

CHADWICK-MILLEDGEVILLE COMMUNITY UNIT DIST. #399
AUGUST 17, 2026 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The Regular Meeting of the Chadwick-Milledgeville Community Unit School District #399 Board of Education was held at the Milledgeville School on Monday, August 17, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: M. Bibler, A. Drinkall, S. Engelkens, P. Eubanks, T. Hackbarth, and C. Rahn. M. Urish was absent.

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: T. Schurman, Superintendent, T. Jakse, JH/HS Principal, D. Eich, Elementary Principal.

OTHERS PRESENT: Josh Stepp, Teagan Stepp, Kelly Stepp, Mike Holland, Dawn Holland, Addy Holland, Athena Holland, Mike & Tami Remmers, Drake Dublo, Zach & Steph Stanley, Brandon & Danelle Saunders, Edith Saunders, Kyle & Barb Shenefelt, Brynlee Shenefelt, Amy Strehlow, Ryleigh Todd, Les Nelson, Jayden Smith, Alexa Hutchison, Laikin Stanley, Jessica Hutchison, Katie Wilkinson, Adelle Wilkinson, Elise Wilkinson, Corinne Nye, Bramley Nye, Jessica & Ryan Schryver, Kallie Schryver, Kashten Johnson, Max Remmers

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Board President, P. Eubanks. A motion was made by M. Bibler and seconded by T. Hackbarth to approve the agenda. Voice vote showed 6 ayes, no nays. Motion carried.

CONSENT ITEMS: A motion was made by A. Drinkall and seconded by C. Rahn to approve the following consent items as presented.

- a. Minutes of the July 20, 2026 Regular Board Meeting and Closed Session Meeting
- b. Payment of bills for August, 2026
- c. Treasurer's report for July, 2026
- d. Student Activity Fund Account for July, 2026.

Roll call vote showed M. Bibler, A. Drinkall, S. Engelkens, P. Eubanks, T. Hackbarth, and C. Rahn voting aye. No nays. Motion carried.

COMMENT FROM THE PUBLIC:

- A. Recognition of 2026 Junior High and High School Track State Qualifiers.

OLD BUSINESS:

Approved Waiving of Holidays: A motion was made by A. Drinkall and seconded by T. Hackbarth to approve waiving the following holidays this coming school year:

- a. Waive Veteran's Day Wednesday, November 11, 2026 – regular student attendance day
- b. Waive Casimir Pulaski Day Monday, March 1, 2027-regular student attendance day.

Voice vote showed 6 ayes, no nays. Motion carried.

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Reviewed and Approved District Bullying Policy: A motion was made by M. Bibler and seconded by S. Engelkens to review and approve the District Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment Policy. Voice vote showed 6 ayes, no nays. Motion carried.

The Illinois State Board of Education requires the school district to review our policy and ensure that it adequately addresses this concern.

NEW BUSINESS:

Proposed 2026-2027 Budget on Display: The proposed fiscal 2027 budget has been on display since August 12, 2026, and will be available through September 21, 2026.

Superintendent Schurman reported that as advertised in the paper, the proposed budget has been available since Wednesday, August 12, 2026, for public review in the District Office between 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Monday through Friday through the September 14, 2026, board meeting.

First Reading PRESS Policy Update Issue #122: Superintendent Schurman reported the following policies are updated, reviewed, or revised in this issue: Board Vacancies, Board Delegate, Closed Meeting Minutes, School Board Records, Communications, Sex Offender, Email Retention, Staff Development Curriculum, Residency, Discipline, Student Rights, and IDEA. This is the first reading and once approved next month it will become official policy.

Discussed Proposed Athletic Sharing Agreement: A discussion was had regarding the proposed Athletic Sharing Agreement with Polo Community Unit District #222 for High School Baseball and Softball 2026-2028.

Superintendent Schurman reported that both schools have lower numbers in these sports and we feel this coop will result in more competitive teams while remaining 1A programs. As you can see in the agreement, we will be the host school and administer both programs.

Report on Opening Day Institute held August 13, 2026: Teachers spent time meeting in grade and department level meetings. In addition, staff worked on school improvement goal implementation and assessment analysis.

Draft Audit State Financial Report: A motion was made by A. Drinkall and seconded by S. Engelkens to approve resolution to appoint Superintendent Tim J. Schurman to review and accept the draft audit and state financial report. Voice vote showed 6 ayes and no nays. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: We hereby appoint Superintendent Tim J. Schurman to review, approve, and accept the draft audit state financial report for the current fiscal year, and to sign the transmittal letter to our auditors, Benning Group, CPA within a five-day period.

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CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by M. Bibler and seconded by T. Hackbarth to convene in closed session at 7:23 p.m. in order to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (1), as amended by P.A. 93-0057. Roll call vote showed M. Bibler, A. Drinkall, S. Engelkens, P. Eubanks, T. Hackbarth, and C. Rahn voting aye. No nays. Motion carried.

A motion was made by S. Engelkens and seconded by T. Hackbarth to reconvene into regular open session at 7:55 p.m. Voice vote showed 6 ayes and no nays. Motion carried.

MOTIONS OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Approved Leave Request for Mrs. Anna Hauter: A motion was made by T. Hackbarth and seconded by A. Drinkall to approve the leave request of Mrs. Anna Hauter from September 21, 2026 to January 3, 2027. Voice vote showed 6 ayes and no nays. Motion carried.

Approved Part-Time Counselor Contract: A motion was made by M. Bibler and seconded by C. Rahn to approve the part-time counselor contract with Mrs. Jamie Leech for one day per week. Roll call vote showed M. Bibler, A. Drinkall, S. Engelkens, P. Eubanks, T. Hackbarth, and C. Rahn voting aye. No nays. Motion carried.

Approved Volunteer Girls Basketball Coach: A motion was made by A. Drinkall and seconded by S. Engelkens to approve Mr. Kyle Knutti as a Volunteer Girls Basketball Coach for the 2026-27 season. Roll call vote showed M. Bibler, A. Drinkall, S. Engelkens, P. Eubanks, and C. Rahn voting aye. T. Hackbarth voted nay. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

A. Early Step Pre-K Report: Mrs. Amanda Boyer is our new Pre-K Teacher.

B. Report on Educational and Legislative Issues

C. Principal's Report

Mr. Jakse 6-12 Principal:

Principal Jakse reported the school year is off to a strong start, and students have done a nice job adjusting to several new expectations and procedures. The Hog Roast was a great kickoff to the fall season. The football team's first game is at home this Friday vs. Galva at 7:00 P.M.

Mr. Eich K-5 Principal:

Principal Eich reported a successful start to the school year, including a well-attended Open House, the annual K-5 behavior expectations kickoff, the beginning of fall MAP testing, and staff professional development focused on the School Improvement Plan. Junior High Volleyball began practice on August 10 with 17 participants.

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- D. Superintendent's Report
- a. Bleacher project update
 - b. District Audit
 - c. Bus Driver Meeting August 5, 2026
 - d. Back to School Night August 13, 2026
 - e. Referendum Informational Coffee Meetings will be organized in the coming months.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by S. Engelkens and seconded by M. Bibler to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Voice vote showed 6 ayes. No nays. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING: Monday, September 21, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Milledgeville High School Library.