

Midwest Central Community Unit School District #191
Unit Office, 1010 S Washington St, Manito, IL 61546
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Wednesday, October 15, 2025 - 6:30 PM

Board Minutes

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

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

III. Visitors Wishing to Address the Board

IV. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes

1. Open Meetings - September 17, 2025 and September 25, 2025
2. Destruction of Closed Meeting Verbatim Records - March 21, 2024

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 Amber Schmidt and seconded by Alyssa Bennett, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

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

VI. Reports

A. FOIA

1. Janie Jordan - Data Research Partners
2. Owen Wang - Peoria Standard
3. Owen Wang - Peoria Standard
4. Jared Piepenbrink - IDES

B. Transportation Report

C. Principals

D. Superintendent

1. Sales Tax Report

2. 2024-25 LEA Determination

VII. Business Discussion/Action Items

A. Assistant Superintendent Job Description

I move to approve the Assistant Superintendent job description as presented. This motion, made by Jay Blair and seconded by Melinda Beebe, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

B. Amended Public School Calendar

I move to approve the amended public school calendar as presented. This motion, made by Alyssa Bennett and seconded by Scott Dierker, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

C. Concussion Management Plan and Oversight Team

I move to approve the concussion management plan and oversight team for 2025-26 as presented. This motion, made by Amber Schmidt and seconded by Melinda Beebe, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

D. 10 Year Health, Life, Safety Work

I move to approve the 10-year health, life, safety work as presented. This motion, made by Scott Dierker and seconded by Alyssa Bennett, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

E. Personnel Compensation Report

I move to approve the FY25 Personnel Compensation Report as presented. This motion, made by Amber Schmidt and seconded by Jay Blair, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

F. Volley for the Cure Donation

I move to approve a donation to the Susan G. Komen Foundation of \$1 from each ticket sold at the September 30, 2025 volleyball game. This motion, made by Melinda Beebe and seconded by Alyssa Bennett, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

G. Bass Fishing Discussion

H. School Board Convention Delegate

I move to approve nominating Alyssa Bennett as the Midwest Central delegate for the 2025 school board convention. This motion, made by Melinda Beebe and seconded by Amber Schmidt, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

I. Tentative Levy Presentation

J. Gym Construction Discussion

VIII. Executive Session to Discuss

I move to enter into executive session to discuss 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1), (2), and (21) at 8:08 PM. Roll call. This motion, made by Amber Schmidt and seconded by Jay Blair, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Melinda Beebe:	Yea
Alyssa Bennett:	Yea
Jay Blair:	Yea
Scott Dierker:	Yea
Heather Friedrich:	Absent
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)(2) Collective negotiation matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; and
- C. 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 9:02 PM. This motion, made by Alyssa Bennett and seconded by Jay Blair, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

X. Personnel Discussion/Action Items

A. Appointments

- Amanda Strawbridge - High School Volleyball Volunteer
- Holly Simpson - Middle School Scholastic Bowl Sponsor
- Steve Snider - Freshman Class Sponsor

I move to approve appointing Amanda Strawbridge as a High School Volleyball Volunteer, Holly Simpson as Middle School, Scholastic Bowl Sponsor, and Steve Snider as Freshman Class Sponsor for the 2025-26 school year. This motion, made by Melinda Beebe and seconded by Amber Schmidt, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

B. Informational Items - Resignations, Employee Transfers

1. Noah Whitehouse - Resignation - Food Service
2. Jennie Frank - Resignation - Yearbook

C. Other Personnel Items

XI. Closed Session Minutes - September 17, 2025 and September 25, 2025

I move to approve the closed session minutes of September 17, 2025. This motion, made by Scott Dierker and seconded by Alyssa Bennett, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

XII. Adjourn

I move to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:03 PM. This motion, made by Jay Blair and seconded by Amber Schmidt, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

XIII. The next meeting is November 19, 2025 at 6:30 PM at the Unit Office

President: _____

Secretary: _____