

The Regular Meeting for the Board of Education of Illini Central School District #189 was called to order in the ICGS Professional Development Room in Mason City at 6:00 p.m. on April 17, 2025.

President Hughes called the meeting to order with the following answering present on roll call:

Mr. Brock Boyd, Vice President
Ms. Amilee Bradshaw, Secretary
Mr. Brian Hughes, President
Mr. Dennis Hull
Ms. Laura Karker
Mr. Kent Renken
Ms. Nancy Robertson

Board members absent:

Administrators present were:

Dr. Jennifer Durbin, Superintendent
Ms. Cassy Carey, GS Principal
Ms. Kyra Fancher, MS Principal
Ms. Annie Baugher, HS Principal

Visitors: Gene Gronewald, Kristi Bruce, Sara Erlandson, Jeff Theleritis, Evan Hopkins, Sarah Lindsay, Madyson Harper

A motion was made by Renken, seconded by Karker to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting held on March 13, 2025.

The motion was put to a voice vote and the motion carried 7-0.

Financial Report

Dr. Durbin reviewed the Treasurer's Report. She explained that funds will be moved from our investments to the bank to cover construction costs. This was part of the plan and still leaves plenty in reserves.

A motion was made by Renken, seconded by Boyd to approve the bills from April 2025.

The motion was put to a roll call vote as follows: Boyd – aye, Bradshaw – aye, Hughes – aye, Hull – aye, Karker – aye, Renken – aye, Robertson – aye Motion carried 7-0

Correspondence

The board received an email from Justin Skelton.

There was no Public comment.

Superintendent Report

Dr. Durbin reported that there is a lot of uncertainty with federal grants, but the district received new Title allocations for the current fiscal year. Once the Consolidated District Plan is approved, we can apply for grants for next year. She reported that the district received all three tax computation reports, and the EAV is higher than anticipated, which will decrease the tax rate.

Grade School Principal Report

Ms. Carey reported that IAR and the science assessment have concluded. She feels that students were much better prepared, especially in math. She also highlighted the upcoming Parent Academy for parents of incoming kindergarten students.

Middle School Principal Report

Ms. Fancher also reported on the conclusion of IAR and the science assessment. She appreciated that students and families made testing a priority. She highlighted the upcoming 5th to 6th grade transition day and health fair for 5th through 8th grade.

High School Principal Report

Ms. Baugher reported on a successful 8th to 9th grade transition day, where 8th graders followed a freshman schedule for the day. High school students took the pre ACT and ACT. She highlighted the upcoming crash reenactment, Sticker Shock, Fine Arts Fair, and Reverse Career Fair. She shared that the musical was a success.

Technology Director Report

Dr. Durbin reviewed Wherley's report. She highlighted the wifi upgrade, new chromebooks, and the upcoming Fine Arts Fair.

A motion was made by Renken, seconded by Boyd to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

- 7.1 Action to approve job description for District School Psychologist
- 7.2 Action to approve agreement with IHSA for the 2025-2026 school year
- 7.3 Action to approve agreement with IESA for the 2025-2026 school year
- 7.4 Action to approve Illini Central Middle and High School Handbook for the 2025-2026 school year
- 7.5 Action to approve middle and high school music trip to Kansas City, MO April 30-May 3, 2026

The motion was put to a roll call vote as follows: Bradshaw – aye, Hughes – aye, Hull – aye, Karker – aye, Renken – aye, Robertson – aye, Boyd – aye Motion carried 7-0

The Board heard an update on the building addition project. The APR renovation is complete. Work is continuing on the final punch-list items as well as the construction of the ramp and wall in the old shop. The bathrooms that were planned for the new fitness area have been placed on hold until further notice due to additional expenses and asbestos removal requirements.

A motion was made by Hull, seconded by Bradshaw to approve Change Order #14 for railing and ramp in new fitness area in the amount of \$216,328.00.

The motion was put to a roll call vote as follows: Hughes – aye, Hull – aye, Karker – aye, Renken – no, Robertson – aye, Boyd – aye, Bradshaw – aye Motion carried 6-1

The board heard a physical education curriculum presentation. The PE department worked with instructional coach Mrs. Davis, to align skills taught in PE from grades K-12. Mr. Hopkins highlighted skills being taught in grade school, and Ms. Lindsay presented on the middle and high school skills.

A motion was made by Renken, seconded by Bradshaw to approve a two-year renewal of myPerspectives ELA curriculum for grades 6-12 in the amount of \$15,592.50.

The motion was put to a roll call vote as follows: Hull – aye, Karker – aye, Renken – aye, Robertson – aye, Boyd – aye, Bradshaw – aye, Hughes – aye Motion carried 7-0

A motion was made by Renken, seconded by Hull to approve the purchase of Amplify Science curriculum for grades 3-5 in the amount of \$31,302.14.

The motion was put to a roll call vote as follows: Karker – aye, Renken – aye, Robertson – aye, Boyd – aye, Bradshaw – aye, Hughes – aye, Hull – aye Motion carried 7-0

A motion was made by Robertson, seconded by Renken to approve the purchase of McGraw Hill Science curriculum for middle school in the amount of \$22,936.57.

The motion was put to a roll call vote as follows: Renken – aye, Robertson – aye, Boyd – aye, Bradshaw – aye, Hughes – aye, Hull – aye, Karker – aye Motion carried 7-0

A motion was made by Renken, seconded by Boyd to approve the purchase of Savvas Science curriculum for high school in the amount of \$13,643.50.

The motion was put to a roll call vote as follows: Robertson – aye, Boyd – aye, Bradshaw – aye, Hughes – aye, Hull – aye, Karker – aye, Renken – aye Motion carried 7-0

A motion was made by Renken, seconded by Bradshaw to approve the purchase of McGraw Hill Health curriculum for middle school in the amount of \$2,629.58.

The motion was put to a roll call vote as follows: Boyd – aye, Bradshaw – aye, Hughes – aye, Hull – aye, Karker – aye, Renken – aye, Robertson – aye Motion carried 7-0

A motion was made by Hull, seconded by Renken to approve the intergovernmental cooperative agreement for Mutual Assistance in Response to Crises for the CIV Region.

The motion was put to a voice vote and the motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Renken, seconded by Bradshaw to approve the agreement with KEB for FY25 auditing services.

The motion was put to a roll call vote as follows: Bradshaw – aye, Hughes – aye, Hull – aye, Karker – aye, Renken – aye, Robertson – aye, Boyd – aye Motion carried 7-0

A motion was made by Robertson, seconded by Bradshaw to approve the summer work list and expenditures not to exceed cost estimates.

The motion was put to a roll call vote as follows: Hughes – aye, Hull – aye, Karker – aye, Renken – aye, Robertson – aye, Boyd – aye, Bradshaw – aye Motion carried 7-0

A motion was made by Renken, seconded by Bradshaw to approve 2025-2028 Collective Bargaining Agreement between Illini Central CUSD #189 and Illini Central Education Association.

The motion was put to a roll call vote as follows: Hughes – aye, Hull – aye, Karker – aye, Renken – aye, Robertson – aye, Boyd – aye, Bradshaw – aye Motion carried 7-0

A motion was made by Renken, seconded by Bradshaw to go into closed session at 8:12 p.m. pursuant to:

Personnel 5 ILSC 120/2 c. (1)

The motion was put to a roll call vote as follows: Hull – aye, Karker – aye, Renken – aye, Robertson – aye, Boyd – aye, Bradshaw – aye, Hughes – aye Motion carried 7-0

A motion was made by Renken, seconded by Hull to come out of closed session at 8:23 p.m.

The motion was put to a voice vote and the motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Renken, seconded by Karker to accept the resignations of non-certified staff Melissa Barnes, counseling and athletic secretary, at the conclusion of the 2024-2025 school year; certified staff Sarah Fry, grade school special education teacher, at the conclusion of the 2024-2025 school year; and activities staff Tony Thomas, middle and high school baseball coach, at the conclusion of the 2024-2025 school year.

The motion was put to a voice vote and the motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Renken, seconded by Hull to approve the employment of non certified staff Melissa Barnes, paraprofessional for the 2025-2026 school year.

The motion was put to a roll call vote as follows: Karker – aye, Renken – aye, Robertson – aye, Boyd – aye, Bradshaw – aye, Hughes – aye, Hull – aye Motion carried 7-0

A motion was made by Renken, seconded by Bradshaw to approve the employment of activities staff Keaton Wort, middle school baseball coach for the 2025-2026 school year; and Keaton Wort, high school baseball coach for the 2025-2026 school year.

The motion was put to a roll call vote as follows: Renken – aye, Robertson – aye, Boyd – aye, Bradshaw – aye, Hughes – aye, Hull – aye, Karker – aye Motion carried 7-0

A motion was made by Renken, seconded by Karker to approve the employment of certified staff Elizabeth Galka, District Psychologist for the 2025-2026 school year.

The motion was put to a roll call vote as follows: Robertson – aye, Boyd – aye, Bradshaw – aye, Hughes – aye, Hull – aye, Karker – aye, Renken – aye Motion carried 7-0

The board discussed a date for an upcoming board member training.

A motion was made by Renken, seconded by Robertson to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

The motion was put to a voice vote and the motion carried 7-0.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 15, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the ICGS Professional Development Room in Mason City, IL.

Brian Hughes, President
Illini Central CUSD 189
Board of Education

Amilee Bradshaw, Secretary
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