

Midwest Central Community Unit School District #191
Unit Office, 1010 S Washington St, Manito, IL 61546
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Thursday, June 19, 2025 - 6:30 PM

Board Minutes

I. Call to Order

Melinda Beebe:	Absent
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

IV. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes

1. Open Meetings - May 15, 2025 and June 5, 2025
2. Destruction of Closed Meeting Verbatim Records - December 7, 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: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

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

VI. Reports

A. FOIA

1. Sheri Reid - SmartProcure
2. CT Mills - Public Info Access LLC

B. Transportation Report

C. Principals

- Ms. Timm: great end to a great year; 5th grade hosted historical review presentation and had swim party; school hosted a pizza party
- Mrs. Matthews: great end as well; 7th grade hosted a popular wax museum, three field trips, and graduation in the last week
- Mr. Welch: weight room makeover this summer; excited for the upcoming year

D. Superintendent

VII. Business Discussion/Action Items

A. Second Reading and Adoption - PRESS April 2025 Issue 118

I move to approve the second reading and adoption of PRESS April 2025 Issue 118. This motion, made by Alyssa Bennett and seconded by Heather Friedrich, Passed. Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

B. Insurance Review

I move to approve the insurance package renewal as presented. Roll call. This motion, made by Heather Friedrich and seconded by Alyssa Bennett, Passed. Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Melinda Beebe: Absent

Alyssa Bennett: Yea

Jay Blair: Yea

Scott Dierker: Yea

Heather Friedrich: Yea

Amber Schmidt: Absent

Tara Zaayenga: Yea

C. 2025-26 Board Meeting Dates

I move to approve the proposed 25-26 board meeting dates as presented. This motion, made by Scott Dierker and seconded by Jay Blair, Passed. Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

D. Surplus Property

I move to approve the surplus property list as presented and authorize the superintendent to dispose of the property. This motion, made by Heather Friedrich and seconded by Alyssa Bennett, Passed. Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

E. Resolution Affirming the Public Hearing Regarding the 2025-26 Budget

I move to approve the resolution affirming the public hearing as presented. Roll call. This motion, made by Jay Blair and seconded by Alyssa Bennett, Passed. Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

Melinda Beebe: Absent

Alyssa Bennett: Yea

Jay Blair: Yea

Scott Dierker: Yea

Heather Friedrich: Yea

Amber Schmidt: Absent

Tara Zaayenga: Yea

F. Primary School 2025-26 Extra-Curricular Sponsors

I move to approve the Primary School Extra-Curricular Sponsors for the 2025-26 school year as presented. This motion, made by Heather Friedrich and seconded by Scott Dierker, Passed. Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

- Amber Schmidt: Present at 7:06 PM

G. Middle School 2025-26 Extra-Curricular Sponsors and Coaching Staff

I move to approve the Middle School Extra-Curricular Sponsors and Coaching Staff for the 2025-26 school year as presented. This motion, made by Alyssa Bennett and seconded by Jay Blair, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

H. High School 2025-26 Extra-Curricular Sponsors and Coaching Staff

I move to approve the High School Extra-Curricular Sponsors and Coaching Staff for the 2025-26 school year as presented. This motion, made by Jay Blair and seconded by Alyssa Bennett, Passed. Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

I. Miller, Hall and Triggs Letter

J. Review of the Serious Vehicular Safety Hazards

I move that the Board has reviewed all Serious Safety Hazards as approved by the IDOT and verify that all hazards still exist. This motion, made by Heather Friedrich and seconded by Amber Schmidt, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

K. Consideration of the Tentative Amended Budget

I move to approve the Tentative Amended Budget as presented. Roll call. This motion, made by Jay Blair and seconded by Scott Dierker, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

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

VIII. Executive Session to Discuss

I move to enter into executive session to discuss 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) and (21) at 7:13 PM. Roll call. This motion, made by Amber Schmidt and seconded by Heather Friedrich, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Melinda Beebe:	Absent
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. VIII.B. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(2) Collective negotiation matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; and

C. 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 7:45 PM. This motion, made by Amber Schmidt and seconded by Heather Friedrich, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

X. Personnel Discussion/Action Items

A. Hiring / Appointments

1. Amanda Shaffer - 2025-26 Senior Class Sponsor

I move to approve appointing Amanda Shaffer as the 2025-26 Senior Class Sponsor. This motion, made by Scott Dierker and seconded by Jay Blair, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

2. Jennie Frank - Yearbook Club Sponsor

I move to approve hiring Jennie Frank as the Yearbook Club Sponsor for the 2025-26 school year. This motion, made by Amber Schmidt and seconded by Scott Dierker, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

3. Brody Bernshausen - High School Girls JV Basketball Coach

I move to approve hiring Brody Bernshausen as the High School Girls JV Basketball Coach for the 2025-26 school year. This motion, made by Amber Schmidt and seconded by Alyssa Bennett, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

4. High School Boys Basketball Volunteer - Bill Grant

I move to approve appointing Bill Grant as a High School Boys Basketball Volunteer for the 2025-26 school year. This motion, made by Scott Dierker and seconded by Alyssa Bennett, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

5. High School Baseball Volunteer - Caleb Uselton

I move to approve appointing Caleb Uselton as a High School Baseball Volunteer for the 2025-26 school year. This motion, made by Heather Friedrich and seconded by Jay Blair, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

6. Middle School Softball Volunteers - Nicole Bracken, Faith Meeks, and Isabella Passmore

I move to approve appointing Nicole Bracken, Faith Meeks and Isabella Passmore as Middle School Softball volunteers for the 2025-26 school year. This motion, made by Amber Schmidt and seconded by Scott Dierker, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

7. Middle School Baseball Volunteer - Kyndal Heberer

I move to approve appointing Kyndal Heberer as a Middle School Baseball volunteer for the 2025-26 school year. This motion, made by Heather Friedrich and seconded by Amber Schmidt, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

8. Middle School Boys Basketball Volunteers - Scott Dierker and Robbie Golden

I move to approve Scott Dierker as a volunteer coach for the 8th Grade Boys Basketball Team for the 2025-26 school year. This motion, made by Alyssa Bennett and seconded by Amber Schmidt, Passed. Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

9. April Danner - Summer Maintenance

I move to approve hiring April Danner for Summer Maintenance. This motion, made by Heather Friedrich and seconded by Scott Dierker, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

10. Non-Bargained Employee Salaries

I move to approve the Non-Bargained Salaries as presented. Roll call. This motion, made by Heather Friedrich and seconded by Amber Schmidt, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

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

B. Retirements

1. Early Retirement Incentive - Nora Phillips - Special Education Teacher

I move to approve the early retirement incentive request from Nora Phillips as presented. This motion, made by Scott Dierker and seconded by Alyssa Bennett, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

C. Informational Items - Resignations, Employee Transfers

1. Sydney McDaniels - Resign - Primary School Special Education
2. Vicki McIntyre - Resign - Primary School Paraprofessional
3. Mary Beal - Resign - Food Service
4. Cole Bernhardt - Resign - Middle School Paraprofessional, Middle School Scholastic Bowl Coach, FCA Leader, and Pokémon Club Sponsor
5. Kyndal Heberer - Resign - 2025-26 Senior Class Sponsor
6. Nicole Bracken - Resign - High School Softball Coach
7. Stephanie Dorsey - Resign - High School Track Coach
8. Kortni Neavear - From Part-Time Food Service to Full-Time Food Service

D. Other Personnel Items

XI. **Closed Session Minutes - May 15, 2025 and June 5, 2025**

I move to approve the closed session minutes of May 15, 2025 and June 5, 2025. This motion, made by Heather Friedrich and seconded by Alyssa Bennett, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

XII. **Adjourn**

I move to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:53 PM. This motion, made by Heather Friedrich and seconded by Amber Schmidt, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

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

President: _____

Secretary: _____