:185 Family and Medical Leave
- 7:80 Release Time for Religious Instruction/Observance
- 7:345 Use of Technologies; Student Data Privacy and Security
- 8:100 Relations with Other Organizations and Agencies

I move to approve the second reading and adoption of PRESS Policy, Administrative Procedures, and Exhibits June 2026 - Issue 122 and Policy 7:60 as presented. This motion, made by Melinda Beebe and seconded by Alyssa Bennett, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

F. Intergovernmental Agreement - Western Area School Association

I move to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Western Area School Association as presented and authorize the superintendent to sign on behalf of the district. This motion, made by Amber Schmidt and seconded by Alyssa Bennett, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

G. Surplus Property

I move to approve the surplus property as presented and authorize the superintendent to dispose of listed property. This motion, made by Alyssa Bennett and seconded by Melinda Beebe, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

H. Construction Bids Consideration

I move to approve the construction bids as presented. Roll call. This motion, made by Scott Dierker and seconded by Alyssa Bennett, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

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

I. Substitute Teacher Pay

I move to approve \$140/day for substitute teachers and authorize the superintendent to use discretion on long term sub pay. Roll call. This motion, made by Amber Schmidt and seconded by Heather Askins, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

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

VIII. Executive Session to Discuss

I move to enter into executive session to discuss 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) and (21) at 7:29 PM. This motion, made by Amber Schmidt and seconded by Alyssa Bennett, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

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

- 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)(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 7:42 PM. This motion, made by Amber Schmidt and seconded by Heather Askins, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

X. Personnel Discussion/Action Items

A. Hiring

- Jade Hutton - 3rd Grade Teacher
- Mary Anne Daugherty - Primary School Paraprofessional
- Justin DeLeary - Middle School Social Studies
- Daniel Berkel - Bus Driver
- Christy Schertz - Bus Driver

I move to approve hiring Jade Hutton as a 3rd Grade Teacher, Justin DeLeary as a Middle School Social Studies Teacher, and Christy Schertz as a Bus Driver for the 2026-27 school year. This motion, made by Amber Schmidt and seconded by Melinda Beebe, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

B. Appointments

- Adrienne Marshall - First Year Mentor for Jade Hutton
- Monica Charlton - Middle School Cheer Volunteer

I move to approve appointing Adrienne Marshall as the first-year mentor for Jade Hutton and Monica Charlton as a Middle School Cheer Volunteer for the 2026-27 school year. This motion, made by Amber Schmidt and seconded by Melinda Beebe, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

C. Informational Items - Resignations, Employee Transfers

1. Lauren James - Transfer from Primary School Paraprofessional to Permanent Sub
2. Brady Askins - Transfer from 3rd Grade Teacher to 5th Grade Teacher
3. Mary Anne Daugherty - Resignation - Primary School Paraprofessional
4. Nicole Bracken - Resignation - Middle School Social Studies
5. MaryAnn Baker - Resignation - Bus Driver

MaryAnn will stay on in her part-time food service position and as a substitute bus driver. She is dropping from full-time with benefits to part-time without benefits.

D. Other Personnel Items

XI. Closed Session Minutes - July 15, 2026

I move to approve the closed session minutes of July 15, 2026. This motion, made by Heather Askins and seconded by Alyssa Bennett, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

XII. Adjourn

I move to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:44 PM. This motion, made by Heather Askins and seconded by Amber Schmidt, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

XIII. The next meeting is September 16, 2026 at 6:30 PM at the High School

President: _____

Secretary: _____