

**DISTRICT #32, MAYES COUNTY, CHOUTEAU, OKLAHOMA**  
**(The Chouteau-Mazie Public School)**  
**Chouteau-Mazie Administration Office, 115 Railroad, Chouteau, OK 74337**

**The Chouteau-Mazie Board of Education met in session on Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 6:00 PM. in Chouteau-Mazie Administration Office, 115 Railroad, Chouteau, OK 74337**

1. Call meeting to order; roll call, flag salute, moment of silence.

Attendance Taken at 6:05 PM.

Charlie Coblentz: Present

Victor Markiewicz: Present

Amber Rice: Present

Tina Van Horn: Present

Lindsey Yoder: Present

2. Discussion and Board action to reorganize the officers of the Board of Education in accordance with Oklahoma §70 5-119

Motion made to elect Amber Rice as President, Charlie Coblentz as Vice President, and Tina Van Horn as Clerk, of the Board of Education for Chouteau-Mazie public schools. This motion, made by Victor Markiewicz and seconded by Charlie Coblentz, Passed.

Charlie Coblentz: Yea, Victor Markiewicz: Yea, Amber Rice: Yea, Tina Van Horn: Yea, Lindsey Yoder: Yea

3. Public Participation

No public participation

4. Superintendent's Report

Mr. Gwartney gave an update on the archery teams. Air Rifle teams won the National Championship in elementary and middle school. All three teams have qualified for the National Championship in bullseye and 3D archery. Teacher of the year and support staff of the year for each building were announced. Update on the construction, and Mrs. Gilstrap gave an update on the reading program.

5. Consent Agenda: Discuss then vote to approve or not approve listed items in the consent agenda. (These items may be approved by one Board motion, unless any Board member desires to have a separate vote on any or all of these items).

Motion to approve Consent Agenda with the exception to table 5n and strike 5i due to duplication. This motion, made by Charlie Coblentz and seconded by Tina Van Horn, Passed.

Charlie Coblentz: Yea, Victor Markiewicz: Yea, Amber Rice: Yea, Tina Van Horn: Yea, Lindsey Yoder: Yea

5.a. Approve Board meeting minutes for the February 10, 2026, board meeting.

5.b. Approve financial statements, all warrants issued for payment, change orders and all purchase orders and activity fund balances:

General Fund #11 FY 2025–2026 encumbrances \_\_ 523-566

Child Nutrition Fund #22 FY 2025–2026 encumbrances \_\_ 32-34

Building Fund #21 FY 2025–2026 encumbrances \_\_0  
Bond Fund #39 FY 2025–2026 encumbrances \_\_20-21  
Activity Fund #60 FY 2025–2026 encumbrances \_\_687-740

- 5.c. Add Josh Gwartney and Kelly Grossman to the Welch State Bank safe deposit box.
- 5.d. Approve a field trip for Mrs. Newton's class to Sheridan Lanes in Tulsa on March 12, 2026.
- 5.e. Approve a field trip for G/T, 3rd-8th grade to Inola for Battle of the Brains on March 11, 2026.
- 5.f. Approve quote from Miller Builders to re-skin 30X60 outdoor building between football and softball fields.
- 5.g. Approve the date change for the senior class trip to Branson, Missouri to April 13, 2026, and use April 20, 2026, as a rain out date.
- 5.h. Approve a field trip for Ms. Littlefield's Forensic Science class to the cadaver lab at JBU's campus in Siloam Springs, Arkansas, on April 16, 2026.
- 5.i. Approve overnight E Sports competitions: MS TSA, April 14–15 in Norman, OESL HS State Championship, date and location TBD, OKSE HS Smash Duals State Championship, April 24–25 in Weatherford, and OKSE HS State Championship, May 3–4, location TBD.
- 5.j. Approve Middle School G/T field trip to Oklahoma City Art Museum on April 7, 2026.
- 5.k. Approve Middle School Cheer field trip to Incredible Pizza on April 23, 2026.
- 5.l. Approve Elementary field trips. 4th grade is going to Woolaroc in Bartlesville on April 10, 2026, 3rd grade is going to the Jenks Aquarium on April 17, 2026, and 2nd grade is going to the Jenks Aquarium on April 23, 2026.
- 5.m. Approve Fund Raiser: #807 Jr. Class Bake Sale/Auction. #843 Football, #841 Outdoor Ed., #850 HS Cheer.
- 5.n. Approve bid for Hydroseeding.
- 5.o. Approve surplus items for trash or sale.
- 5.p. Approve IT surplus inventory.
- 5.q. Approve three students from Mr. Jackson's technology class to attend RSU programming contest on April 1, 2026.
- 5.r. Vote to approve ten plus students to attend the BSides cybersecurity conference student day, \$5.00 a student, on April 6, 2026.
- 5.s. Vote to approve five high school students with an advisor, and six middle school students, with an advisor, to attend TSA State Leadership Conference on April 14-16, 2026, Cost will be \$60.00 per person and cost for the hotel.
- 5.t. Vote to approve E-sports overnight requests for the following state competitions.  
Middle school TSA: April 14-15, 2026 in Norman, Oklahoma.  
OESL High School State Championship: (date and location TBD)

OKSE High School Smash Duals State Championship: April 24-25, 2026 at Wetherford.  
OKSE High School State Championship: May 3-4 (location TBD)

5.u. Vote to approve the school calendar for the 2026-2027 SY.

#### 6. Proposed Executive Session

Discuss, then vote to approve or disprove going into executive session for the purpose of discussing the employment, hiring, appointment, promotion, demotion, disciplining or resignation of any individual public officer or employee.

Executive Session Authority: Title 25 Oklahoma Statutes 307 (B) (1)

Resignations: Anthony (Tony) Arnold  
Kathy McCollough with the intent to retire  
Chadd Gehrke

Employment: Carla Barrera  
Laura Cochran  
Billy Veracruz  
Chelcie Gwartney

Discussion: Raises for Certified Administrative Staff, Non-Certified Administrative Staff , and Support Staff

#### 6.a. Motion to Convene

Motion to convene into Executive Session at 6:50pm. This motion, made by Victor Markiewicz and seconded by Charlie Coblentz, Passed.

Charlie Coblentz: Yea, Victor Markiewicz: Yea, Amber Rice: Yea, Tina Van Horn: Yea, Lindsey Yoder: Yea

#### 6.b. Acknowledge return to open session

Motion to reconvene at 8:12pm. This motion, made by Amber Rice and seconded by Tina Van Horn, Passed.

Charlie Coblentz: Yea, Victor Markiewicz: Yea, Amber Rice: Yea, Tina Van Horn: Yea, Lindsey Yoder: Yea

#### 6.c. Statement by Board President

No votes were taken in the Executive Session, and only items on the agenda were discussed. Those in the Executive Session were the Board members and the Superintendent.

#### 7. Current Business: Action Items

##### 7.a. Vote to accept the resignation of Anthony (Tony) Arnold.

Motion to accept the resignation of Anthony (Tony) Arnold. This motion, made by Amber Rice and seconded by Tina Van Horn, Passed.

Charlie Coblentz: Yea, Victor Markiewicz: Yea, Amber Rice: Yea, Tina Van Horn: Yea, Lindsey Yoder: Yea

##### 7.b. Vote to accept the resignation of Kathy McCollough with the intent to retire.

Motion to accept the resignation of Kathy McCollough with the intent to retire. This motion, made by Amber Rice and seconded by Victor Markiewicz, Passed.

Charlie Coblentz: Yea, Victor Markiewicz: Yea, Amber Rice: Yea, Tina Van Horn: Yea, Lindsey Yoder: Yea

7.c. Vote to accept the resignation of Chadd Gehrke.

Motion to accept the resignation of Chadd Gehrke. This motion, made by Charlie Coblentz and seconded by Lindsey Yoder, Passed.

Charlie Coblentz: Yea, Victor Markiewicz: Yea, Amber Rice: Yea, Tina Van Horn: Yea, Lindsey Yoder: Yea

7.d. Vote to hire Carla Barrera as a full-time substitute teacher for SY 2025-2026.

Motion to hire Carla Barrera as a full-time substitute teacher for the 2025-2026 SY. This motion, made by Tina Van Horn and seconded by Victor Markiewicz, Passed.

Charlie Coblentz: Yea, Victor Markiewicz: Yea, Amber Rice: Yea, Tina Van Horn: Yea, Lindsey Yoder: Yea

7.e. Vote to hire Laura Cochran for cafeteria manager for the 2026-2027 SY.

Tabled

7.f. Vote to hire Billy Veracruz, RN, for school nurse for the 2026-2027 SY.

Motion to hire Billy Veracruz, RN, for school nurse for the 2026-2027 SY. This motion, made by Lindsey Yoder and seconded by Victor Markiewicz, Passed.

Charlie Coblentz: Yea, Victor Markiewicz: Yea, Amber Rice: Yea, Tina Van Horn: Yea, Lindsey Yoder: Yea

7.g. Vote to hire Chelcie Gwartney as a school counselor for the 2026-2027 SY.

Motion to hire Chelcie Gwartney as a school counselor for the 2026-2027 SY. This motion, made by Amber Rice and seconded by Tina Van Horn, Passed.

Charlie Coblentz: Yea, Victor Markiewicz: Yea, Amber Rice: Yea, Tina Van Horn: Yea, Lindsey Yoder: Yea

7.h. Vote to give Certified Administrative Staff, Non-Certified Administrative Staff, and Support Staff a raise in pay for the 2026-2027 SY.

Motion made to give certified administrative staff, non-certified administrative staff, and support staff a raise in pay for the 2026-2027 SY. This motion, made by Amber Rice and seconded by Tina Van Horn, Passed.

Charlie Coblentz: Yea, Victor Markiewicz: Yea, Amber Rice: Yea, Tina Van Horn: Yea, Lindsey Yoder: Yea

8. New Business: In accordance with 25 Okla. Stat. §311(A)(9), this is limited to any matter not known or which could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to the time of posting of this agenda.

Motion made to take Charlie Coblentz off all bank accounts and to add Tina Van Horn, Board Clerk, to all bank accounts. This motion, made by Charlie Coblentz and seconded by Lindsey Yoder, Passed.

Charlie Coblentz: Yea, Victor Markiewicz: Yea, Amber Rice: Yea, Tina Van Horn: Yea, Lindsey Yoder: Yea

Motion made to get an itemized bid for hydroseeding and the Superintendent may approve bid up to \$15,000.00. This motion, made by Amber Rice and seconded by Victor Markiewicz, Passed.

Charlie Coblentz: Yea, Victor Markiewicz: Yea, Amber Rice: Yea, Tina Van Horn: Yea,  
Lindsey Yoder: Yea

9. Vote for Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:19pm. This motion, made by Lindsey Yoder and seconded by Charlie Coblentz, Passed.

Charlie Coblentz: Yea, Victor Markiewicz: Yea, Amber Rice: Yea, Tina Van Horn: Yea,  
Lindsey Yoder: Yea

Mary Guinn  
Minutes Clerk

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President

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Vice President

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Clerk

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