IC DISTRICT # 189 SPECIAL MEETING October 22, 2026

A Special 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 5:00 p.m. on October 22, 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. Cassy Carey, GS Principal
Ms. Kyra Fancher, MS Principal
Ms. Annie Baugher, HS Principal

Visitors: Erika Brock, Jamie Droge, Valerie Henning, Tonya Harris, Rachel Golden, Sarah Martin, Kristi Bruce, Liz Heubner, Lauren Bartolazzi, Laura Jasko, Dominic Vilatte, Bree Damarrin, Amy Avart, Gina Horn, Eileen Osborn, Caitlin Peterson, Thomas Twiggs, James Skelton, Kyelin Skelton, Nicole Skelton, Laura Karker, Hailey Stogner

Correspondence

The board received emails regarding costumes at school from the following: Lacey Austin, ICEA (Erika Brock), Rachel Golden, Caitlin Peterson, Hailey Stogner.

Public Comment

The following people shared their opinions about students wearing costumes at the grade school fall parties: Erika Brock, Rachel Golden, Caitlin Peterson, Gina Horn, Kristi Bruce, Kyelin Skelton, Hailey Stogner, and Tonya Harris.

A motion was made by Bradshaw, seconded by Hull to approve the purchase of a 2027 Transit-350 passenger van for $70,975.

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

The board discussed costumes at the grade school fall parties.

A motion was made by Renken, seconded by Boyd to overturn the administration's decision prohibiting students from wearing Halloween costumes during the school day for the 2026-2027 school year, and direct the administration to permit Halloween costumes, subject to reasonable guidelines the administration establishes.

The motion was put to a roll call vote as follows: Bradshaw – no, Hughes – aye, Hull – aye, Lemme – no, Renken – aye, Robertson – no, Boyd – no Motion failed 3-4

Mr. Hughes encouraged parents to take their kids trick-or-treating. Dr. Durbin reminded everyone that the November board meeting will be held on Tuesday, not Thursday.

A motion was made by Renken, seconded by Hull to adjourn the meeting at 5:41 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 at 6:30 p.m. in the ICGS Professional Development Room in Mason City.

Brian Hughes, President
Illini Central CUSD 189
Board of Education

Amilee Bradshaw, Secretary
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