

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

Regular School Board Meeting

**Tuesday, January 13, 2025
7:00 p.m. Chokio**

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

Members present: Mark Gibson, Christina Pederson, Matt Westerman, Heidi Brethorst, Steve Howe and Chandler Erickson. Others present: Tate Jerome, Kayla Morrill, Rachel Schott, Sandi Marlow-Weber and Carrie Redden (newspaper).

MEMBERS PRESENT

Motion by Matt Westerman seconded by Christina Pederson to approve the agenda.

AGENDA

Motion Carried Unanimously (6-0).

Election of Officers

Chairperson: Nomination of Mark Gibson by Christina Pederson. Seconded by Steve Howe. (Mark Gibson abstained)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion Carried Unanimously (5-0).

Vice-Chair: Nomination of Matt Westerman by Christina Pederson. Seconded by Steve Howe. (Matt Westerman abstained)

Motion Carried Unanimously (5-0).

Clerk/Treasurer: Nomination of Christina Pederson by Matt Westerman. Seconded by Steve Howe. (Christina Pederson abstained)

Motion Carried Unanimously (5-0).

Motion by Heidi Brethorst seconded by Matt Westerman to approve the date, time, and location for regular meetings as follows:

DATE, TIME, AND
LOCATION OF REGULAR
MEETINGS

Date = 3rd Monday (except January & February – 3rd Tuesday)

Time = 7:00 pm

Location = Chokio-Alberta School

Motion Carried Unanimously (6-0).

Motion by Steve Howe seconded by Heidi Brethorst to approve the Chokio Review as the official newspaper for the district.

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

Motion carried Unanimously (6-0).

Motion by Christina Pederson seconded by Matt Westerman to approve Dacotah Bank as the Official Depository for the district.

OFFICIAL DEPOSITORY

Motion carried Unanimously (6-0)

Motion by Matt Westerman seconded by Heidi Brethorst to approve the 2025 IRS approved rate of \$.70 cents/mile for mileage reimbursement for Chokio-Alberta Public Schools employees when using personal vehicle for district needs.

MILEAGE
REIMBURSEMENT RATE

Motion carried Unanimously (6-0)

Motion by Christina Pederson seconded by Heidi Brethorst to approve the Pay and Benefits for Board Members to be as follows: \$60 for chair and \$50 for all others per meeting.
Motion carried Unanimously (6-0)

PAY AND BENEFITS
FOR BOARD
MEMBERS

Motion by Chandler Erickson seconded by Matt Westerman to approve the meal reimbursement rate for board members and district employees as follows: Legitimate Itemized Expense.
Motion carried Unanimously (6-0)

MEAL
REIMBURSEMENT
RATE

Motion by Heidi Brethorst seconded by Steve Howe to approve the authorization of Supt Jerome and/or designee to complete wire transfers and make investments of district revenues.
Motion carried Unanimously (6-0).

AUTHORIZE WIRE
TRANSFERS

Motion by Heidi Brethorst seconded by Matt Westerman to approve the board committee assignments for 2025. See Attachment.
Motion carried Unanimously (6-0)

2025 BOARD
COMMITTEE
ASSIGNMENTS

Motion by Christina Pederson seconded by Heidi Brethorst to approve the regular meeting minutes from December 16, 2024.
Motion Carried Unanimously (6-0).

MINUTES

Motion by Heidi Brethorst seconded by Matt Westerman to approve the bills as presented \$252,103.35.
Motion carried Unanimously (6-0).

BILLS

Financial Report given by Tanya Monson-Ek, Business Manager, via speakerphone.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Motion by Matt Westerman seconded by Christina Pederson to approve paraprofessional Britney Schlapkohl's maternity leave.
Motion carried Unanimously (6-0).

MATERNITY LEAVE –
B. SCHLAPKOHL

No Public Comments

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Motion by Steve Howe seconded by Heidi Brethorst to approve resolution to require administration to make recommendations for reductions in programs and discontinuance of positions due to financial conditions and lack of pupils - by roll call vote.
Mark Gibson-Yes, Christina Pederson-Yes, Matt Westerman-Yes, Heidi Brethorst-Yes, Chandler Erickson-Yes, Steve Howe-Yes

PROGRAM
REDUCTION
RESOLUTION

Motion by Christina Pederson seconded by Heidi Brethorst to approve the update of Policy 534 – Unpaid Meal Charges.
Motion Carried Unanimously (6-0)

Motion by Steve Howe seconded by Heidi Brethorst to approve the SPLASH committee's request to update the pool mechanical room and SPLASH to reimburse the district for the whole cost.
Motion Carried Unanimously (6-0)

Motion by Matt Westerman seconded by Christina Pederson to approve the payout of scholarships to awarded recipients from our West Central Initiative managed scholarship fund in this fiscal year.

Motion Carried Unanimously (6-0)

SCHOLARSHIP PAYOUT
APPROVAL

Administration Report given by Tate Jerome

ADMIN AND BOARD
REPORTS

Board Report: No report given

No Other Business

OTHER BUSINESS

Motion by Matt Westerman seconded by Christina Pederson to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried Unanimously (6-0).

ADJOURN

Christina Pederson, Board Clerk