

**MINOOKA COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL
DISTRICT #111
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Laura Hrechko. The meeting was held at Minooka Community High School-Central Campus Cafeteria. A physical quorum was present with the following board members answering roll call:

	YES	NO
• Laura Hrechko	X	
• Jim Grzetich	X	
• Tim Juskiewicz	X	
• Mike Brozovich		X
• Terry Spivey		X
• Mike Hoyt		X
• Bert Kooi	X	

Additionally, present were:

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| • Dr. Rob Schiffbauer | X |
| • Dr. Phil Pakowski | X |
| • Dr. Kathleen Wilkey | X |
| • Kristi Boe | X |
| • Jamie Soliman | X |
| • Michele Williamson | X |

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments heard.

PRESENTATION

2025-2026 State Testing Results

Dr. Phil Pakowski, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction presented the 2025-2026 State Testing Results and it was provided in the board packet for review. He discussed the following:

- MCHS average versus the State average
- MCHS 2025 scores versus 2026 scores
- ISBE ACT Benchmarks
- Percentage of students meeting ACT Benchmarks 2025 versus 2026
- ACT growth scores
- Junior Class Cohort percentage growth

- PreACT percentage Growth Scores

Plans for the 2026-2027 school year include the following:

- Increase ACT Trained Staff – Reading
- Science Curriculum Alignment
- Literacy Committee – Cross Curricular/Reading
- Class Presentations – High Expectations
- Daily Math & English for Freshman & Sophomore (starting 26-27 school year)
- Numeracy Committee – Cross Curricular Math Fluency (starting 26-27 school year)

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Administrative reports were provided in the board packet for review. Dr. Schiffbauer reported that he along with Chief Petrakis spoke live to WCSJ regarding the new Fire Science Program and the exciting opportunities that are happening at MCHS. In addition, he discussed the progress on the construction at both Central and South Campuses. He is happy to report that South Campus Field House is just about complete, at Central Campus there is a lot of moving pieces and there is an abundance of new equipment for the CTE addition. Both projects are coming along. Grand opening events for the Fieldhouse is scheduled for August 15th from 12-3 p.m. and the CTE Addition is scheduled for August 29th from 12-3 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: by Juskiewicz, seconded by Grzetich, to approve the consent agenda as presented:

A. Open Session Minutes

1. June 17, 2026 Regular Meeting
2. June 17, 2026 Inter Fund Transfer
3. June 17, 2026 Budget Hearing

B. Financial Reports

1. Monthly Financial Reports
2. Payment of Bills/Total
3. Employee Payroll
4. Imprest Fund Report/Total
5. Activity Fund Report
6. Treasurer's Report (Cash/YTD – Exp/Rev)

Voting Aye: Kooi, Juskiewicz, Grzetich and Hrechko. Motion carried Time: 6:17 p.m.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Legislative Update:

Dr. Schiffbauer provided a legislative update in the board packet for review. He discussed the U.S. Supreme Court case and ruled that state laws restricting female teams to biological females, defined by sex at birth, do not violate Title IX or the Equal Protection Clause. However, the way the decision was written it could potentially open up future litigation in Illinois. This will be continued to be monitored and Dr. Schiffbauer will keep board members informed.

GAVC – The GAVC meeting was held on June 25, 2026. The next meeting will take place on July 23.

GCSEC – A meeting was held on July 15, 2026 and Dr. Schiffbauer reported that it was a routine meeting and that GCSEC is continuing to work on staffing for the upcoming year.

Press Packet 122 – First Reading

Press Packet 122 was provided in the board packet for review. Dr. Schiffbauer discussed policy 2:230 Public Participation at School Board meetings and Petitions to the Board, the recommendation in Press Packet 122 is to decrease public comment from 5 minutes to 3 minutes. Board members unanimously felt that public comment should remain 5 minutes. A second reading of Press Packet 122 will be held at the August meeting.

Comments on District Social Posts:

Board policy 8:10 edits were provided in the board packet for consideration and possible approval. There was discussion to turn off all comments on District social media posts. There were no objections raised from board members to turn off comments but allow the posts to be shareable. A second reading with anticipated approval will be held at the August meeting.

Bullying Report:

The Bullying Report for the 2025-2026 school year was provided per board policy in the board packet for review. Dr. Schiffbauer discussed the report and Mr. Juskiewicz suggested to provide a 3–5 year data trend.

Annual Newsletter:

The annual newsletter quote for printing and mailing was provided in the board packet for review as well as additional costs such as mailing, printing, and postage. The recommendation is authorizing Administration to execute the creation and distribution of a district-wide printed news letter not to exceed \$15,000. There will be also be a QR code provided with communication references, where the community can indicate what they are interested in and how they would like to be engaged. There were no objections for to proceed with approval.

ACTION ITEMS

MOTION: by Grzetich, seconded by Kooi, to approve the Board of Education to authorize Administration to execute the creation and distribution of a district-wide printed newsletter not to exceed \$15,000 as presented.

Voting Aye: Juskiewicz, Grzetich, Kooi, and Hrechko. Motion was approved. Time 6:33 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: by Grzetich seconded by Juskiewicz, to adjourn the meeting to executive session for the purpose of discussing matters related to minutes; the appointment, compensation, discipline, dismissal, employment and performance of specific employees of the district, student discipline, litigation and collective bargaining.

Hearing no objections. Motion was approved. Time: 6:33 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

MOTION: by Juskiewicz, seconded by Grzetich to return to open session.

Hearing no objections. Motion was approved. Time: 6:50 p.m.

ACTIONS FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

Closed Session Minutes

MOTION: by Grzetich, seconded by Juskiewicz, to approve the closed session minutes as presented:

- June 17, 2026 Executive Regular Meeting

Hearing no objections. Motion was approved. Time: 6:52 p.m.

MOTION: Grzetich, seconded by Juskiewicz, to approve the closed session minutes reviewed from the time period of July 2024 through December 2024 and the summary of previous review of minutes of September 2003 through June 2024 remain closed and not subject to public examination as there is a need for confidentiality which still exists, and to approve that the audio recordings from July 2024 through December 2024 are no longer required by law to be maintained and can be destroyed. It is noted that 18 months have passed since being made and the board has approved the particular minutes of those minutes.

Hearing no objections. Motion was approved. Time: 6:53 p.m.

Personnel

Resignation/Retirement(s):

MOTION: by Juskiewicz, seconded by Kooi to accept the following resignation/retirement(s) as presented:

Anthony Rink – English – eff. 6/24/2026 – Resignation
Anthony Rink – Head Wrestling Coach – eff. 6/24/2026 – Resignation
Josh Rodely – Bus Aide – Transportation – eff. 6/29/2026 – Resignation
Shawn Briones – Bus Driver – eff. 6/30/2026 – Resignation
Robert Wendlick – Social Studies – Teacher – eff. 6/30/2031 – Retirement
Laura Landers – English – Teacher – eff. 6/30/2028 – Retirement
Matt Shanahan – Assistant Baseball Coach – eff. 7/2/2026 – Resignation

Hearing no objections. Motion was approved. Time: 6:53 p.m.

MOTION: by Grzetich, seconded by Juskiewicz to approve the following leave of absence as presented, pending receipt of proper documentation.

Tommy Tucker – Teacher – Math – from approximately 8/17/2026 (Days TBD) under the Family Medical Leave ACT (FMLA)

Hearing no objections. Motion was approved. Time: 6:53 p.m.

MOTION: by Grzetich, seconded by Juskiewicz to approve the employment of the following certified staff members for the 2026/2027 school year, pending proper paperwork and background check deemed favorable by the MCHS #111 Administration:

Jessica Glaser – First-year Probationary Teacher – English – MA+30 Step 15

Meghan Clancy – First-year Probationary Teacher – FACS – BA+15 Step 7
Roselle Haddick – First-year Probationary Teacher – Agriculture – MA Step 8

Voting Aye: Kooi, Juskiewicz, Grzetich, and Hrechko. Time: 6:54 p.m.

MOTION: by Kooi, seconded by Juskiewicz, to approve the employment of the following support staff member(s) as presented, pending proper paperwork and background check deemed favorable by the MCHS #111 Administration:

Matthew Lutka – Bus Driver – Transportation - \$25.00 per hour
Yesenia Ortiz – Bus Driver – Transportation - \$25.00 per hour
Jacob Corn – Bus Driver – Transportation - \$25.00 per hour

Voting Aye: Grzetich, Kooi, Juskiewicz, and Hrechko. Motion carried. Time: 6:54 p.m.

MOTION: by Kooi, seconded by Grzetich, to approve the following extracurricular employment/volunteer(s) for the 2026/2027 school year as presented, pending proper paperwork and background check deemed favorable by the MCHS #111 Administration:

Kenneth Minor – Boys Head Wrestling – Group A Step 8
Kiera Cundari – Girls Volleyball – Volunteer
Abigail Fish – Girls Volleyball – Volunteer
Jonathan Eggman – Football – Volunteer
Kade Frieders – Band – Volunteer – Renewal
Payton Conkright – Band – Volunteer
Michael O’Shea – JV Soccer – Volunteer – Renewal
Melissa Steurer – Band Volunteer
Amanda Colabuono – Band – Volunteer – Renewal
Mark Misicka – MAC – Volunteer
Laura Kovar- Band- Volunteer
Randall Denison – Girls Bowling – Volunteer
Barbara Potenza – Band – Volunteer – Renewal
Jennifer Sing – Band – Volunteer
Cindy Jusino – Band – Volunteer
Jennifer Sebastian – Band – Volunteer
Jessica Miller – Band – Volunteer
Mari Parga – Band – Volunteer
Beckie Karlin – Band – Volunteer
Michelle Mendygral – Band – Volunteer
Daniel Schalk – Cross Country – Volunteer
Aiden Ledbetter – Band – Volunteer
Mike Steurer – Band – Volunteer – Renewal
Kevin Sing – Band – Volunteer

Voting Aye: Juskiewicz, Grzetich, Kooi, and Hrechko Motion carried. Time: 6:54 p.m.

Collective Bargaining

MOU with MTA in regard to December Picks

MOTION: by Juskiewicz, seconded by, Grzetich, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the MTA in regard to December Picks as presented.

Voting Aye: Kooi, Juskiewicz, Grzetich, and Hrechko. Motion carried. Time: 6:55 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: by Juskiewicz, seconded by Grzetich to adjourn the meeting.

Hearing no objections. Motion was approved. Time: 6:55 p.m.

LAURA HRECHKO, PRESIDENT

TIM JUSKIEWICZ, SECRETARY

Date

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