

CHADWICK-MILLEDGEVILLE CUSD #399 BOARD OF EDUCATION
MARCH 25, 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 Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 7:00 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: M. Bibler, A. Drinkall, S. Engelkens, P. Eubanks, C. Rahn, and M. Urish. T. Hackbarth arrived at 7:05 pm.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Harper Urish

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Board President, P. Eubanks. A motion was made by M. Urish and seconded by C. Rahn to approve the agenda. Voice vote showed 7 ayes and 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. Approved Minutes of the February 17, 2026 Regular & Closed Meeting and Special Board Retreat Meeting March 4, 2026.
- B. Approved Payment of Bills for March 2026
- C. Approved Treasurer's Report for February 2026
- D. Approved Hot Lunch Report for February 2026
- E. Approved Student Activity Fund Account Summary for February 2026

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.

COMMENT FROM THE PUBLIC

A. Harper Urish spoke about Highland Community College's CollegeNow program and her interest in participating.

OLD BUSINESS

Approved Proposed 2026-27 District Calendar: A motion was made by A. Drinkall and seconded by T. Hackbarth to approve the proposed 2026-27 District Calendar. Voice vote showed 7 ayes and no nays. Motion carried.

Superintendent Schurman reported that this is the second reading so once approved it becomes our official calendar for next school year.

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Update on facility enhancement exploration:

Superintendent Schurman led a discussion of the merits of the proposed facility enhancements. He emphasized that the proposed addition would provide the following: new secure entrance, enhanced overall building security, three new community childcare and pre-school rooms, administrative offices next to the secure entrance, new concession stand that will service indoor and outdoor activities, new storage space, and gym space.

NEW BUSINESS

Approved Overnight Field Trip for 8th Grade:

A motion was made by T. Hackbarth and seconded by M. Urish to approve the overnight 8th Grade Field Trip to Springfield, IL on May 19th & 20th, 2026. Voice vote showed 7 ayes and no nays. Motion carried.

Students and chaperones will visit New Salem Historic Site, Lincoln's Tomb, Illinois State Capitol, and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum. Overnight accommodations are at Drury Inn in Springfield.

Approved Renewal of Membership in the Illinois High School Association: A motion was made by M. Bibler and seconded by A. Drinkall to approve renewal of membership in the Illinois High School Association for the 2026-27 school year. Voice vote showed 7 ayes and no nays. Motion carried.

Approved SRO Agreement: A motion was made by T. Hackbarth and seconded by A. Drinkall to approve the SRO Agreement with the Carroll County Sheriff's Office. 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.
Superintendent Schurman reported that the new agreement represents the current county fiscal year.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by T. Hackbarth and seconded by M. Urish to convene into closed session at 8:20 P.M. in order to consider information regarding the appointment, employment, retirement, reduction, or dismissal of an employee or officer; Collective Bargaining Matters, Student Matters, and to consider student disciplinary matters. 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 A. Drinkall and seconded by T. Hackbarth to reconvene into regular session at 8:26 P.M. Voice vote showed 7 ayes and no nays. Motion carried.

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MOTIONS OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Approved Rehire of Non-Tenured Certified Staff: A motion was made by A. Drinkall and seconded by M. Urish to approve the rehire of Non-Tenured Certified Staff. 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. 5th Grade – Mackenzie Ferguson
- b. K-3 PE & Special Ed.- Caitlin Caravia
- c. HS Science – Morgan Adolph
- d. HS English – Talisa Pauley
- e. JH/HS Special Ed. – Carlee Faber
- f. HS Math – Anna Hauter

Accepted the Resignation of 6-12 Band Director, Elementary Music, and Computers Teacher: A motion was made by M. Urish and seconded by A. Drinkall to accept the resignation of Ms. Cheryl Neumann as 6-12 Band Director, Elementary Music, and Computers Teacher. Voice vote showed 7 ayes and no nays. Motion carried.

Approved Hire of 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach: A motion was made by S. Engelkens and seconded by C. Rahn to approve hiring Ms. Aleena Hammelman as 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach for the 2026 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 BUSINESS

- A. Legislative update
- B. Legal Issues update
- C. Early Step Pre-K Report
- D. Principal's Report
 - a. Elementary Principal Report:
Mr. Eich reported on recent activities at Milledgeville Elementary, including Missile Mentor Monday, special education training related to the development of a district handbook, the completion of third quarter report cards, and the celebration of Dr. Seuss Day with K–3 students, with support from the Milledgeville Men's Club and PTO. He also highlighted upcoming state and local assessments, along with the conclusion of the junior high girls' basketball season and the start of junior high track with strong student participation.
 - b. Jr/Sr High School Principal Report:
Mr. Eich and Mr. Jakse attended the NIU Education Job Fair in DeKalb to recruit potential candidates for an open music education position. Staff utilized SIP time to revisit AI instructional planning and develop strategies aimed at improving MAP score achievement. MHS has been busy with extracurricular activities as the softball, baseball, and track and field seasons began, and our choir and band students represented the district at the NUIC Music Festival in Pearl City.

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- E. Superintendent's Report
1. Winter sports have concluded their seasons.
 2. Safe School Review and School Safety Drills are complete.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by T. Hackbarth and seconded by S. Engelkens to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 P.M. Voice vote showed 7 ayes and no nays. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Monday, April 20, 2026 at 7:00 PM in the Milledgeville High School Library