

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

Regular School Board Meeting

**Monday, May 18, 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. Others present were Tate Jerome and Kim Marty.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously (6-0).

Motion by Heidi Brethorst seconded by Chandler Erickson to approve the regular meeting minutes from April 20, 2026.

Motion Carried Unanimously (6-0).

Motion by Mark Gibson seconded by Steve Howe to approve the bills as presented totaling \$190,793.40.

Motion carried Unanimously (6-0).

Financial Report given by Blake Stoltman.

Personnel Items:

1. Motion by Steve Howe seconded by Matt Westerman to approve raising Murray Smart's rate for Driver's Education Instruction to \$28/hour.
Motion carried Unanimously (6-0).
2. Motion by Heidi Brethorst seconded by Steve Howe to approve the hiring of Becca Holland as the 6th grade teacher for the 2026/2027 school year.
Motion carried Unanimously (5-0). (*Chandler Erickson abstained*).
3. Motion by Steve Howe seconded by Heidi Brethorst to approve the hiring of Alivia Jerome as a Summer Custodian starting May 26, 2026.
Motion Carried Unanimously (6-0).
4. Motion by Mark Gibson seconded by Matt Westerman to approve the proposed Summer Rec and Pool wages/salary price updates for the 2026-2027 school year.
Motion Carried Unanimously (6-0).

Motion by Matt Westerman seconded by Chandler Erickson to approve the 26/27 Resolution for Membership in the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL).

Motion carried Unanimously (6-0).

Committee Reports given.

Motion by Mark Gibson seconded by Steve Howe to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried Unanimously (6-0).

Mark Gibson, Clerk