CHADWICK-MILLEDGEVILLE COMMUNITY UNIT DIST. #399
JULY 20, 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, July 20, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

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

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: T. Schurman, Superintendent, T. Jakse, Milledgeville Jr/Sr. Principal, and D. Eich, Milledgeville Elementary Principal.

OTHERS PRESENT: Mr. and Mrs. Nelson

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

CONSENT ITEMS: A motion was made by T. Hackbarth and seconded by M. Urish to approve the following consent items as presented:

A. June 15, 2026 Regular and Closed Meeting Minutes
B. Payment of July 2026 Bills
C. June 2026 Treasurer's Report
D. June 2026 Activity Accounts Report
E. 2025-26 Year End Activity Accounts Report
F. Financial Report End of Year Summary
   Superintendent Schurman reported that the fiscal 2026 budget ended the year with a small surplus despite some large capital projects completed this past year. As labor and material costs continue to rise it is good to have a rainy-day fund to protect against future spending cuts.

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

OLD BUSINESS

Approved the following resolution to place referendum question on the November 3, 2026 ballot:
Shall the Board of Education of Chadwick-Milledgeville Community Unit School District Number 399, Carroll and Whiteside Counties, Illinois, alter, repair and equip the Milledgeville School Building, including constructing a secured entrance and a new gymnasium and expanding early childhood and career and technical education programming space, and issue bonds of said School District to the amount of $12,370,000 for the purpose of paying the costs thereof?

Roll Call vote showed M. Bibler, A. Drinkall, S. Engelkens, P. Eubanks, T. Hackbarth, and M. Urish voting aye. C. Rahn voted nay. Motion carried.

Approved Second Reading PRESS Board Policy Update Issue #122:
A motion was made by A. Drinkall and seconded by C. Rahn to approve the Second Reading PRESS Board Policy Update Issue #122. Voice vote showed seven ayes and no nays. Motion carried.
Superintendent Schurman reported the policy changes or additions in this issue are as follows: Grievance Procedures, Title IX, Drivers Ed Fees, School Wellness, Harassment, Student Handbook Checklist, Title I Parent Engagement, Five Year Reviews.

Approved Disposal and Recycle of Obsolete Technology: A motion was made by A. Drinkall and seconded by M. Bibler to approve the disposal and recycling of obsolete technology. Voice vote showed seven ayes and no nays. Motion carried.
Superintendent Schurman reported that we have a couple of Smartboards on the list this year.

NEW BUSINESS

Authorization to sign checks: A motion was made by C. Rahn and seconded by M. Urish to designate Superintendent Schurman to sign off on accounts and checks on behalf of the District and Principal Mr. Tyler Jakse to sign off on activity accounts and checks. Roll Call vote showed M. Bibler, A. Drinkall, S. Engelkens, P. Eubanks, T. Hackbarth, C. Rahn, and M. Urish voting aye. No nays. Motion carried.

School Improvement Plans: A motion was made by M. Urish and seconded by C. Rahn to approve the 2026-2027 School Improvement Plans for Chadwick-Milledgeville Elementary and Chadwick-Milledgeville Jr./Sr. High School. Voice vote showed seven ayes and no nays. Motion carried.

K-5 SIP Goals:

1. Strengthening literacy instruction through continued implementation of Science of Reading practices.
2. Developing students' character, leadership, and school culture through the Missile Mission Framework and Missile Mentor Mondays.
3. Improving mathematical reasoning and problem-solving through consistent number operations and algebraic thinking strategies.
4. Increasing students' oral communication and presentation skills across all grade levels.

Jr./Sr. High Goals:

1. Prioritizing Student Wellness & Inclusion
2. Math Curriculum Gaps Across the Curriculum
3. Reading & Instruction: emphasis on students reading more and writing more.

Approved Handbook Changes: A motion was made by M. Bibler and seconded by T. Hackbarth to approve handbook changes for each school as presented. Voice vote showed seven ayes and no nays. Motion carried.
Mr. Jakse and Mr. Eich detailed several changes relating to attendance, semester exams, cheating, use of artificial intelligence, weighted classes, discipline, WACC, Work Release rules, etc.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by M. Bibler and seconded by T. Hackbarth to convene in closed session at 8:13 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, C. Rahn, and M. Urish voting aye. No nays. Motion carried.

A motion was made by T. Hackbarth and seconded by A. Drinkall to reconvene into regular open session at 8:41 p.m. Voice vote showed seven ayes and no nays. Motion carried.

MOTIONS OUT OF CLOSED

Approved Contract Amendments: A motion was made by M. Bibler and seconded by C. Rahn to approve the contract amendments for Mr. Jakse and Mr. Eich. Roll Call vote showed M. Bibler, A. Drinkall, S. Engelkens, P. Eubanks, T. Hackbarth, C. Rahn, and M. Urish voting aye. No nays. Motion carried.

Approved Leave Request: A motion was made by T. Hackbarth and seconded by A. Drinkall to approve the leave request for Mrs. Ashley Swalve. Voice vote showed seven ayes and no nays. Motion carried.

Approved Leave Request: A motion was made by M. Urish and seconded by T. Hackbarth to approve the leave request for Mrs. Kaylee Dertz. Voice vote showed seven ayes and no nays. Motion carried.

Approved Hiring Assistant Football Coach: A motion was made by A. Drinkall and seconded by T. Hackbarth to approve hiring Mr. Kameron DawTyne as Assistant High School Football Coach. Roll Call vote showed M. Bibler, A. Drinkall, S. Engelkens, P. Eubanks, T. Hackbarth, C. Rahn, and M. Urish voting aye. No nays. Motion carried.

Approved Hiring Head Girls Track Coach: A motion was made by M. Urish and seconded by S. Engelkens to approve hiring Mrs. Kim Haverland as Head HS Girls Track Coach. Roll Call vote showed M. Bibler, A. Drinkall, S. Engelkens, P. Eubanks, T. Hackbarth, C. Rahn, and M. Urish voting aye. No nays. Motion carried.

Approved Hiring JH Quiz Bowl Coach: A motion was made by S. Engelkens and seconded by A. Drinkall to approve hiring Ms. Carlee Faber as JH Quiz Bowl Coach for the 2026/27 season. Roll Call vote showed M. Bibler, A. Drinkall, S. Engelkens, P. Eubanks, T. Hackbarth, C. Rahn, and M. Urish voting aye. No nays. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE DISCUSSION

A. Early Step Pre-K report.
   Tara Francke took over as Director due to Darcie Feltmeyer's retirement. Samantha Pidde was hired as program secretary.
B. Legislative update.
   Superintendent Schurman reported that mandated categorical funding has not been fully funded in recent years. However, it is hoped that the district will receive 75% of the funds for transportation and special education. Evidence Based Funding will be flat for the third year in a row.
C. Principal's report
   6-12 Principal Mr. Jakse reported that he met with 6-12 staff over the past month to finalize SIP goals and action plans. IHSA Dead Week was June 29- July 4, which is earlier than in the past. Summer sports are going well.
   K-5 Principal Mr. Eich reported on the completion of the 2026–2027 Elementary Student Handbook revisions, the finalized School Improvement Plan, and the planning of this year's Missile Mentor Monday activities designed to strengthen school culture and student leadership.
D. Superintendent's report
   a. Summer School is July 20-August 6 in Milledgeville.
   b. Summer work update
      Work is going well. Most of the rooms have been cleaned, floors waxed, and repairs completed. New security cameras were installed throughout the Milledgeville building. The main gym has new award banners and walls painted in advance of the new bleachers.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by T. Hackbarth and seconded by M. Urish to adjourn at 8:51 p.m. Voice vote showed 7 ayes. No nays. Motion carried.

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, August 17, 2026 in the Milledgeville High School Library at 7:00 p.m.

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PRESIDENT SECRETARY