

**NORTH CENTRAL AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING**

Date/Time: Wednesday, August 19, 2026 6:00 PM CDT

Location: North Central Jr/Sr High School

1. Meeting called to order by President Chris Fazer at 6:00PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call:

- A. PRESENT: Craig VanEnkevort, Jordan St. John, Melissa Mercier, Kelly Plunger, Matt Bouty, Chris Fazer
Administration: Travis Depuydt - Superintendent/Elementary Principal, Wendy Granquist – Board Appointed Secretary/Business Manager, Donny Bianco – MS/HS Principal & Athletic Director, Amanda Norkoli – Director of Online Learning & At-Risk Coordinator
- B. TARDY:
- C. ABSENT: Nathan Fleetwood

4. Agenda:

- A. No items to be added or deleted
- B. There were no items to be excluded from the consent agenda to be dealt with individually.
- C. Motion by Mercier, supported by Bouty to approve the agenda. Motion carried, 6-0.

5. Consent Agenda

- A. Reports
 - i. Carol Welch – Old Schoolhouse: Carol Welch was in attendance to discuss what will be done with the old schoolhouse and property. VanEnkevort stated that if it was to be sold, there would be a sealed bid process with stipulations in place in regards to what the buyer will be doing with the property. Welch questioned why the stipulations needed to be place. VanEnkevort said they have to be in place to protect the property and the school from just anyone buying it. She also questioned the timeline of the process. It will take some time to get everything in order and nothing should be expected this calendar year. Welch was instructed to come back to Dr. Depuydt with a plan for the property to get the process started.

- ii. Transportation/Maintenance Directors Report: Dr. Depuydt provided the written report.
- iii. Director of Online Learning Report: Ms. Norkoli gave her report.
- iv. Athletic Directors Report: Mr. Bianco gave his report.
- v. MS/HS Principals Report: Mr. Bianco gave his report.
- vi. Superintendent/Elem. Principal Report: Dr. Depuydt gave his report.

B. Regular Board Meeting & Workshop Minutes:

- i. July 15, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

C. Motion by Bouty, supported by St. John to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried, 6-0.

6. Bills

- A. Motion by Mercier, supported by St. John to approve the July/August bills.
General Fund - \$19,302.48 Activity - \$860.01 Lunch - \$0.00
Motion carried, 6-0.

7. Action Items

- A. Motion by VanEnkevort, supported by Plunger to approve the 2026-2027 milk bid for North Central Area Schools (Hoppe Dairy). Motion carried, 6-0.
- B. Motion by Bouty, supported by St. John to approve the 2026-2027 bread bid for North Central Area Schools (Pan O Gold Baking Co.). Motion carried, 6-0.
- C. Motion by Mercier, supported by St. John to approve the hire of Lindsey Wolsker as special education paraprofessional. Motion carried, 6-0.
- D. Motion by Bouty, supported by VanEnkevort to approve the hire of Megan Kleikamp as GSRP/Daycare paraprofessional. Motion carried, 6-0.
- E. Motion by Plunger, supported by Mercier to approve the hire of Vicki Snyder as long-term sub for junior high math. Motion carried, 6-0.
- F. Motion by Bouty, supported by Plunger to approve the hire of Bobi DeAngelo as 2nd Cook. Motion carried, 6-0.
- G. Motion by Bouty, supported by St. John to approve the hire of Connie Wells as long-term sub for Title I. Motion carried, 6-0.

- H. Motion by VanEnkevort, supported by Mercier to approve the hire of Sara Seymour as JH social studies teacher. Motion carried, 6-0.
- I. Motion by Bouty, supported by St. John to approve the 2026 Tax Rate Request. Motion carried, 6-0.
- J. Motion by Mercier, supported by Fazer to approve the 2026-2027 NCA Course Catalog. Motion carried, 6-0.
- K. Motion by Mercier, supported by St. John to approve the resignation of Bree Arsenault as 7th grade boys basketball coach. Motion carried, 6-0.
- L. Motion by Bouty, supported by Fazer to approve the hire of Reggie Johnson as 7th grade boys basketball coach. Motion carried, 6-0.
- M. Motion by Mercier, supported by Bouty to approve the resignation of Riley Miller as custodian. Motion carried, 6-0.
- N. Motion by Plunger, supported by Bouty to approve the contract renewal for Kristin Hahn as 2nd year probationary teacher. Motion carried, 6-0.
- O. Motion by Mercier, supported by VanEnkevort to approve the contract renewal for Katy Hicks as 2nd year probationary teacher. Motion carried, 6-0.
- P. Motion by Bouty, supported by Mercier to approve the hire of McKenzie Hoffmeyer as long-term sub for Art and English. Motion carried, 6-0.
- Q. Motion by St. John, supported by Bouty to approve the resignation of Zeke Strand as MS Social Studies teacher, JV football coach, and varsity golf coach effective immediately. Motion carried, 6-0.
- R. Teacher Termination Hearing. Possible Closed Session: None
- S. Motion by Plunger, supported by St. John to approve the termination of Zoe Williams effective August 20, 2026. Roll Call: VanEnkevort – Yes, Mercier – Yes, Fazer – Yes, Plunger – Yes, Bouty – Yes, St. John – Yes. Motion carried, 6-0.

8. Public Comment

- A. Trista St. John: Trista was in attendance to ask for the start of a girls softball program at North Central. She's been coaching the little league program for several seasons and understands that they would need to be self-funded. She stated there are several girls that are interested in playing for our school, just not in the co-op program. Mr. Bianco will check with the MHSAA to see what will need to be done as soon as possible.
- B. Mike Lyons: Mike thanked the board for taking a chance on hiring him.

9. Board Discussion

- A. Consolidation Project Update: They continue to have bi-weekly meetings. Currently are looking at areas to dial back to get within the budget. Almost where they need to be.
- B. Coaching Contracts: Bianco asked the Board their thoughts on having coaches re-apply every year for their positions. It used to be done this way and was changed. Bianco said it would allow flexibility in moving coaches around and getting staff members who are interested more opportunities to coach.

10. Other Business

- A. None

11. Adjournment

- A. Motion by VanEnkevort, supported by St. John to adjourn from the August 19, 2026 Regular Board of Education Meeting at 7:05 PM. Motion carried, 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Plunger, Secretary