

Midwest Central Community Unit School District #191
Unit Office, 1010 S Washington St, Manito, IL 61546
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Wednesday, June 17, 2026 - 6:30 PM

Board Minutes

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

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

III. Recognition of High School Track Athlete

IV. Visitors Wishing to Address the Board

V. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes

1. Open Meetings - May 20, 2026
2. Destruction of Closed Meeting Verbatim Records - December 5, 2024

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 Jay Blair and seconded by Alyssa Bennett, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

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

VII. Reports

A. FOIA

1. Sheri Reid - SmartProcure
2. Tania Campbell - databid

B. Transportation Report

C. Principals

- Ms. Timm reported: MCPS chosen to apply for Blue Ribbon award for closing the gap, currently working on application, 16 schools will be awarded
- Mrs. Matthews reported: discipline report; school finished well with promotion ceremony; sports camps in session

- Mr. Welch reported: sports camps in session, summer teams staying busy; 2026 Senior class gift was new conference banners

D. Superintendent

1. Audit Findings
2. Miller, Hall and Triggs Letter
3. Sales Tax Update

VIII. Business Discussion/Action Items

A. 2026-27 Board Meeting Dates

I move to approve the proposed 2026-27 board meeting dates as presented. This motion, made by Alyssa Bennett and seconded by Melinda Beebe, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

B. Donation - Estate of Beverly K. Derry, \$48,785.88

I move to approve the acceptance of the donation from the Estate of Beverly K. Derry (Harris) in the memory of her parents John and Ada Harris in the amount of \$48,785.88. This motion, made by Melinda Beebe and seconded by Amber Schmidt, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

C. Consolidated District Plan

I move to approve the Consolidated District Plan as presented. This motion, made by Amber Schmidt and seconded by Scott Dierker, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

D. Insurance Review

I move to approve the insurance package renewal as presented. Roll call. This motion, made by Amber Schmidt and seconded by Jay Blair, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Heather Askins: Absent

Melinda Beebe: Yea

Alyssa Bennett: Yea

Jay Blair: Yea

Scott Dierker: Yea

Amber Schmidt: Yea

Tara Zaayenga: Yea

E. Interfund Transfer re Educational Fund and O and M Fund to Transportation Fund

Motion to approve Interfund Transfer re Educational Fund and O and M Fund to Transportation Fund. Roll call. This motion, made by Jay Blair and seconded by Amber Schmidt, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Heather Askins: Absent

Melinda Beebe: Yea

Alyssa Bennett: Yea

Jay Blair: Yea

Scott Dierker: Yea

Amber Schmidt: Yea

Tara Zaayenga: Yea

F. Consideration of the Resolution Affirming the Public Hearing Regarding the 2025-26 Budget and Amended Budget

I move to approve the Resolution Affirming the Public Hearing and the amended budget as presented. Roll call. This motion, made by Scott Dierker and seconded by Alyssa Bennett, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Heather Askins: Absent

Melinda Beebe: Yea

Alyssa Bennett: Yea

Jay Blair: Yea

Scott Dierker: Yea

Amber Schmidt: Yea

Tara Zaayenga: Yea

G. 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 Jay Blair and seconded by Amber Schmidt, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

H. Second Reading and Adoption - PRESS Policy and Procedure Updates March 2026 - Issue 121

This is the second reading and adoption of the following policy updates as recommended by PRESS:

- 2:200 Types of Policy Board/Executive Committee Meetings
- 2:220 Policy Board/Executive Committee Meeting Procedure
- 2:250 Access to Cooperative Public Records
- 2:260 Uniform Grievance Procedure
- 3:65 Staff Supervision
- 4:165 Awareness and Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Grooming Behaviors
- 5:30 Hiring Process and Criteria
- 5:70 Religious Holidays
- 5:250 Leaves of Absence
- 5:330 Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves
- 6:65 Student Social and Emotional Development
- 6:100 Using Animals in the Educational Program
- 7:20 Harassment of Students Prohibited
- 7:50 School Admissions and Eligibility for Services
- 7:100 Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students
- 7:185 Teen Dating Violence Prohibited
- 7:230 Misconduct by Students with Disabilities
- 8:90 Parent Organizations and Booster Clubs

I. This is the first reading of the following policy updates as recommended for Review & Monitoring by PRESS:

- 5:20-E Exhibit - Resolution to Prohibit Sexual Harassment - New to District
- 7:280 Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease

J. The following policy has been rewritten:

- 2:140-E Exhibit - Guidance for Board Member Communications, Including Email Use

I move to approve the second reading and adoption of PRESS Policy and Procedures March 2026 - Issue 121 as presented. This motion, made by Alyssa Bennett and seconded by Jay Blair, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

K. Primary School 2025-26 Extra-Curricular Sponsors

I move to approve the Primary School Extra-Curricular Sponsors for the 2026-27 school year as presented. This motion, made by Amber Schmidt and seconded by Alyssa Bennett, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

L. Middle School 2026-27 Extra-Curricular Sponsors and Coaching Staff

I move to approve the Middle School Extra-Curricular Sponsors and Coaching Staff for the 2026-27 school year as presented. This motion, made by Alyssa Bennett and seconded by Amber Schmidt, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

M. High School 2026-27 Extra-Curricular Sponsors and Coaching Staff

I move to approve the High School Extra-Curricular Sponsors and Coaching Staff for the 2026-27 school year as presented. This motion, made by Amber Schmidt and seconded by Scott Dierker, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

N. Middle School - School Improvement Goals 2026-27

I move to approve the middle school improvement goals as presented for 2026-27. This motion, made by Melinda Beebe and seconded by Jay Blair, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

O. 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 Jay Blair and seconded by Melinda Beebe, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

P. High School Gym Bid Consideration

I move to approve the high school gym bid with MCP for the 2026-27 school year. Roll call. This motion, made by Scott Dierker and seconded by Jay Blair, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Heather Askins: Absent

Melinda Beebe: Yea

Alyssa Bennett: Yea

Jay Blair: Yea

Scott Dierker: Yea

Amber Schmidt: Yea

Tara Zaayenga: Yea

IX. Executive Session to Discuss

I move to enter into executive session to discuss 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1), (2), and (21) at 7:08 PM. Roll call. This motion, made by Amber Schmidt and seconded by Melinda Beebe, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Heather Askins: Absent

Melinda Beebe: Yea

Alyssa Bennett: Yea

Jay Blair: Yea

Scott Dierker: 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)(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).

X. Departing Executive Session

I move to depart executive session at 7:22 PM. This motion, made by Alyssa Bennett and seconded by Melinda Beebe, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

XI. Personnel Discussion/Action Items

A. Hiring

- Amanda Walker - Middle School Paraprofessional
- Kattie Ridlen - Middle School Paraprofessional

I move to approve hiring Amanda Walker and Kattie Ridlen as Middle School Paraprofessionals for the 2026-27 school year. This motion, made by Scott Dierker and seconded by Melinda Beebe, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

B. Appointments

- Catherine Byrd - Middle School Beta Club Sponsor
- Emily Mooningham - Middle School Student Council Sponsor
- Rodney Norris - Middle School Cross Country Coach
- Lucas DeFrance - Middle School Baseball Volunteer
- Kyndal Heberer - Middle School Assistant Baseball Coach
- Jessica Sidwell - Freshman Class Sponsor
- Julie DeSutter - Junior Class Sponsor

I move to approve appointing Catherine Byrd as Middle School Beta Club Sponsor, Emily Mooningham as Middle School Student Council Sponsor, Rodney Norris as Middle School Cross Country Coach, Lucas DeFrance as a Middle School Baseball Volunteer, Kyndal Heberer as Middle School Assistant Baseball Coach, Jessica Sidwell as Freshman Class Sponsor, and Julie DeSutter as Junior Class Sponsor for the 2026-27 school year. This motion, made by Scott Dierker and seconded by Amber Schmidt, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

C. Informational Items - Resignations, Employee Transfers

1. Steve Snider - Resignation - Freshman Class Sponsor
2. DeEtte Garman - Resignation - Middle School Beta Club Sponsor
3. Sara Fehl - Transfer - Middle School Paraprofessional to Middle School Special Education Teacher
4. Noah Zuercher - Transfer - Middle School ELA to High School ELA
5. Hannah Burke - Transfer - High School ELA to Middle School ELA
6. Emma Stout - Transfer - Kindergarten to 2nd Grade
7. Patty Noonan - Transfer - Primary School / Middle School Paraprofessional to Primary School Paraprofessional

D. Other Personnel Items

XII. Closed Session Minutes - May 20, 2026

I move to approve the closed session minutes of May 20, 2026. This motion, made by Jay Blair and seconded by Alyssa Bennett, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

XIII. Adjourn

I move to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:25 PM. This motion, made by Amber Schmidt and seconded by Scott Dierker, Passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

XIV. The next meeting is July 15, 2026 at 6:30 PM at the High School

President: _____

Secretary: _____