West Central Education District Board Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2026, 5:30 pm; WCED Offices Room 6, Melrose

Board member Quarfot called the meeting to order at 5:28 pm. Board members Rosenberger, Pearson, and Quarfot were present. Board member Henkelman was absent. Superintendents Redemske, Dingmann, Peschel, and Bullard were present. Director Hoffman, Administrator Hoffarth, Supervisor Luethmers, and Business Manager Evenson were also present.

Rosenberger made a motion and Pearson seconded approval of the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Following a review of consent agenda items, Pearson moved and Rosenberger seconded approval of the July 13, 2026 Meeting Minutes, July and August 2026 Treasurers' Reports and Bills Payable #25135-25199, donations (including a $1,000 donation from the Paynesville Community Center intended to cover additional rent expenses), and personnel items (including lane changes, a Memorandum of Understanding, and a leave request). Motion carried unanimously.

Under New Business, Board Policy 530 (Immunizations) was presented for first reading. No action was required.

Under New Business, the Cardiac Response Plan was presented for approval. Rosenberger moved to approve, Pearson seconded. Discussion noted that this plan serves as an addendum to Policy 806 and the district's overall Crisis Response Plan. Updates include moving the automated external defibrillator (AED) to a more accessible location within the facility. Administration noted that WCED does not currently possess a "Stop the Bleed" kit and will coordinate with Deputy Breth and CentraCare to acquire one. Motion carried unanimously.

Under New Business, updates to the SAIL Handbook were presented for approval. Pearson moved to approve, Rosenberger seconded. Discussion noted that the handbook was updated to accurately reflect the program's new location. Motion carried unanimously.

Under New Business, the Lakes Country Service Cooperative (LCSC) Blind and Visually Impaired (BVI) Services Contract was presented for approval. Pearson moved to approve, Rosenberger seconded. Discussion noted that the district's previous BVI service provider gave notice of inability to provide a teacher. LCSC had available service hours to contract, with Glen Hoppe filling in as needed in the interim. Motion carried unanimously.

Under Old Business, Board Policies 208, 402, 423, 521, 524, 621, 722, and 806 were presented for second reading and final approval. Rosenberger moved to approve, Pearson seconded. Discussion noted no questions and confirmed all policies align with Minnesota School Boards Association (MSBA) model policies. Motion carried unanimously.

Under Reports, Director Hoffman, Administrator Hoffarth, and Supervisor Luethmers shared administrative updates, and current enrollment data was reviewed.

The next meeting date and time was established for Monday, November 9, 2026, at 5:30 pm at the WCED offices in Melrose, Room 6.

Quarfot adjourned the meeting at 6:01 pm.

Clerk _____ Board Chair, Jerald Quarfot signed in place of the Clerk who was not present at the meeting.

Date 11-9-26