

**MINOOKA COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL
DISTRICT #111
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 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-Administration Building. A physical quorum was present with the following board members answering roll call:

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
• Laura Hrechko	X	
• Jim Grzetich	X	
• Tim Juskiewicz	X (arrived at 6:03 p.m.)	
• Mike Brozovich		X
• Terry Spivey	X	
• Mike Hoyt	X	
• Bert Kooi	X	

Additionally, present were:

• Dr. Rob Schiffbauer	X
• John Troy	X
• Dr. Phillip Pakowski	X
• Kristi Boe	X
• Jamie Soliman	X
• Michele Williamson	X

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

COMMUNICATIONS/RECOGNITION

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments heard.

PRESENTATIONS

Mrs. Kristen Koppers, parent of MCHS student Jakob Koppers, spoke of his accomplishments and highlights with the High School Racing Association HSRA. The Koppers Family presented MCHS and the Board of Education with Jakob's 4th place plaque on behalf of HSRA. She also thanked MCHS for the support.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Administrative reports were provided in the board packet for review. Dr. Schiffbauer briefly discussed the Coffee & Connection that was held on February 7th and added that the next date will be April 16th at 5:30 p.m. A construction update was provided and noted that projects are on schedule and under budget. State of the

Village dates for Minooka, Channahon and Shorewood were discussed and board members were invited to attend. Dr. Schiffbauer took the Girls Swim Team to the new Shorewood YMCA and a future visit is scheduled for the Boys Swim Team to tour the facilities. The 4th Annual Community Leaders Breakfast will take place February 27, 2026, currently 115 guests are planning to attend. Tours of the Fieldhouse will take place for guests in groups of 25.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. Open Session Minutes

1. January 21, 2026 Regular Meeting

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)

C. Minooka CHS #111 Brokers Risk Working Cash Bond and Invoice

Voting Aye: Hoyt, Grzetich, Kooi, Spivey, Juskiewicz, and Hrechko. Motion carried Time: 6:12 p.m.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Educational Foundation Update:

The Educational Foundation update was included in the board packet for review. Dr. Schiffbauer reported that the Foundation approved a grant for Mrs. Bell's ASL class. The Denim and Diamonds Fundraiser is March 21, 2026 and limited tickets are still available to purchase.

Legislative Update:

Dr. Schiffbauer briefly discussed the Governor's budget address and noted that the evidence-based funding will receive the \$300 million-dollar additional funding for schools. A concern that was not mentioned in the address was the mandated categoricals (MCATs). This would affect reimbursements with Special Education and Transportation. Dr. Schiffbauer will continue to monitor and keep the board updated.

GAVC – The GAVC meeting was held on January 22, 2026. Next meeting will be February 26, 2026, enrollment and classes will be discussed. He reported that 12 MCHS students have enrolled in the newly added Aviation class.

GCSEC – A meeting was held on February 18, 2026 and was excited to report that last week the MCHS Reach bake sale sold over \$13,000 baked goods made by the reach students he added that ingredients are donated in turn the profit made will fund enrichment programs for Reach and Transitional students. Dr. Schiffbauer reported that Mrs. Erica Schramm will be the new Assistant Director replacing Mrs. Carol Senica who is retiring.

School Calendar 2026-2027:

The 2026-2027 School Calendar was provided in the board packet for review and consideration. There were no questions or concerns for approval at the end of the board meeting.

Single Audit for Federal Funds:

The single audit for Federal Funds were provided in the board packet for review. Mr. Troy reported that A single audit must be completed whenever the district receives over \$750,000 in federal funds. He stated that the findings mirror the findings in the general audit. The auditor requested to re-appraise assets which had already been completed and report accumulated depreciation on the assets which was also completed. He added that this does not reflect any fault by the district, but is a result of utilizing different auditors and what a different auditor required in this area. There were no comments or concerns.

South Campus Weight Room Equipment Bids:

South Campus weight room equipment bids were provided in the board packet for review and consideration. The recommendation is to proceed with Rogue in the total amount of \$131,478.51 and Intek in the total amount of \$99,264.50. There were no questions or concerns and it is anticipated for approval at the end of the meeting.

Tennis Court Repair Bids:

Tennis Court repair bids were provided in the board packet for review and consideration. The recommendation is to proceed with U.S. Tennis Court Construction Co. in the total amount of \$250,790 which includes fencing.

No Regrets, Inc. Donation:

A memo was provided in regards to a \$20,000 donation from No Regrets, Inc. The district has an agreement with Adrenaline Fundraising for sports and activities. No Regrets, Inc. is a subsidiary of Adrenaline Fundraising and has donated \$20,000 to MCHS to offset sports and activities expenses. There were no questions or concerns to formally accept the donation at the end of the regular board meeting.

Staff Laptop Proposal:

The proposal for staff laptops were provided in the board packet for review and consideration. This plan is to renew staff laptops every 4 years. The equipment cost for 270 Lenovo ThinkPad laptops from Trafera in the total amount of \$350,730 with annual lease payments through American Capital for \$92,045.23 per year. There were no concerns for approval at the end of the meeting.

Parking:

Dr. Schiffbauer discussed parking spot numbers and future parking lot plans. For 2025 at Central Campus there were 830 parking spots, with construction it is down to 785 parking spots. For 2027 as part of the construction project, in the area of the softball fields there are plans to turn that area into a parking lot with a 100 additional parking spots for a total of 930 spots available in the future.

Out of State/Overnight Field Trip Request(s):

The following Out of State/Overnight Trip requests were provided in the board packet for review:

- Indoor Percussion – WGI Regional in Indianapolis, IN. March 13-15, 2026
- Mock Trial State invite – Springfield, IL. March 13-15, 2026
- T.S.A – Bloomington, IL. April 16 & 17, 2026
- Band Trip Orlando, FL March 25, 2027 – April 1, 2027

There were no questions or concerns and it is anticipated for approval at the end of the regular meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

MOTION: by Grzetich, seconded by Hoyt, to approve the 2026-2027 School Calendar as presented.

Hearing no objections. Motion was approved. Time: 6:37 p.m.

MOTION: Grzetich, seconded by Spivey, to approve the Weight Room Bid as presented to the following vendors.

1. Rogue in the amount of \$131,478.51

2. Intek in the amount

Voting Aye: Juskiewicz, Hoyt, Grzetich, Kooi, Spivey and Hrechko. Motion carried. Time: 6:37 p.m.

MOTION: Hoyt, seconded by Grzetich, to accept the \$20,000 donation from No Regrets, Inc. as presented.

Voting Aye: Kooi, Spivey, Juskiewicz, Hoyt and Hrechko. Motion carried. Time: 6:37 p.m.

Motion Hoyt, seconded by Grzetich, to approve the purchase of 270 Lenovo Thinkpad laptops from Trafera with annual lease payments to American Capital for \$92,045.23 as presented.

Voting Aye: Spivey, Juskiewicz, Hoyt, Grzetich, Kooi and Hrechko. Motion carried. Time: 6:39 p.m.

MOTION: by Hoyt, seconded by Spivey, to approve and award the Tennis Court Resurfacing Bid to U.S.A. Tennis Court Construction Co. in the amount of \$250,790 as presented.

Voting Aye: Juskiewicz, Hoyt, Grzetich, Kooi, Spivey and Hrechko. Motion carried. Time: 6:39 p.m.

MOTION: by Grzetich, seconded by Hoyt, to approve the Indoor Percussion Out-of-State Trip Request as presented.

Hearing no objections. Motion was approved. Time: 6:39 p.m.

MOTION: by Spivey, seconded by Kooi, to approve the Mock Trial Overnight Trip Request as presented.

Hearing no objections. Motion was approved. Time: 6:40 p.m.

MOTION: by Juskiewicz, seconded by Hoyt, to approve the T.S.A. Overnight Trip Request as presented.

Hearing no objections. Motion was approved. Time: 6:40 p.m.

MOTION: by Hoyt, seconded by Kooi, to approve the Out of State Band Trip Request as presented

Hearing no objections. Motion was approved. Time: 6:40 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: by Juskiewicz seconded by Hoyt, 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 and student discipline.

Hearing no objections. Motion was approved. Time: 6:41 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

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

Hearing no objections. Motion was approved. Time: 7:18 p.m.

ACTIONS FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION**Closed Session Minutes**

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

- January 21, 2025, Executive Regular Meeting

Hearing no objections. Motion was approved. Time: 7:19 p.m.

Personnel

Resignation(s):

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

Chris Cioch – Transportation – Bus Aide – Resignation – eff. 1/28/2026
Karen Martin – Bus Driver – Transportation – Retirement – eff. 5/21/2026
Bernard Ruettiger – Wrestling Assistant – Resignation – eff. 1/26/2026
Katherine Ayers – Bus Aide – Resignation – eff. 2/17/2026

Hearing no objections. Motion was approved. Time: 7:19 p.m.

LOA:

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

Rick Undesser – Teacher – World Language, from 1/18/2026 – 8/31/2026 Intermittent (Days TBD) under the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA)
Robert Munson – Campus Monitor, from 2/24/2026 – 4/1/2026 (Days TBD) under the Family Medical leave Act (FMLA)
Maria Gutierrez – Custodian, from 2/3/2026 – 3/9/2026 (Days TBD) under the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA)
Amy Lyons – Teacher – P.E., from 2/17/2026 – 3/15/2026 (Days TBD) under the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA)

Hearing no objections. Motion was approved. Time: 7:19 p.m.

Employment:

MOTION: by Juskiewicz, seconded by Grzetich, to approve the employment of the following certified staff member(s) for the 2026-2027 school year as presented, pending proper paperwork and background check deemed favorable by the MCHS #111 Administration:

Mckai Vann – First-year Probationary Social Worker – MA/Step 2 – eff. 8/17/2026

Rachael Black – First-year Probationary Teacher – Chemistry – MA/Step 10 – eff. 8/17/2026

Voting Aye: Hoyt, Grzetich, Kooi, Spivey, Juskiewicz and Hrechko. Motion carried. Time: 7:20 p.m.

MOTION: by Hoyt, seconded by Kooi, to approve the following extracurricular employment/volunteer(s) for the 2025/2026 school year as presented, pending proper paperwork and background check deemed favorable by the MCHS #111 Administration:

Matthew Fisher – Assistant Lacrosse (Boys) – Step 3

Kyle Holmes – Assistant Lacrosse (Boys) – Step 5

Steven Gonzalez – Football – Volunteer

Annika Marchi – Pit Orchestra Director - Sponsor – Step 1

Voting Aye: Spivey, Juskiewicz, Hoyt, Grzetich, Kooi and Hrechko. Motion carried. Time: 7:21 p.m.

MOTION: by Grzetich, seconded, by Kooi, to terminate Mike Mitchner as presented.

Voting Aye: Hoyt, Grzetich, Kooi, Spivey, Juskiewicz and Hrechko. Motion carried. Time: 7:21 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Hearing no objections. Motion was approved. Time: 7:21 p.m.

LAURA HRECHKO, PRESIDENT

TIM JUSKIEWICZ, SECRETARY

Date

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