

Midwest Central Community Unit School District #191
Unit Office, 1010 S Washington St, Manito, IL 61546
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Thursday, December 19, 2024 - 6:30 PM

Board Minutes

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

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

III. Visitors Wishing to Address the Board

IV. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes

1. Open Meetings - November 21, 2024 and December 5, 2024
2. Closed Meeting Verbatim Records - May 18, 2023, June 1, 2023, and June 18, 2023

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 Heather Friedrich and seconded by Melinda Beebe, Passed. Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 3

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

VI. Reports

A. FOIA

1. Sheri Reid - SmartProcure
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B. Transportation Report

C. Principals

- Amber Schmidt: Arrived at 7:12 PM

- Ms. Timm reported: Data meetings first week of December; dismissed 7 more students from RTI services, total of 20 this year; 3rd, 4th and 5th Grade had Winter Concert; PTO put on Santa's Secret Shop with enough volunteers and high school students to cover and made operation very smooth; Snow Buddies, community service project, helped 58 families this past Saturday; she and Mr. Mooney presented at a state conference (Words Matter: Building Relationships Through Building Relationships)
- Mr. Mooney Reported: Discipline report, 213 referrals in first 2 months of school last year, 194 in all 5 months this year; PBIS and Kindness Club (4th and 5th graders) gave every student hot chocolate at lunch
- Mrs. Matthews reported: discipline report; PBIS reward trip to movie theater in Morton, staff said students did a great job of representing MCMS; tomorrow is monthly awards, all getting oven baked smores and hot chocolate; 7 new staff members this year, a lot of team building, building relationships, comradery; volleyball starts January 7 with first home game; boys basketball 7th grade 15-0 and 8th grade 15-1, 8th Grade Night January 14
- Mrs. Jackson reported: SpEd numbers; 2 students fully transitioned back to our district, 1 set to transition when back from break; PreK Family Night Dec 4 with 44 families in attendance, wonderful time with cafeteria providing meal, dancing from NHS volunteers, Wolf Waibel played piano, participants decorated cookies, craft in Library; enrollment will be 78 after break, this is our 7th year of PreK
- Mr. Norris reported: Discipline report; Meet the Raiders went well, a lot of group effort, very successful, more improvements for next year; high school girls basketball tournament Saturday, had to pull out of Christmas tournament; high school boys basketball alumni game coming up; wrestling program going well, every weight class filled with 3 girls; Monica Charlton nominated Bob Skaggs for hall of fame; local family wants to donate money to offset cost of mats for wrestling program in honor of son who passed away
- Mr. Welch reported: followed up with Monica Charlton's nomination with good honor for Mr. Skaggs; groups have been busy volunteering FFA to FCCLA to NHS, decorating around town and at Primary School; 4 students selected as IL State Scholars: Carly DeSutter, Keaton McLean, Alaina Pettijohn, and Ayden Forbis; finals week, students finish up tomorrow

D. Superintendent

1. Sales Tax Report
2. School Maintenance Grant

VII. Business Discussion/Action Items

A. Interfund Transfer re Educational Fund to Transportation

I move to approve the resolution to transfer Educational Funds to the Transportation Fund as presented. Roll call. This motion, made by Steve Bernhardt and seconded by Amber Schmidt, Passed. Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

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

B. Interfund Transfer re Educational Fund to Operations and Maintenance

I move to approve the resolution to transfer Educational Funds to the Operations and Maintenance Fund as presented. Roll call. This motion, made by Heather Friedrich and seconded by Melinda Beebe, Passed. Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

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

C. Immunization Reports

I move to approve the immunization reports as presented. This motion, made by Amber Schmidt and seconded by Steve Bernhardt, Passed. Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

- Tara Zaayenga: Arrived at 7:46 PM

D. Bus Lease - Midwest Transit

I move to approve a 5-year bus lease and 5-year bus lease purchase with Midwest Transit and authorize the superintendent to enter into a contract as recommended. Roll call. This motion, made by Amber Schmidt and seconded by Heather Friedrich, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

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

E. Opt Out - College and Career Pathway Endorsements

I move that the Board of Education has considered all six necessary factors and finds it is in the best interest of the district to authorize administration to opt out of college and career pathway endorsements with the Illinois State Board of Education. This motion, made by Steve Bernhardt and seconded by Amber Schmidt, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

F. Cardiac Emergency Response Plan

I move to approve the Cardiac Emergency Response Plan as presented. This motion, made by Melinda Beebe and seconded by Tara Zaayenga, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

G. Tax Appeal

H. PRESS Policy Update Issue 116 August 2024 and Issue 117 October 2024 - Second Reading and Adoption

I move to approve the second reading and adoption of PRESS Policy Update Issue 116 August 2024 and Issue 117 October 2024 policies, exhibits, and administrative procedures. This motion, made by Melinda Beebe and seconded by Amber Schmidt, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

I. Policy 8:30 - Visitors to and Conduct on School Property

J. Facility Naming Discussion

K. Superintendent Evaluation - Notice to Commence

VIII. Executives Session to Discuss

I move to enter into executive session to discuss 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) at 9:13 PM. Roll call. This motion, made by Heather Friedrich and seconded by Amber Schmidt, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Melinda Beebe:	Yea
Mark Berg:	Yea
Steve Bernhardt:	Yea
Scott Dierker:	Absent
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.

IX. Departing Executive Session

I move to depart executive session at 9:37 PM. This motion, made by Steve Bernhardt and seconded by Heather Friedrich, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

X. Personnel Discussion/Action Items

A. Hiring / Appointments

1. Middle School Volleyball Volunteers - Kayleigh Herrman, Lexi Wood, Addison Friedrich, and Tyla Mattson

I would like to move to approve Kayleigh Herrman, Lexi Wood, Addison Friedrich, and Tyla Mattson as Middle School Volleyball Volunteers for the 2024-25 school year. This motion, made by Melinda Beebe and seconded by Amber Schmidt, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

2. Michaela Abegg - Primary School Paraprofessional

I move to approve hiring Michaela Abegg as a Primary School Paraprofessional for the 2024-25 school year. This motion, made by Tara Zaayenga and seconded by Melinda Beebe, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

B. Leave Requests

1. Leah Smith - Maternity Leave

I move to approve the maternity leave request for Leah Smith as presented. This motion, made by Steve Bernhardt and seconded by Heather Friedrich, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

C. Informational Items - Resignations, Employee Transfers

1. Jessica Sidwell - Resignation - Varsity Volleyball Head Coach

D. Other Personnel Items

XI. **Closed Session Minutes - November 21, 2024**

I move to approve the closed session minutes of November 21, 2024. This motion, made by Amber Schmidt and seconded by Tara Zaayenga, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

XII. **Adjourn**

I move to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:45 PM. This motion, made by Steve Bernhardt and seconded by Amber Schmidt, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

XIII. **The next meeting is January 16, 2025 at 6:30 PM at the Unit Office**

President: _____

Secretary: _____