

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

Date/Time: Wednesday, September 24, 2025 6:00 PM CDT

Location: North Central Elementary School

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call:

A. PRESENT: Nathan Fleetwood, Kelly Plunger, Melissa Mercier, Matt Bouty, Chris Fazer, Jordan St. John

Administration: Travis Depuydt - Superintendent/Elementary Principal, Donny Bianco – MS/HS Principal & Athletic Director, Wendy Granquist – Board Appointed Secretary/Business Manager, Amanda Norkoli – Dir. Online Learning/At-Risk Coordinator

B. TARDY:

C. ABSENT: 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 Plunger, supported by St. John to approve the agenda. Motion carried, 6-0.

5. Consent Agenda

A. Reports

i. Transportation/Maintenance Directors Report: Dr. Depuydt gave the report

ii. Athletic Directors Report: Mr. Bianco gave his report

iii. Director of Online Learning Report: Ms. Norkoli gave her report

iv. MS/HS Principals Report: Mr. Bianco gave his report

- v. Superintendent/Elem. Principal Report: Dr. Depuydt gave his report.

B. Regular Board Meeting & Workshop Minutes:

- i. August 20, 2025 Regular Meeting

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

6. Bills

- A. Motion by Plunger, supported by Fleetwood to approve the payment of the bills:

General Fund – \$68,475.57 Activity – \$6,748.46 Lunch – \$18,701.24 Debt – \$101.99

Motion carried, 6-0.

7. Action Items

- A. Motion by St. John, supported by Bouty to approve the contract addendum for Ken Klee regarding bus maintenance. Motion carried, 6-0.
- B. Motion by Plunger, supported by Mercier to approve the hire of Amber Dombrowski as part time athletic trainer for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried, 6-0.
- C. Motion by Bouty, supported by Plunger to approve the memorandum of understanding between the NCA ESP and NCA Board of Education regarding bus driving pay structure. Motion carried, 6-0.
- D. Motion by St. John, supported by Fleetwood to approve Bree Arsenault as 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach. Motion carried, 6-0.
- E. Motion by Mercier, supported by Bouty to approve the 2025-2026 officials pay rates. Motion carried, 6-0.
- F. Motion by Plunger supported by St. John to approve the state aid operating notes resolution not to exceed \$300,000 for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. Motion carried, 6-0.
- G. Motion by Mercier, supported by Plunger to approve the hire of Riley Miller as part-time custodian for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried, 6-0.
- H. Motion by Mercier, supported by Bouty to approve Coleman Engineering as the winning bid for the “North Central Area Schools Site Topographic Survey Project”. Motion carried, 6-0.

8. Public Comment

- A. None

9. Board Discussion

- A. NCA Consolidation Project – Absent voter ballots are available starting today. Had informational meeting last Friday. The Q&A portion is becoming the most important part of the meetings.
- B. Budget Update – Depuydt provided an update on the state budget. Not a lot to update on. Proposals look good to citizens. Eliminating funds to small rural schools. Eliminating some categoricals.

10. Other Business

- A. St. John asked about a Plan B for the consolidation grant.
- B. Mercier asked about the tennis courts at the high school.

11. Adjournment

- A. Motion by Bouty, supported by Mercier to adjourn from the September 24, 2025 Regular Board of Education Meeting at 6:58 PM. Motion carried, 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Plunger, Secretary