

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

Regular School Board Meeting

**Monday, August 10, 2026
7:00 p.m. Chokio**

The meeting was called to order by Christina Pederson at 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present were: Christina Pederson, Matt Westerman, Steve Howe and Chandler Erickson. Others present: Principal Adam Foslien and Supt. Tate Jerome. Members absent: Mark Gibson and Heidi Brethorst.

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

Motion Carried Unanimously (4-0).

Motion by Matt Westerman seconded by Chandler Erickson to approve the regular meeting minutes from July 20, 2026.

Motion Carried Unanimously (4-0).

Financial Report given Blake Stoltman:

- \$180,268 decrease.
- Roofing \$100,000.
- Ceiling Tiles \$6,800.
- Preparing for Audit.

Motion by Steve Howe seconded by Chandler Erickson to approve the August bills totaling \$240,262.75.

Motion carried Unanimously (4-0).

Motion by Matt Westerman seconded by Chandler Erickson to approve using up to five (5) E-Learning Days for weather or emergency related school closings for the 2026-27 school year.

Motion Carried Unanimously (4-0)

Motion by Matt Westerman seconded by Steve Howe to approve the adoption or update of Policy 504 Student Dress and Appearance.

Motion Carried Unanimously (4-0)

Motion by Chandler Erickson seconded by Matt Westerman to approve the 2026-27 Parent/Student Handbook.

Motion Carried Unanimously (4-0)

Motion by Matt Westerman seconded by Steve Howe to approve the 2026-27 Faculty Handbook.

Motion Carried Unanimously (4-0)

Personnel Items:

- Motion by Steve Howe seconded by Chandler Erickson to approve the hiring of Bryana Sanasack as a Tier 2 Para-Professional.
Motion Carried Unanimously (4-0)
- Motion by Steve Howe seconded by Chandler Erickson to approve the 26-27 contract for Sprout Midwest Wellness for counseling services.
Motion Carried Unanimously (4-0)

Motion by Matt Westerman seconded by Chandler Erickson to approve the new IRS Mileage Rate to \$0.76.

Motion Carried Unanimously (4-0)

No Public Comments

Principal Report:

- 161 total student enrollment so far for 2026-27.
- High School schedule is done and will be handed out at Open House.
- Tom Johnson and summer custodial help has been top notch.
- First day of school is September 1, 2026.

No Board Committee Report

Motion by Matt Westerman seconded by Chandler Erickson to adjourn.

Motion carried Unanimously (4-0).

Matt Westerman, Board Vice-Chair