

Midwest Central Community Unit School District #191  
High School Library, 910 S Washington St, Manito, IL 61546  
Board of Education Committee of the Whole Meeting  
Thursday, June 5, 2025 - 6:30 PM

Board Minutes

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Roll Call**

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

**III. Recognition of Track Athletes**

**IV. Visitors Wishing to Address the Board**

**V. Hearing to exclude Sheera Lambert from school property and events**

**VI. Business Discussion/Action Items**

**A. First Reading - PRESS April 2025 Issue 118**

I move to approve the first reading of PRESS April 2025 Issue 118. This motion, made by Melinda Beebe and seconded by Heather Friedrich, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

**B. Contract Approval - Gorenz and Associates Audit 2025-26**

I move to approve the contract with Gorenz and Associates for the 2025-26 Audit. Roll call. This motion, made by Amber Schmidt and seconded by Jay Blair, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

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

**C. Booster Club Donation - NFHS Middle School, \$5,000**

I move to approve the acceptance of the Booster Club donation of \$5,000.00. This motion, made by Alyssa Bennett and seconded by Heather Friedrich, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

**D. Action to exclude Sheera Lambert from school property and events**

I move that the Board of Education exclude Sheera Lambert from school property and events for a period of one year and authorize the Superintendent to provide written notification to Ms. Lambert of the Board's decision. This motion, made by Jay Blair and seconded by Scott Dierker, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

**E. Consolidated District Plan**

I move to approve the consolidated district plan as presented. This motion, made by Heather Friedrich and seconded by Jay Blair, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

## **VII. Executive Session to Discuss**

I move to go into executive session at 7:01 PM to discuss 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) and (4.5). Roll call. This motion, made by Amber Schmidt and seconded by Alyssa Bennett, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Melinda Beebe: Yea

Alyssa Bennett: Yea

Jay Blair: Yea

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) (4.5) Evidence or testimony presented to a school board regarding the denial of admission to school events or property pursuant to Section 24-24 of the School Code, provided that the school board prepares and makes available for public inspection a written decision setting forth its determinative reasoning.

## **VIII. Departing Executive Session**

I move to depart executive session at 7:26 PM. This motion, made by Scott Dierker and seconded by Amber Schmidt, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

## **IX. Adjourn**

I move to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting at 7:33 PM. This motion, made by Amber Schmidt and seconded by Heather Friedrich, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

**X. The next meeting is June 19, 2025 at 6:30 PM at the Unit Office**

President: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_