

Midwest Central Community Unit School District #191
High School Library, 910 S Washington St, Manito, IL 61546
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Wednesday, September 16, 2026 - 6:30 PM

Board Minutes

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

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

III. New Staff Members

- **Megan McMullen**
- **Jade Hutton**
- **Amanda Walker**
- **Ty Goss**
- **Lucas DeFrance**
- **Justin DeLeary**
- **Kiley Null**

IV. Visitors Wishing to Address the Board

V. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes

1. Open Meetings - August 19, 2026
2. Destruction of Closed Meeting Verbatim Records - None

B. Treasurer's Report

C. Payment of Bills

VI. 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: 7, Nay: 0

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

VII. Reports

A. FOIA

1. Sheri Reid - SmartProcure

2. Catarina Mascarenhas - Coalition Opposing Governmental Secrecy
3. CT Mills - Public Info Access LLC
4. Justin Wenig - Star Bridge FOIA Insight

B. Transportation Report

C. Principals

- Mrs. McMullen Reported: Goodies with Grandparents on Monday, very well attended; Emma Stout awarded fully funded Donors Choose; 5th grade band starts this month with 21 students enrolled; safety drills, assisted by Officer Montgomery, took place today
- Mr. Mooney Reported: discipline report; support in building is phenomenal, transitions seamless
- Mrs. Jackson Reported: Preschool teachers attended make-up home visits today, next screening will be October 22, state cyclical monitoring in month of October; Special Education continues to foster positive relationships with out of district students to successfully transition back to Midwest Central
- Mrs. Matthews Reported: discipline report; safety day today with law enforcement and fire department and anti-vaping assembly for 8th graders; softball regionals hosted at home with a first game win; baseball last home game tomorrow night, regionals in Springfield; Cross Country has home meet tomorrow night; Monday was girls basketball tryouts
- Mr. Goss Reported: discipline report; volleyball season is still in progress; cross country home meet tomorrow night; golf wrapping up next week and senior night tonight at sunset hills golf course; bass fishing team has 2 students ranked 1st; Meet the Raiders November 13
- Mr. Welch Reported: College and career fair at HS today with 43 businesses, trades and colleges, students from Havana and Illini Central attended; 26 students taking ICC classes this semester, 10 different classes offered; school play Oct 23-25

D. Superintendent

1. Sales Tax Update

VIII. **Business Discussion/Action Items**

A. 2026-27 Budget Resolution and Budget Adoption

I move to approve the budget resolution affirming the budget hearing and approve the 2026-27 budget as presented. Roll call. This motion, made by Jay Blair and seconded by Alyssa Bennett, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

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

B. Overnight Trips

I move to approve the overnight trips as presented. This motion, made by Heather Askins and seconded by Amber Schmidt, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

C. Transportation Handbook

I move to approve the edits to the Transportation Handbook as presented. This motion, made by Scott Dierker and seconded by Melinda Beebe, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

D. Assistant Principal / Athletic Director Job Description

I move to approve the Assistant Principal / Athletic Director job description as presented. This motion, made by Alyssa Bennett and seconded by Jay Blair, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

IX. Executive Session to Discuss

I move to enter into executive session to discuss 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) and (21) at 7:51 PM. Roll call. This motion, made by Amber Schmidt and seconded by Alyssa Bennett, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Heather Askins: Yea

Melinda Beebe: Yea

Alyssa Bennett: Yea

Jay Blair: Yea

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).

X. Departing Executive Session

I move to depart executive session at 8:13 PM. This motion, made by Heather Askins and seconded by Amber Schmidt, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

XI. Personnel Discussion/Action Items

A. Hiring

- Kiley Null - Primary School Paraprofessional
- Daniel Berkel - Bus Driver

I move to approve hiring Kiley Null as a Primary School Paraprofessional and Daniel Berkel as a Bus Driver for the 2026-27 school year. This motion, made by Amber Schmidt and seconded by Melinda Beebe, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

B. Appointments

- Avery Koontz (HS Student) - Middle School Cheer
- Chris Fisher - 8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach
- Ben Deluhery - Girls Basketball Volunteer
- Braelyn Oberle - 7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach
- Amanda Shaffer - Junior Class Co-Sponsor
- Amanda Cunningham - Junior Class Co-Sponsor
- Shane Butler - High School Assistant Wrestling Coach

I move to approve appointing Avery Koontz as a volunteer for Middle School Cheer, Chris Fisher as 8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach, Ben Deluhery as Middle School Girls Basketball volunteer, Braelyn Oberle as 7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach, Amanda Cunningham and Amanda Shaffer as Junior Class Co-Sponsors, and Shane Butler as High School Assistant Wrestling Coach for the 2026-27 school year. This motion, made by Melinda Beebe and seconded by Jay Blair, Passed.

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

C. Informational Items - Resignations, Employee Transfers

1. Ben Deluhery - Resign - 8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach
2. Patty Noonan - Resign - Middle School Musical / Play Director
3. Julie Desutter - Resign - Junior Class Sponsor

D. Other Personnel Items

XII. Closed Session Minutes - August 19, 2026

I move to approve the closed session minutes of August 19, 2026. This motion, made by Amber Schmidt and seconded by Heather Askins, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

XIII. Adjourn

I move to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:15 PM. This motion, made by Heather Askins and seconded by Amber Schmidt, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

XIV. The next meeting is October 21, 2026 at 6:30 PM at the High School

President: _____

Secretary: _____