IC DISTRICT # 189 REGULAR MEETING October 15, 2026

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 October 15, 2026.

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

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

Board members absent:

Administrators present were:

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

Visitors: Jamie Droge, Kristi Bruce, Rachel Golden, Dominic Vilatte, Erika Brock, Lynsey Means

A motion was made by Renken, seconded by Hull to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held on September 17, 2026.

The motion was put to a voice vote and the motion carried 7-0.

Financial Summary
Dr. Durbin reviewed the Revenue & Expense Report.

A motion was made by Boyd, seconded by Bradshaw to approve the bills from October 2026.

The motion was put to a roll call vote as follows: Boyd – aye, Bradshaw – aye, Hughes – aye, Hull – aye, Lemme – aye, Renken – aye, Robertson – aye Motion carried 7-0

Correspondence
The board received emails from Nicole Skelton, Kristi Bruce, and Caitlyn Peterson regarding costumes.

Public Comment
Kristi Bruce addressed the board regarding costumes at fall parties. She explained that this was a teacher-led decision that Mrs. Carey supported. The board discussed the need for a special meeting to discuss this issue.

Superintendent Report
Dr. Durbin reported that Mr. Francis is recommending the purchase of a van for special education and extracurricular transportation. This will require a special meeting. She shared that Rosemarie Delgadillo was nominated for Those Who Excel. Mr. Damann received the WEEK One Class at a Time $1,000 check, and someone wants to donate a tuba to his program after seeing the interview. He was also chosen to participate in the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra's Extra Credit Choral Concert on November 1.

High School, Middle School, and Grade School Principal Report
The principals shared the goals in each School Improvement Plan.

Food Services Director Report
Dr. Durbin reviewed Ms. Harrison's report with the board. Ms. Harrison has secured 4800 pounds of locally sourced ground beef through Local Food For Schools at zero cost to the district. The Food Establishment Inspection in August resulted in 100% compliance with positive notes. The district will receive a rebate of $5500 for freight from government commodities from last year.

FOIA Report

a. Vincent Mutolo (Argo Agent)-Purchase records from 9/3/21 to 9/3/26
b. Caleb Turner (Data Branch Research Team)-Procurement activity across all departments, divisions, and offices from 6/9/26 to present
c. Ed "Coach" Weinhaus (Judiciocracy)-All bills from attorneys or law firms from 2024- July 18, 2025, engagement agreements with attorneys from that time frame

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

7.1 Action to approve the 2026-2027 ICHS School Improvement Plan
7.2 Action to approve the 2026-2027 ICMS School Improvement Plan
7.3 Action to approve the 2026-2027 ICGS School Improvement Plan
7.4 Action to approve the creation of a student account for GSA
7.5 Action to approve Administrators/Teachers Salary and Benefit Report for FY26

The motion was put to a voice vote and the motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Renken, seconded by Boyd to approve FY27 Seniority List for Non-Certified Staff.

The motion was put to a voice vote and the motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Renken, seconded by Bradshaw to approve FY27 Seniority List for Certified Staff.

The motion was put to a voice vote and the motion carried 7-0.

Academic and SEL Data Presentation
The principals shared benchmarking and SEL data.

A motion was made by Renken, seconded by Bradshaw to approve the FY26 Fiscal Audit.

The motion was put to a voice vote and the motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Robertson, seconded by Boyd to go into closed session at 7:44 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: Bradshaw – aye, Hughes – aye, Hull – aye, Lemme – aye, Renken – aye, Robertson – aye, Boyd – aye Motion carried 7-0

A motion was made by Renken, seconded by Lemme to come out of closed session at 8:05 p.m.

The motion was put to a voice vote and the motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Renken, seconded by Bradshaw to accept the resignation of activities staff Colby Bunner, high school girls basketball coach, at the conclusion of the 2026-2027 season.

The motion was put to a voice vote and the motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Robertson, seconded by Boyd to approve the employment of certified staff Tammy French, special education teacher; and Mikayla Larson, grade school music teacher.

The motion was put to a roll call vote as follows: Hughes – aye, Hull – aye, Lemme – aye, Renken – aye, Robertson – aye, Boyd – aye, Bradshaw – aye Motion carried 7-0

A motion was made by Renken, seconded by Lemme to approve Megan Nissen, Kisha Allen, and Joel Peterson as volunteers for middle school volleyball; and Rob Bruce as a volunteer for middle school boys basketball.

The motion was put to a voice vote and the motion carried 7-0.

The board set Thursday, October 22, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. for a special meeting of the board of education to approve the purchase of a van and discuss school day activities.

A motion was made by Renken, seconded by Boyd to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

The motion was put to a voice vote and the motion carried 7-0.

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

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Brian Hughes, President
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Amilee Bradshaw, Secretary
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