

Midwest Central Community Unit School District #191
Unit Office, 1010 S Washington St, Manito, IL 61546
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Thursday, May 15, 2025 - 6:30 PM

Board Minutes

I. Call to Order

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

II. Roll Call

III. Visitors Wishing to Address the Board

Amber Schmidt: Present

- The Watts family addressed an issue with their teenage child and a cheerleading incident
- Mr. Burks discussed coaches' evaluations and handbook edits

IV. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes

1. Open Meetings - April 17, 2025 and May 8, 2025
2. Closed Meeting Verbatim Records - October 19, 2023 and November 9, 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 Scott Dierker and seconded by Jay Blair, 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

VI. Reports

A. FOIA

1. David Arvayo - Painters District Council No. 30

B. Transportation Report

C. Principals

- Ms. Timm reported: In Fall, 23 students in Tier 3 reading intervention, in Spring reduced to 10, Fall 8 students in Tier 3 Math intervention, in Spring reduced to 4; Spring Concert, with a few original songs written by Mr. Franklin, was a great success; hosted Picnic with Parents with huge turnout; recognizing staff years of service; kudos to Park District for opening pool May 28th for 5th graders to swim; wonderful yearbook compiled by JoAnn Miller
- Mrs. Jackson reported: Special Education wrapping up evaluations; Miss Swearingen received funding through Donors Choose; Miss Forsythe secured funds through Rotary to purchase a book from a local author for "Kindergarten Here We Come" night and she'll be there to read book; PreK will take field trip to Peoria Zoo and end year with popsicles with parents
- Mrs. Matthews reported: discipline report; 8th grade orientation at High School with great attendance; April 28th hosted community Math Night, very well attended; Teacher Appreciation Week hosted by Student Council and Beta Club; Track in full swing, 11 participants have qualified for state, competing at Eastside tomorrow; Beauty & The Beast Jr will run May 20 at 6:30, a \$5000 sound/lighting donation from Manito Musical Advocates was received; grade level field trips approaching
- Mr. Mooney Reported: discipline report; End of Year Celebration last day of school and Coin War winners result 7 staff members dressing in inflatables last day of year
- Mr. Norris Reported: discipline report; spring sports winding down, Softball Senior Night tomorrow night; Ulcerative Colitis Night, play in regional quarter finals in Eurkea, Boys baseball Senior Night tonight; Boys Track sectionals next Wednesday in Dee-Mak; no cost sports physicals on May 30, 8:30 - noon Manito clinic, may have another closer to beginning of school year
- Welch: May 7 was Scholarship night, gave 40k to students, one student received almost 20k; Graduation Sunday, practice tomorrow

D. Superintendent

1. Sales Tax Update

VII. Business Discussion/Action Items

A. Second Reading and Adoption - Handbook Edits

I move to approve the second reading and adoption of handbook edits as presented. This motion, made by Alyssa Bennett and seconded by Amber Schmidt, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

B. Second Reading and Adoption - Middle School Activities Handbook Edits

I move to approve the second reading and adoption of the Middle School Activities Handbook edits as presented. This motion, made by Heather Friedrich and seconded by Melinda Beebe, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

C. Second Reading and Adoption - High School Activities Handbook Edits

I move to approve the second reading and adoption of the High School Activities Handbook edits as presented. This motion, made by Amber Schmidt and seconded by Heather Friedrich, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

D. Second Reading and Adoption - Coaches Handbook Edits

I move to approve the second reading and adoption of the Coaches Handbook edits as presented. This motion, made by Heather Friedrich and seconded by Scott Dierker, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

E. Second Reading and Adoption - High School Curriculum Guide

I move to approve the second reading and adoption of the High School Curriculum Guide as presented. This motion, made by Amber Schmidt and seconded by Alyssa Bennett, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

F. Summer Maintenance Items

I move to approve the summer maintenance schedule as presented. This motion, made by Jay Blair and seconded by Melinda Beebe, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

G. Tentative Amended Budget 2024-25

I move to approve the tentative amended budget as presented. Roll call. This motion, made by Alyssa Bennett and seconded by Heather Friedrich, 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

H. Mutual Aid Agreement

I move to approve the resolution for mutual aid for Peoria, Tazewell, Woodford, and Mason counties as presented. This motion, made by Melinda Beebe and seconded by Alyssa Bennett, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

I. Forman Fire MOU

I move to approve the memorandum of understanding with Forman Fire as presented. This motion, made by Amber Schmidt and seconded by Jay Blair, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

J. Weightroom Equipment Bids

I recommend approving the bid for weight room equipment as presented. This motion, made by Alyssa Bennett and seconded by Scott Dierker, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

K. Donation - Manito Musical Advocates

I move to approve accepting a donation of approximately \$4,700.00 in equipment from the Manito Musical Advocates for new sound and lighting at the middle school. This motion, made by Amber Schmidt and seconded by Heather Friedrich, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

L. Final Public School Calendar 2024-25

I move to approve the final school calendar for the 2024-25 school year. This motion, made by Melinda Beebe and seconded by Jay Blair, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

M. Joint Annual Conference Discussion

VIII. Executive Session to Discuss

I move to enter into executive session to discuss 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) and (21) at 7:41 PM. Roll call.

This motion, made by Amber Schmidt and seconded by Melinda Beebe, 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)(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).

IX. Departing Executive Session

I move to depart executive session at 8:15 PM. This motion, made by Amber Schmidt and seconded by Melinda Beebe, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

X. Personnel Discussion/Action Items

A. Hiring / Appointments

1. Steve Snider - High School Business/Technology Teacher

I move to approve hiring Steve Snider as a High School Business/Technology Teacher for the 2025-26 school year. This motion, made by Amber Schmidt and seconded by Melinda Beebe, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

2. April Danner - Part-Time Middle School Custodian

I move to approve hiring April Danner as a Part-Time Middle School Custodian. This motion, made by Melinda Beebe and seconded by Jay Blair, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

3. Chance Whisler - Part-Time Middle School Custodian

I move to approve hiring Chance Whisler as a Part-Time Middle School Custodian effective his start date of April 15, 2025. This motion, made by Heather Friedrich and seconded by Alyssa Bennett, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

4. Will Frank - 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach

I move to approve hiring Will Frank as 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach for the 2025-26 school year. This motion, made by Scott Dierker and seconded by Alyssa Bennett, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

5. Kayleigh Parker - Primary School Music/Band Teacher

I move to approve hiring Kayleigh Parker as a Primary School Music and Band Teacher for the 2025-26 school year. This motion, made by Melinda Beebe and seconded by Jay Blair, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

6. Shae Campbell - PBIS Committee

I move to approve appointing Shae Campbell to the Primary School PBIS Committee for the 2025-26 school year as presented. This motion, made by Heather Friedrich and seconded by Amber Schmidt, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

7. Carey Doty - Unit Office Custodian

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B. Leave Requests

1. Abby Forsythe - Maternity Leave

I move to approve the maternity leave request for Abby Forsythe as presented. This motion, made by Jay Blair and seconded by Alyssa Bennett, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

C. Informational Items - Resignations, Employee Transfers

1. Brady Askins - Resign - 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach

2. Jessica Herndon - Transfer from Bus Monitor to Bus Driver

3. Brandy Bumbalough - Resign - Part-Time Bus Monitor

4. Allysia Vaultonburg - Resign - High School Special Education Teacher

5. Jenny Deluhery - Resign - PBIS Committee

6. Bethany Barnett - Resign - Middle School Volleyball and JV Volleyball Coach

7. Summer Employees

D. Other Personnel Items

XI. Closed Session Minutes - April 17, 2025

I move to approve the closed session minutes of April 17, 2025 and May 8, 2025. This motion, made by Heather Friedrich and seconded by Alyssa Bennett, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

XII. Adjourn

I move to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:37 PM. This motion, made by Heather Friedrich and seconded by Amber Schmidt, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay:

XIII. The next meeting is June 5, 2025 at 6:30 PM at the Unit Office

President: _____

Secretary: _____