

**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, January 13, 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 6:01 PM.

Charlie Coblenz: Present

Victor Markiewicz: Present

Amber Rice: Present

Tina Van Horn: Present

Lindsey Yoder: Present

2. Public Participation

No public participation.

3. Presentation of the 2024-2025 Audit of Chouteau-Mazie Public Schools by representatives of Patten & Odom, CPA's, PLLC. Discussion and vote to approve the report.

Motion to approve report as read. This motion, made by Victor Markiewicz and seconded by Charlie Coblenz, Passed.

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

4. Coach Bobby Ward to give an update on the football program.

5. Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent gave an update on the bond projects, archery and basketball updates, and an update on the bus accident that occurred on 1-9-2026. Also, talked about arms security training for employees. Mrs. Gilstrap updated the Board members on the reading program progress.

6. Discussion, and vote on lawn mowing service bids based on the Superintendent's recommendation.

Motion was made to approve lawn mowing bid from Melvin Yoder Jr. for 2026. Mazie school-lawn mowing, and spraying. \$4,800.00. Chouteau schools-lawn mowing, spraying, fertilizer, and spray for weeds. \$35,500.00. This motion, made by Victor Markiewicz and seconded by Lindsey Yoder, Passed.

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

7. 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 the Consent Agenda with with the amendment of 7f as recorded. 12 month employees shall be entitled to rollover a maximum of twenty-two (22) vacation days at the end of each fiscal year. All days above twenty-two (22) days shall be paid at the employees daily/hourly rate of pay. The pay rate shall be the rate in effect at the time of the employee's

payout. This motion, made by Victor Markiewicz and seconded by Lindsey Yoder, Passed.  
Charlie Coblenz: Yea, Victor Markiewicz: Yea, Amber Rice: Yea, Tina Van Horn: Yea,  
Lindsey Yoder: Yea

7.a. Approve Board meeting minutes for the December 17, 2025, special board meeting.

7.b. Approve Ms. Littlefield's 2nd hour Forensic Science class field trip to JBU's Cadaver Lab in Siloam Springs.

7.c. Approve Yearbook field trip on April 14, 2026, to Oklahoma University in Norman for Spring Media Day.

7.d. Approve Superintendent's contract.

7.e. 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 \_\_468-496

Child Nutrition Fund #22 FY 2025-2026 encumbrance \_\_30

Building Fund #21 FY 2025-2026 encumbrance \_\_11

Bond Fund #39 FY 2025-2026 encumbrance \_\_19

Activity Fund #60 FY 2025-2026 encumbrances \_\_508-585

7.f. Update DEC-R2 in the Support Personnel Handbook. Vacation #2.

7.g. Approve field trips for 5th grade to attend STARBASE in Tulsa. March 23, 30, and April 13, 20, 27.

7.h. Approve lease renewal on activity bus.

7.i. Approve list of surplus library books.

7.j. Approve purchase order for professional services in connection with voting, sale, issuance, and delivery of the \$2,870,000.00 combined purpose bonds, dated January 1, 2026. Cost \$33,950.00.

7.k. Approve a field trip request for Mrs. White's and Mrs. Smith's Life Skills classes for Friday, February 6, 2026.

## 8. Proposed Executive Session

Discuss, then vote to approve or disapprove 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

Employment: Margaret Gilliam, Tier I Paraprofessional

Nicole Shelton

Employment of Anthony Arnold

### 8.a. Motion to Convene

Motion to convene into Executive Session at 9:24pm. 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.b. Acknowledge return to open session

Motion to reconvene at 10:53pm. 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.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.

9. Current Business: Action Items

9.a. Approve to hire Margaret Gilliam for Tier I Paraprofessional for 2025-2026 SY

Motion to hire Margaret Gilliam for Tier I Paraprofessional for the 2025-2026 SY. This motion, made by Tina Van Horn and seconded by Amber Rice, Passed.

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

9.b. Discussion and vote to set a date, time, and place for a hearing upon receipt of the recommendation for the dismissal of Anthony Arnold from employment.

Motion to approve to set a date, time, and place for a hearing upon receipt of the recommendation for the dismissal for Anthony Arnold from employment. February 10, 2026, 6:00pm, at the Chouteau-Mazie Administration Office. This motion, made by Amber Rice and seconded by Charlie Coblentz, Passed.

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

9.c. Consideration, discussion, and vote to direct the Superintendent to mail a copy of the recommendation to Anthony Arnold and to notify Anthony Arnold of his right to a hearing and the date, time, and place of hearing.

Motion to approve the Superintendent to mail a copy of the recommendation to Anthony Arnold, and to notify Anthony Arnold of his right to a hearing on February 10, 2026, 6:00pm., at the Chouteau-Mazie Administration office. 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

9.d. Approve Nicole Shelton employment change from a Paraprofessional to a Certified Teacher for the 2025-2026 SY

Motion to hire Nicole Shelton as a certified teacher for the 2025-2026 SY. This motion, made by Charlie Coblentz and seconded by Victor Markiewicz, Passed.

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

10. 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.

11. Vote for Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 10:58pm. This motion, made by Amber Rice and seconded by Tina Van Horn, Passed.

Charlie Coblenz: 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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