

Midwest Central Community Unit School District #191
Unit Office, 1010 S Washington St, Manito, IL 61546
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Wednesday, March 18, 2026 - 6:30 PM

Board Minutes

Call to Order

Roll Call

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

Visitors Wishing to Address the Board

Recognition of Kaci Eller - High School Wrestling

Consent Agenda

Minutes

Open Meetings - February 18, 2026

Destruction of Closed Meeting Verbatim Records - September 5, 2024

Treasurer's Report

Payment of Bills

Motion for Consent Agenda

I move to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll call. This motion, made by Heather Askins and seconded by Melinda Beebe, 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

Reports

FOIA

Sheri Reid - SmartProcure

Transportation Report

Principals

- Ms. Timm Reported: PTO fundraiser was a great success, raising \$26,315; Academic Night was hosted during Dr. Seuss week; IAR testing has started
- Mr. Mooney Reported: discipline report; PTO decorated halls with Dr Suess/book theme

- Mrs. Jackson Reported: Preschool field trip to Kidzeum in Springfield in February; March 11 Preschool screening rescheduled for April 15; Krista Herrin awarded \$7,389 from Cash for Classrooms grant
- Mrs. Matthews Reported: discipline report; eliminated PBIS this year, emphasizing classroom engagement, detentions down from last year; Volleyball is going to State Friday; Student Council attended leadership conference at Rankin; on March 2nd, 7th, and 8th graders went to Riverfront Museum; IAR testing starts after Spring Break; Freshman Orientation scheduled for April 14
- Mr. Norris Reported: discipline report; JV Baseball should open Friday at home; Softball double-header is scheduled for Saturday; Track has one more indoor meet
- Mr. Welch Reported: two groups of students attended college/careers experiences at Bradley University and Illinois Central College; 30 students volunteered at Forest City Rotary Sale; NHS hosted a community blood drive; ACT scheduled for April 15; Prom is April 18; course planning for next year has started; Bass fishing has first meet late March at Lake of Egypt

Superintendent

Sales Tax Update

Workers Compensation Experience MOD

Business Discussion/Action Items

Consideration of the Resolution on the Tazewell County Facility Sales Tax

I move to approve the Resolution on the Tazewell County Facility Sales Tax. Roll Call. This motion, made by Alyssa Bennett and seconded by Amber Schmidt, 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

Information on Police Presence in Schools

Amended School Calendar 2025-26

I move to approve the amended school calendar for 2025-26 as presented. This motion, made by Jay Blair and seconded by Scott Dierker, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Executive Session to Discuss

I move to enter into executive session to discuss 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1), (2), and (21) at 7:38 PM. Roll call. This motion, made by Melinda Beebe 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

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

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

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).

Departing Executive Session

I move to depart executive session at 8:57 PM. This motion, made by Amber Schmidt and seconded by Jay Blair, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Personnel Discussion/Action Items

Hiring

I move to approve hiring Megan McMullen as Primary School Principal for the 2026-27 school year, Tiara Jennings as a Bus Monitor for the 2025-26 school year, and re-employment for the 2026-27 school year of the following staff as presented - teaching staff, classified staff, food service staff, transportation staff, Ben Mooney, Julie Jackson, Connie Matthews, Rodney Norris, and Brad Welch. This motion, made by Jay Blair and seconded by Amber Schmidt, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Appointments

I move to approve appointing Amanda Proehl as a high school track volunteer, Matt Molitor, Casey McKimson, Jayme Geary, Mike Byrd, Darrel Byrd, Robin Stone, James Rasmussen, Cuyler Thomas, Timothy Nelson, and Byron Young as bass fishing volunteers for the 2025-26 school year. This motion, made by Alyssa Bennett and seconded by Melinda Beebe, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Leave Requests

Dock Days

I motion to approve dock days for Nicole Bracken and Kyndal Heberer as presented. This motion, made by Amber Schmidt and seconded by Heather Askins, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Informational Items - Resignations, Employee Transfers

- Braelyn Oberle - Resignation - Middle School Student Council Sponsor
- Danielle Willis - Transfer - Middle School Special Education Teacher to High School Special Education Teacher

Other Personnel Items

Closed Session Minutes - February 18, 2026

I move to approve the closed session minutes of February 18, 2026. This motion, made by Heather Askins and seconded by Amber Schmidt, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Adjourn

I move to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:00 PM . This motion, made by Heather Askins and seconded by Jay Blair, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

The next meeting is April 15, 2026 at 6:30 PM at the Unit Office

President: _____ Secretary: _____