

Midwest Central Community Unit School District #191
High School Library, 910 S Washington St, Manito, IL 61546
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Thursday, April 17, 2025 - 6:30 PM

Board Minutes

I. Call to Order

Melinda Beebe: Present
Mark Berg: Present
Steve Bernhardt: Absent
Scott Dierker: Present
Heather Friedrich: Present
Amber Schmidt: Present
Tara Zaayenga: Present

II. Roll Call

III. Visitors Wishing to Address the Board

IV. Recognition of Middle School Volleyball Team

V. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes

1. Open Meetings - March 20, 2025
2. Closed Meeting Verbatim Records - September 21, 2023 and October 5, 2023

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: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Melinda Beebe: Yea
Mark Berg: Yea
Steve Bernhardt: Absent
Scott Dierker: Yea
Heather Friedrich: Yea
Amber Schmidt: Yea
Tara Zaayenga: Yea

VII. Reports

A. FOIA

B. Transportation Report

C. Principals

- Mr. Welch reported: graduation in a month; ACT testing administered; Mrs. Schneider was recognized by WEEK with \$1,000 for the Raider Cafe
- Mr. Norris reported: discipline report; sports in full swing and halfway through; Senior Night for Track 4/24; Senior Night for Softball 5/13 and Baseball on 5/15; concession stand has been well received

- Mrs. Matthews reported: discipline report; next Thursday 8th grade going to HS for Orientation Night; Student Council sponsoring A-Z dress up days to countdown end of year; May 2 Student Council hosting Fun Day with games/inflatables; teacher appreciation week coming up; school play 5/20; May 19 wax museum in 7th grade; end of year field trips coming up
- Mrs. Jackson reported: SpEd report; also recognized Mrs. Schneider's achievement; PreK team met during half day on 4/16, decided on "Kindergarten Here We Come" night in place of graduation
- Mr. Mooney reported: discipline report; April 24 Academic Night; IAR testing complete; K-2 Spring concert May 8

D. Superintendent

1. Sales Tax Update

VIII. Business Discussion/Action Items

A. Peoria County Cooperative Purchasing Agreement

I move to approve the Peoria County Cooperative Purchasing Program as presented. Roll call. This motion, made by Tara Zaayenga and seconded by Melinda Beebe, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Melinda Beebe:	Yea
Mark Berg:	Yea
Steve Bernhardt:	Absent
Scott Dierker:	Yea
Heather Friedrich:	Yea
Amber Schmidt:	Yea
Tara Zaayenga:	Yea

B. Delavan Co-Op

I move to approve extending the high school co-op an additional 2 year term and not renewing the middle school co-op. This motion, made by Heather Friedrich and seconded by Amber Schmidt, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

C. IHSA Membership

I move to approve the renewal of our membership in the Illinois High School Association for the 2025-26 school year. This motion, made by Heather Friedrich and seconded by Tara Zaayenga, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

D. IESA Membership

I move to approve the membership renewal and registration with the IESA for the 2025-26 school year. This motion, made by Scott Dierker and seconded by Amber Schmidt, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

E. First Reading - Handbook Edits

I move to approve the first reading of handbooks edits as presented. This motion, made by Heather Friedrich and seconded by Tara Zaayenga, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

F. First Reading - Middle School Activities Handbook Edits

I motion to approve the first reading of Middle School Activities Handbook Edits. This motion, made by Melinda Beebe and seconded by Scott Dierker, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

G. First Reading - High School Activities Handbook Edits

I move to approve the first reading of the High School Activities Handbook edits as presented. This motion, made by Heather Friedrich and seconded by Tara Zaayenga, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

H. First Reading - Coaches Handbook Edits

I move to approve the first reading of the Coaches Handbook edits as presented. This motion, made by Amber Schmidt and seconded by Tara Zaayenga, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

I. First Reading - High School Curriculum Guide

I move to approve the first reading of the High School Curriculum Guide as presented. This motion, made by Heather Friedrich and seconded by Scott Dierker, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

J. May Board Meeting Date

I move to cancel the May 1st Board meeting and Schedule a Reorganization meeting May 8th. This motion, made by Amber Schmidt and seconded by Melinda Beebe, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

K. Tax Extension and Tax Rate

IX. Executive Session to Discuss

I move to enter into executive session to discuss 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) and (11) at 8:10 PM. Roll call. This motion, made by Heather Friedrich and seconded by Tara Zaayenga, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Melinda Beebe:	Yea
Mark Berg:	Yea
Steve Bernhardt:	Absent
Scott Dierker:	Yea
Heather Friedrich:	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 8:35 PM. This motion, made by Heather Friedrich and seconded by Amber Schmidt, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

XI. Personnel Discussion/Action Items

A. Hiring / Appointments

1. Hannah Burke - High School ELA Teacher

Motion to approve hiring Hannah Burke as High School ELA Teacher for 2025 2026 school year. This motion, made by Scott Dierker and seconded by Melinda Beebe, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

2. Allysia Vaultonburg - High School Special Education Teacher

I move to approve hiring Allysia Vaultonburg as a High School Special Education Teacher for the 2025-26 school year. This motion, made by Melinda Beebe and seconded by Heather Friedrich, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

3. Sarah Haley - Middle School ELA Teacher

I move to approve hiring Sarah Haley as Middle School ELA Teacher for 2025 2026 school year. This motion, made by Amber Schmidt and seconded by Tara Zaayenga, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

B. Retirements

1. Debi Nimmo - Retire - Food Service

C. Leave Requests

1. Tracey Thompson - Dock Days

I move to approve the dock day request for Tracey Thompson as presented. This motion, made by Melinda Beebe and seconded by Tara Zaayenga, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

2. Holly Simpson - Dock Days

I move to approve the dock day request for Holly Simpson as presented. This motion, made by Heather Friedrich and seconded by Melinda Beebe, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

3. Traci Sondag - Dock Day Request

I move to approve the dock day request for Traci Sondag as presented. This motion, made by Heather Friedrich and seconded by Amber Schmidt, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

D. Informational Items - Resignations, Employee Transfers

1. Emily Ropp - Resign - Primary School Interventionist

2. Jennie Frank - Resign - High School Business Teacher

E. Other Personnel Items

XII. Closed Session Minutes - March 20, 2025

I move to approve the closed session minutes of March 20, 2025. This motion, made by Amber Schmidt and seconded by Heather Friedrich, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

XIII. Adjourn

I move to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:40. This motion, made by Heather Friedrich and seconded by Amber Schmidt, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

XIV. The next meeting is May 1, 2025 at 6:30 PM at the Unit Office

President: _____

Secretary: _____