

Midwest Central Community Unit School District #191
High School Library, 910 S Washington St, Manito, IL 61546
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 20, 2025 - 6:30 PM

Board Minutes

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

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

- Zaayenga arrived at 6:33 PM

III. Visitors Wishing to Address the Board

IV. Recognition of 8th Grade Boys Basketball

V. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes

1. Open Meetings - February 19, 2025
2. Closed Meeting Verbatim Records - September 7, 2023

B. Treasurer's Report

C. Payment of Bills

VI. Motion for Consent Agenda

I move to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll call. This motion, made by Amber Schmidt and seconded by Melinda Beebe, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

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

VII. Reports

A. Transportation Report

B. Principals

- Ms. Timm reported: ISA and IAR testing presently, teachers feel prepared; PTO decorated for Dr. Suess week, looks amazing; school-wide read after break, leads into academic night; finished STAR testing at end of January and met student growth goal; Mr. Bernhardt commented how well she did yesterday in chaotic storm dismissal.

- Mr. Mooney reported: discipline report, behaviors are really good right now and compared to last year, no need for celebration incentives at the moment; kindness club has organized a lot of activities to promote goodwill throughout the building, making magnets to encourage for testing, etc.; organizing end of year celebration and penny war.
- Mr. Welch reported: planning for next year in full swing; hosting 8th grade night for incoming freshman: 40 High Schoolers volunteered on March 1 at Rotary Sale; March 7 perspective Health Care students to ICC for informative field trip; History League went to Lincoln Museum; Spanish Club went to Ballet; HS hosted blood drive; state has shifted to ACT and will be administered April 16.
- Mr. Norris reported: discipline report; softball numbers low this year 11 MC 2 from IC; baseball has 19 participants with first home game on Mar 31; track has 13 boys 7 girls participating with home meet on March 24th.
- Mrs. Matthews reported: discipline report, volleyball had great season as 8th grade went to Regionals, 7th grade earned regional title, sectional title, and state appearance being first time in history; Scholastic Bowl in full swing; track has 45 participants; Beauty and the Beast Jr. will be this year's musical; finished IAR testing yesterday; 10 week book study entitled Poor Students/Rich Teaching has been eye opening; 6th graders went to University Springfield to see the Giver live; BETA Club became nationally affiliated this year, induction on April 14; hosting Math night with all 8th grade students presenting; Mrs. Harbourn will come talk to 8th graders about scheduling.
- Mrs. Jackson reported: Sarah Gough taking initiative to have student led IEP meetings for Primary students transitioning to Middle School; Abbie Schneider's work skills class volunteered at Rotary sale and their helps was very appreciated, she also took students to ICC to learn about opportunities if they attend ICC after graduation; PreK screening held March 5, 13 children screened increasing numbers to 83 after Spring Break, great collaboration between PreK teachers to assist those with needs.

C. Superintendent

1. Sales Tax Update
2. Library Grant

VIII. **Business Discussion/Action Items**

A. Donation to TAPS Animal Shelter

I move to approve a \$200 donation from the Middle School Beta Club to TAPS Animal Shelter.

Roll call. This motion, made by Heather Friedrich and seconded by Tara Zaayenga, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

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

B. P.E. and Weight Equipment

IX. Executive Session to Discuss

I move to enter into executive session to discuss 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) and (21) at 7:42 PM. Roll call. This motion, made by Tara Zaayenga and seconded by Amber Schmidt, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

Melinda Beebe: Yea
Mark Berg: Yea
Steve Bernhardt: 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).

X. Departing Executive Session

I move to depart executive session at 9:06 PM. This motion, made by Steve Bernhardt and seconded by Amber Schmidt, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

XI. Personnel Discussion/Action Items

A. Hiring / Appointments / Transfers

1. Re-Employment of Teaching Staff for 2025-26

I move to approve the re-employment of teaching staff for 2025-26 as presented. This motion, made by Scott Dierker and seconded by Tara Zaayenga, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

2. Re-Employment of Classified Staff for 2025-26

I move to approve the re-employment of classified staff for 2025-26 as presented. This motion, made by Scott Dierker and seconded by Tara Zaayenga, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

3. Re-Employment of Food Service Staff for 2025-26

I move to approve the re-employment of food service staff for 2025-26 as presented. This motion, made by Scott Dierker and seconded by Steve Bernhardt, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

4. Re-Employment of Bus Staff for 2025-26

I move to approve the re-employment of bus staff for 2025-26 as presented. This motion, made by Amber Schmidt and seconded by Tara Zaayenga, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

5. Re-Employment of Sally Timm for 2025-26

I move to approve the re-employment of Sally Timm for 2025-26 as presented. This motion, made by Heather Friedrich and seconded by Scott Dierker, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

6. Re-Employment of Ben Mooney for 2025-26

I move to approve the re-employment of Ben Mooney for 2025-26 as presented. This motion, made by Melinda Beebe and seconded by Steve Bernhardt, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

7. Re-Employment of Julie Jackson for 2025-26

I move to approve the re-employment of Julie Jackson for 2025-26 as presented. This motion, made by Melinda Beebe and seconded by Amber Schmidt, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

8. Re-Employment of Rodney Norris for 2025-26

I move to approve the re-employment of Rodney Norris for 2025-26 as presented. This motion, made by Tara Zaayenga and seconded by Scott Dierker, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

9. Re-Employment of Brad Welch for 2025-26

I move to approve the re-employment of Brad Welch for 2025-26 as presented. This motion, made by Melinda Beebe and seconded by Steve Bernhardt, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

10. Re-Employment of Connie Matthews for 2025-26

I move to approve the re-employment of Connie Matthews for 2025-26 as presented. This motion, made by Heather Friedrich and seconded by Tara Zaayenga, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

11. Thad Franklin - Transfer from PS/MS Band and Chorus to MS/HS Band and Choir

I move to approve transferring Thad Franklin from PS/MS Band and Chorus to MS/HS Band for the 2025-26 school year. This motion, made by Steve Bernhardt and seconded by Tara Zaayenga, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

12. Dean Meiner - Transfer from Part-Time Bus Driver to Sub Bus Driver

I move to approve transferring Dean Meiner from part-time bus driver to sub bus driver effective immediately. This motion, made by Scott Dierker and seconded by Melinda Beebe, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

13. Carey Doty - Transfer from Head Float Cook to High School Head Cook

I move to approve transferring Carey Doty from float cook to head cook at the high school for the remainder of the 2024-25 school year. This motion, made by Heather Friedrich and seconded by Melinda Beebe, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

14. Jeff Hyde - Transfer from High School English Teacher to Middle School Counselor

I move to approve transferring Jeff Hyde from High School English Teacher to the Middle School to serve as the acting Middle School Counselor for the 2025-26 school year. This motion, made by Melinda Beebe and seconded by Tara Zaayenga, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

15. Nick Gerndt - Transfer from Middle School Social Studies to High School P.E./Social Studies

I move to approve transferring Nick Gerndt from Middle School Social Studies to High School P.E./Social Studies for the 2025-26 school year. This motion, made by Amber Schmidt and seconded by Steve Bernhardt, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

16. High School Volleyball Coach - Alyssa Watson

I move to approve Alyssa Watson as the Midwest Central High School Varsity Volleyball coach for the 2025-26 season. This motion, made by Melinda Beebe and seconded by Amber Schmidt, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 1

17. Middle School Track Volunteer - Amanda Proehl

I move to approve appointing Amanda Proehl as a Middle School Track Volunteer for the 2024-25 school year. This motion, made by Scott Dierker and seconded by Melinda Beebe, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

18. High School Track Volunteer - Annah Miller

I move to approve appointing Annah Miller as a High School Track Volunteer for the 2024-25 school year. This motion, made by Steve Bernhardt and seconded by Tara Zaayenga, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

19. High School Softball Volunteer - Madalyn Behm

I move to approve appointing Madalyn Behm as a High School Softball Volunteer for the 2024-25 school year. This motion, made by Tara Zaayenga and seconded by Scott Dierker, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

20. Braelyn Oberle - Social Worker

I move to approve hiring Braelyn Oberle as a Social Worker for the 2025-26 school year. This motion, made by Melinda Beebe and seconded by Heather Friedrich, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

21. Crystal Simpson - Transfer from Bus Driver to Bus Monitor

I move to approve the transfer of Crystal Simpson from Bus Driver to Bus Monitor effective March 10, 2025. This motion, made by Scott Dierker and seconded by Melinda Beebe, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

B. Informational Items - Resignations

1. Rhonda Fisher - Resign - Middle School Reading Interventionist
2. Kay Appell - Resign - Middle School Reading Interventionist
3. Chris Fisher - Resign - JV Girls Basketball Coach
4. Amanda Hunt - Resign - Middle School Custodian
5. Charlene Inman - Resign - High School Head Cook
6. Logan Tyson - Resign - 4th Grade Teacher
7. Pat Bohm - Resign - 1st Grade Teacher

C. Other Personnel Items

XII. Closed Session Minutes - February 19, 2025 and March 6, 2025

I move to approve the closed session minutes of February 19, 2025. This motion, made by Steve Bernhardt and seconded by Heather Friedrich, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

XIII. Adjourn

I move to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:15 PM. This motion, made by Heather Friedrich and seconded by Amber Schmidt, Passed. Yea: 7, Nay: 0

XIV. The next meeting is April 17, 2025 at 6:30 PM at the High School

President: _____

Secretary: _____