

**Independent School District #771
Chokio-Alberta Public School
Official Minutes**

Regular School Board Meeting

**Monday, March 16, 2026
7:00 p.m. Chokio**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present were: Christina Pederson, Matt Westerman, Mark Gibson, Heidi Brethorst, Chandler Erickson and Steve Howe. Also present were Tate Jerome, Blake Stoltman(Bus. Mgr.), Shaun McNally, Kayla Kirchner and Brooke Johnson.

Motion by Steve Howe seconded by Matt Westerman to approve the agenda.

Motion Carried Unanimously (6-0).

Motion by Mark Gibson seconded by Chandler Erickson to approve the regular meeting minutes from February 17, 2026.

Motion Carried Unanimously (6-0).

Motion by Steve Howe seconded by Heidi Brethorst to approve the bills as presented \$151,232.82.

Motion carried Unanimously (6-0).

Financial Report given by Blake Stoltman – Bus. Mgr. Ottetail adjustments made for this school year – Community Ed vs General Fund.

No Public Comments

Motion by Mark Gibson seconded by Matt Westerman to approve Brady Martz as auditors for ISD 771 for the FY26.

Motion carried Unanimously (6-0).

Motion by Steve Howe seconded by Heidi Brethorst to approve the purchase of a digital camera system and installation by Info-Link Wireless from Morris, MN.

Motion carried Unanimously (6-0)

Discussion of Parents Survey for 4 Day Week.

Discussion of the following:

1. 7,178 gallons of LP left on contract from Jerry's U Save.
2. Geo-Mapping process for C-A.

Personnel Items:

1. Motion by Mark Gibson seconded by Matt Westerman to approve the resignation of Ellen Helgeson as the High School Spec Ed Teacher at 60% and the Band Teacher at 40% after the 2025-2026 school year.
Motion carried Unanimously (6-0)
2. Motion by Matt Westerman seconded by Chandler Erickson to approve the resignation of Robert Walsh as the High School Language Arts Teacher after the 2025-2026 school year.
Motion carried Unanimously (6-0).

3. Motion by Steve Howe seconded by Heidi Brethorst to approve the contract for Adam Foslien as the PreK-12 Principal/Athletic Director/ Testing Coordinator/Academic-PSEO Advisor for the 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 school years.

Motion carried Unanimously (6-0)

4. Motion by Mark Gibson seconded by Steve Howe to approve the contract for Tate Jerome as the Superintendent/Principal/Testing Coordinator/Academic-PSEO Mentor for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion carried Unanimously (6-0)

Board Committee Reports: None given.

No Other Business

Motion by Steve Howe seconded by Matt Westerman to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried Unanimously (6-0).

Mark Gibson, Board Clerk