

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

Date/Time: Wednesday, September 16, 2026 6:00 PM CDT

Location: North Central Elementary School

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call:

A. PRESENT: Jordan St. John, Melissa Mercier, Kelly Plunger, Matt Bouty, Chris Fazer
Administration: Travis Depuydt - Superintendent/Elementary Principal, Wendy
Granquist – Board Appointed Secretary/Business Manager

B. TARDY:

C. ABSENT: Nathan Fleetwood, Craig VanEnkevort

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 St. John, supported by Plunger to approve the agenda. Motion carried, 5-0.

5. Consent Agenda

A. Reports

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

B. Regular Board Meeting & Workshop Minutes:

i. August 19, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

- C. Motion by Bouty, supported by St. John to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried, 5-0.

6. Bills

- A. Motion by Mercier, supported by Plunger to approve the August/September bills.
General Fund - \$52,894.46 Activity - \$7,927.07 Lunch - \$10,474.38 Capitol Projects
Account – 57,866.08
Motion carried, 5-0.

7. Action Items

- A. Motion by St. John, supported by Bouty to approve the North Central Wrestling Team as a district-funded, school sponsored athletic program beginning with the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried, 5-0.
- B. Motion by Bouty, supported by Mercier to approve Alex Naser as interim JV Football Coach effective August 17, 2026. Motion carried, 5-0.
- C. Motion by Bouty, supported by Plunger to approve the state aid operating notes resolution not to exceed \$300,000 for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. Motion carried, 5-0.
- D. Motion by Bouty, supported by Mercier to approve the creation of a North Central Softball Team to compete in MHSAA sanctioned events beginning with the 2026-2027 season, with the understanding that they must be self-funded for a minimum of 3 years. Motion carried, 5-0.
- E. Motion by St. John, supported by Mercier to approve an annual application and appointment process for all coaching positions, effective with the 2027-2028 school year, whereby all coaching positions will be posted annually and interested individuals, including incumbent coaches, will be required to apply for consideration. Motion carried, 5-0.

8. Public Comment

- A. John Raab: Youth wrestling program is looking for a place to call their own. Questioned about the school leasing a building for wrestling, softball, and baseball.
- B. Pat Dani – The fire department would like to purchase land north of the fire hall.

9. Board Discussion

- A. Consolidation Project Update: Travis met with Bridget from Miron. Would like to get involved with our CTE program and allow students to work on the project.

- B. Kelly Plunger: Need to start looking at selling the wood chip boiler
- C. Matt Bouty: Need to get a sign for the restrooms at football games
- D. Board asked about the baseball coaching position and reposting it.

10. Other Business

- A. None

11. Adjournment

- A. Motion by Plunger, supported by Mercier to adjourn from the September 16, 2026 Regular Board of Education Meeting at 6:46 PM. Motion carried, 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Plunger, Secretary