

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

**Regular School Board Meeting**

**Monday, August 21, 2023  
7:00 p.m. Chokio**

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

Members present were: Mark Gibson, Christina Pederson, Matt Westerman, Kurt Staples, Robyn Marty and Heidi Brethorst. Others present: Tate Jerome, Nick-Paper.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Motion by Matt Westerman seconded by Robyn Marty to approve the agenda.  
**Motion Carried Unanimously (6-0).**

AGENDA

Motion by Christina Pederson seconded by Kurt Staples to approve the regular meeting minutes from July 17, 2023.  
**Motion Carried Unanimously (6-0).**

MINUTES

Financial Report given by Tate Jerome and Blake Stoltman

FINANCIAL REPORT

Motion by Robyn Marty seconded by Heidi Brethorst to approve the August bills totaling \$208,776.49.  
**Motion carried Unanimously (6-0).**

BILLS

Personnel Items:

PERSONNEL ITEMS

- Motion by Kurt Staples seconded by Matt Westerman to approve salary increase of \$1.50/hour for 23-24 year and \$1.00/hour increase for 24-25 year for hourly employees.  
**Motion Carried Unanimously (4-0)** \*Heidi Brethorst-Abstain.  
\*Robyn Marty-Abstain.
- Motion by Christina Pederson seconded by Kurt Staples to approve benefit update to include a 403(b) option for hourly employees with a \$500/year matching employer contribution for 12-month hourly employees and \$375/year matching employer contribution for 9-month hourly employees.  
**Motion Carried Unanimously (6-0)** \*Heidi Brethorst-Abstain.  
\*Robyn Marty-Abstain.
- Motion by Kurt Staples seconded by Robyn Marty to approve hiring Britney Schlapkohl and Kathy Karston as a level 1 or equivalent on pay schedule Spec Ed Paraprofessional and/or Teachers' Aide.  
**Motion carried Unanimously (6-0).**

No Public Comments

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Motion by Robyn Marty seconded by Matt Westerman to approve the setting of a date for the Levy Limitations and Certification Hearing for December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023.  
**Motion Carried Unanimously (6-0).**

LEVY LIMITATIONS AND  
CERTIFICATION HEARING

Motion by Christina Pederson seconded by Robyn Marty to approve the Interquest Detection Canines contract for the 2023-24 school year. <b>Motion Carried Unanimously (6-0).</b>	INTERQUEST DETECTION CANINES CONTRACT
Motion by Robyn Marty seconded by Matt Westerman to approve the 2023-24 Parent/Student Handbook. <b>Motion Carried Unanimously (6-0)</b>	2023-24 PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK
Motion by Robyn Marty seconded by Heidi Brethorst to approve having a school board working session in near future to update and inform on building and grounds current conditions on Wednesday, August 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 at 6:30pm. <b>Motion Carried Unanimously (6-0).</b>	2023-24 SAFE RETURN TO SCHOOL
Administrative Report: None Given.	ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS
Board: None given.	
No Other Business	OTHER BUSINESS
Motion by Robyn Marty seconded by Matt Westerman to adjourn. <b>Motion carried Unanimously (6-0).</b>	ADJOURN

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**Christina Pederson, Board Clerk**

**Next meeting:** Monday, Sept. 18, 2023 @ 7:00pm