

MINUTES of a regular public meeting of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District Number 191, Mason and Tazewell Counties, Illinois, held in the Unit Office, 1010 South Washington Street, Manito, Illinois, in said School District at 6:30 o'clock P.M., on the 17th day of September, 2025.

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The President called the meeting to order and directed the Secretary to call the roll.

Upon the roll being called, Tara Zaayenga, the President, and the following members were physically present at said location: _____

The following members were allowed by a majority of the members of the Board of Education in accordance with and to the extent allowed by rules adopted by the Board of Education to attend the meeting by video or audio conference: _____

No member was not permitted to attend the meeting by video or audio conference.

The following members were absent and did not participate in the meeting in any manner or to any extent whatsoever: _____

The President announced that in view of the current financial condition of the District, the Board of Education would consider the adoption of a resolution declaring its intention to issue \$5,500,000 working cash fund bonds pursuant to Article 20 of the School Code and directing that notice of such intention be published.

Whereupon Member _____ presented and the Secretary read by title a resolution as follows, a copy of which was provided to each member of the Board of Education prior to said meeting and to everyone in attendance at said meeting who requested a copy:

RESOLUTION declaring the intention to issue \$5,500,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds of Community Unit School District Number 191, Mason and Tazewell Counties, Illinois, for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of said School District, and directing that notice of such intention be published in the manner provided by law.

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WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Article 20 of the School Code of the State of Illinois, and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto (the “*Code*”), a fund to be known as a Working Cash Fund (the “*Fund*”) may be created and maintained in and for Community Unit School District Number 191, Mason and Tazewell Counties, Illinois (the “*District*”), in the manner prescribed in the Code, for the purpose of enabling the District to have in its treasury at all time sufficient money to meet demands thereon for expenditures for corporate purposes; and

WHEREAS, the District has heretofore created and maintained such Fund in the manner prescribed by the Code; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the Code, the Board of Education of the District (the “*Board*”) is authorized to incur an indebtedness and issue bonds as evidence thereof (the “*Bonds*”) for the purpose of increasing the Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined and does hereby determine that it is advisable, necessary and in the best interests of the District that the Fund be increased and that the District incur an indebtedness and issue Bonds as evidence thereof in an amount \$5,500,000 for said purpose; and

WHEREAS, before such Bonds may be issued for said purpose, the Board must adopt a resolution declaring its intention to issue such Bonds for said purpose and direct that notice of such intention be published as provided by law:

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It and It Is Hereby Resolved by the Board of Education of Community Unit School District Number 191, Mason and Tazewell Counties, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. Incorporation of Preambles. The Board hereby finds that all of the recitals contained in the preambles to this Resolution are full, true and correct and does incorporate them into this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2. Declaration of Intent. The Board hereby declares its intention to avail of the provisions of the Code, and to issue Bonds in the amount of \$5,500,000 for the purpose of increasing the Fund and enabling the District to have in its treasury at all time sufficient money to meet demands thereon for expenditures for corporate purposes.

Section 3. Notice of Intent. In accordance with the provisions of Section 5 of the Local Government Debt Reform Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, notice of said intention to avail of the provisions of Article 20 of the Code and to issue Bonds for the purpose of increasing the Fund shall be given by publication of such notice at least once in the *Mason County Democrat*, the same being a newspaper of general circulation in the District.

Section 4. Form of Notice. The notice of intention to issue the Bonds shall be in substantially the following form:

**NOTICE OF INTENTION OF
COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 191,
MASON AND TAZEVELL COUNTIES, ILLINOIS
TO ISSUE \$5,500,000
WORKING CASH FUND BONDS**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that on the 17th day of September, 2025, the Board of Education (the “*Board*”) of Community Unit School District Number 191, Mason and Tazewell Counties, Illinois (the “*District*”), adopted a resolution declaring its intention and determination to issue bonds in the aggregate amount of \$5,500,000 for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of the District, and it is the intention of the Board to avail of the provisions of Article 20 of the School Code of the State of Illinois, and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, and to issue said bonds for the purpose of increasing said Working Cash Fund. Said Working Cash Fund is to be maintained in accordance with the provisions of said Article and shall be used for the purpose of enabling the District to have in its treasury at all time sufficient money to meet demands thereon for expenditures for corporate purposes.

A petition may be filed with the Secretary of the Board (the “*Secretary*”) within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice, signed by not less than 397 voters of the District, said number of voters being equal to ten percent (10%) of the registered voters of the District, requesting that the proposition to issue said bonds as authorized by the provisions of said Article 20 be submitted to the voters of the District. If such petition is filed with the Secretary within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice, an election on the proposition to issue said bonds shall be held on the 17th day of March, 2026. The Circuit Court may declare that an emergency referendum should be held prior to said election date pursuant to the provisions of Section 2A-1.4 of the Election Code of the State of Illinois, as amended. If no such petition is filed within said thirty (30) day period, then the District shall thereafter be authorized to issue said bonds for the purpose hereinabove provided.

By order of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District Number 191,
Mason and Tazewell Counties, Illinois.

DATED this 17th day of September, 2025.

Heather Friedrich
Secretary, Board of Education,
Community Unit School District Number 191,
Mason and Tazewell Counties, Illinois

Tara Zaayenga
President, Board of Education,
Community Unit School District Number
191, Mason and Tazewell Counties, Illinois

Note to Publisher: Please be certain that this notice appears over the names of the President and Secretary of the Board.

Section 5. Further Proceedings. If no petition signed by the requisite number of voters is filed with the Secretary of the Board within thirty (30) days after the date of the publication of such notice of intention to issue the Bonds, the Board shall, by appropriate proceedings to be hereafter taken, fix the details concerning the issue of the Bonds and provide for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on the same.

Section 6. Severability. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution.

Section 7. Repealer and Effective Date. All resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed and that this Resolution be in full force and effect forthwith upon its adoption.

Adopted September 17, 2025.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education

Member _____ moved and Member _____ seconded the motion that said resolution as presented and read by title be adopted.

After a full and complete discussion thereof, the President directed the Secretary to call the roll for a vote upon the motion to adopt said resolution.

Upon the roll being called, the following members voted AYE: _____

The following members voted NAY: _____

Whereupon the President declared the motion carried and said resolution adopted, and in open meeting approved and signed said resolution and directed the Secretary to record the same in full in the records of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District Number 191, Mason and Tazewell Counties, Illinois, which was done.

Other business not pertinent to the adoption of said resolution was duly transacted at said meeting.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned.

Secretary, Board of Education

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF MASON)

CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES AND RESOLUTION

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education of Community Unit School District Number 191, Mason and Tazewell Counties, Illinois (the “*Board*”), and that as such official I am the keeper of the records and files of the Board.

I do further certify that the foregoing constitutes a full, true and complete transcript of the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on the 17th day of September, 2025, insofar as same relates to the adoption of a resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION declaring the intention to issue \$5,500,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds of Community Unit School District Number 191, Mason and Tazewell Counties, Illinois, for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of said School District, and directing that notice of such intention be published in the manner provided by law.

a true, correct and complete copy of which said resolution as adopted at said meeting appears in the foregoing transcript of the minutes of said meeting.

I do further certify that the deliberations of the Board on the adoption of said resolution were conducted openly, that the vote on the adoption of said resolution was taken openly, that said meeting was held at a specified time and place convenient to the public, that notice of said meeting was duly given to all of the news media requesting such notice, that an agenda for said meeting was posted at the location where said meeting was held and at the principal office of the Board at least 48 hours in advance of the holding of said meeting, that at least one copy of said agenda was continuously available for public review during the entire 48-hour period preceding said meeting, that a true, correct and complete copy of said agenda as so posted is attached hereto as *Exhibit A*, that said meeting was called and held in strict compliance with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, and with the provisions of the School Code of the State of Illinois, as amended, and that the Board has complied with all of the provisions of said Act and said Code and with all of the procedural rules of the Board in the conduct of said meeting and in the adoption of said resolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my official signature, this 17th day of September, 2025.

Secretary, Board of Education

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF MASON)

PETITION

We, the undersigned, do hereby certify that we are voters of Community Unit School District Number 191, Mason and Tazewell Counties, Illinois, and as such voters, we do hereby request that the following proposition be submitted to the voters of said School District: “Shall the Board of Education of Midwest Central Community Unit School District Number 191, Mason and Tazewell Counties, Illinois, be authorized to issue \$5,500,000 bonds for a working cash fund as provided for by Article 20 of the School Code?”; and we do hereby further request that the Secretary of said Board of Education of said School District certify said proposition to the County Clerk of The Counties of Mason and Tazewell, Illinois, for submission to said voters at the next election at which such proposition may be lawfully submitted to said electors:

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The undersigned, being first duly sworn, deposes and certifies that he or she is at least 18 years of age, his or her residence address is _____ (Street Address), _____ (City, Village or Town), _____ County, _____ (State), that he or she is a citizen of the United States of America, that the signatures on the foregoing petition were signed in his or her presence and are genuine, that to the best of his or her knowledge and belief the persons so signing were at the time of signing said petition registered voters of said School District and that their respective residences are correctly stated therein.

Signed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Illinois Notary Public

My commission expires _____

(NOTARY SEAL)