DISTRICT #32, MAYES COUNTY, CHOUTEAU, OKLAHOMA
(The Chouteau-Mazie Public School)
Mazie Cafeteria, 107 N. Cole Street, 521 N McCracken, Chouteau, Oklahoma 74337

The Chouteau-Mazie Board of Education met in session on Tuesday, October 13, 2026 at 6:00 PM. in Mazie Cafeteria, 107 N. Cole Street, 521 N McCracken, Chouteau, Oklahoma 74337

1. Call meeting to order; roll call, flag salute, moment of silence.
Attendance Taken at 6:00 PM.

Charlie Coblentz:	Present
Victor Markiewicz:	Present
Amber Rice:	Absent
Tina Van Horn:	Present
Lindsey Yoder:	Present

2. Public Participation
Jennifer Wilson addressed the Board with concerns about remarks made about her grandson, by Board Member, Victor Markiewicz.

3. Mrs. Jen Riley to give a reading presentation.
Ms. Riley presented the Board with an update on Reading Data.

4. Mrs. Brumley to address the board about the Shoelace Program.
Mrs. Brumley stated that the Middle School students wanted to bring back the Shoelace Program. Students had signed a petition wanting the program.

4.a. Discuss then vote to approve or not approve the addition of the Shoelace Program.
Motion was made to bring back the Shoelace Program for the 2026-2027 SY. This motion, made by Tina Van Horn and seconded by Charlie Coblentz, Passed.
Charlie Coblentz: Yea, Victor Markiewicz: Nay, Amber Rice: Absent, Tina Van Horn: Yea, Lindsey Yoder: Yea

5. Superintendent's Report
Mr. Gwartney updated the Board on the Bond construction. Volleyball is going to State. Middle School 8th grade football is undefeated, with one game to go for the season.

6. Presentation of Superintendent's Recommendation for the dismissal of Melinda Purtle; vote to schedule a meeting date, time and place and to direct that a copy of the Superintendent's Recommendation, along with a notice of due process rights, be mailed and/or hand-delivered to Melinda Purtle in accordance with law.
Upon receipt by the Board of Education of the Superintendent's Recommendation for the dismissal of Melinda Purtle, I MOVE that a copy of the Superintendent's Recommendation be mailed and/or hand-delivered and/or served by process server to Melinda Purtle in accordance with law, along with a notice letter advising her of the right to a due process hearing; and that a hearing be scheduled before the Board of Education for the 2nd day of December, 2026, at 6:00pm, in the Superintendent's Office, Chouteau-Mazie Public Schools, 115 Railroad Street, Chouteau, Oklahoma, at which time the Board will consider whether to accept or reject the

Superintendent's Recommendation for the dismissal of Melinda Purtle. This motion, made by Charlie Coblentz and seconded by Lindsey Yoder, Passed.
Charlie Coblentz: Yea, Victor Markiewicz: Yea, Amber Rice: Absent, Tina Van Horn: Yea, Lindsey Yoder: Yea

7. Discussion and possible board action to approve the 2027 School Election Resolution.
Motion made to approve the 2027 School Election Resolution. This motion, made by Victor Markiewicz and seconded by Tina Van Horn, Passed.
Charlie Coblentz: Yea, Victor Markiewicz: Yea, Amber Rice: Absent, Tina Van Horn: Yea, Lindsey Yoder: Yea

8. 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 made to approve the Consent Agenda. This motion, made by Victor Markiewicz and seconded by Charlie Coblentz, Passed.
Charlie Coblentz: Yea, Victor Markiewicz: Yea, Amber Rice: Absent, Tina Van Horn: Yea, Lindsey Yoder: Yea

8.a. Approve Board meeting minutes for the September 8, 2026, board meeting.

8.b. Approve financial statements, all warrants issued for payment, change orders and all purchase orders and activity fund balances:
General Fund #11 FY 2026-2027 encumbrances __260-359
Building Fund #21 FY 2026-2027 encumbrances __0
Activity Fund #60 FY 2026-2027 encumbrances__160-331
RCB Bond Fund #31 FY 2026-2027 encumbrances__0
RCB Bond Fund #39 FY 2026-2027 encumbrances__0
BOK Bond Fund #74 FY 2026-2027 encumbrances__0

8.c. Approve Fund Raisers: #845, #872, #824, #841

8.d. Approve Field Trips:
October 23, 2026, 2nd grade to attend Dusty's Adventure Farm, Adair, OK.
October 27, 2026, 3rd Grade to attend Dusty's Adventure Farm, Adair, OK.
October 28, 2026, Ladycats softball team and any other athletes to Claremore to watch NEO vs RSU.
October 29, 2026, Mazie PK-1st grade to Livesay Orchards.
November 2, 2026, Yearbook and Journalism students to the Oklahoma Scholastic Media sponsored Fall Media Day at OU.
November 4, 2026, Junior class to the Tulsa Botanic Gardens, Buck Adams, and then to eat at a restaurant, TBD.
November 5, 2026, Mazie 2nd-8th grade to Tulsa Zoo.
November 14, 2026, Elementary G/T competition trip. (Place of competition is TBA)
December 2, 2026, Senior class to the Gathering Place, Route 66 Neon Park, and then to eat at a restaurant TBD.
Week of December 14th, 2026, (final date TBA based on availability) Mazie 7th and 8th grades to The Sanditen/Kaiser Holocaust Center, Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art in Tulsa.

8.e. Approve surplus items:

- 11 sets of Ladycats old basketball uniforms.
- Surplus IT items (List Attached)

8.f. Approve quote from Masters Heating and Cooling to install a heating and cooling unit in the weight room.

8.g. Approve quote for Aviation - two desktop flight simulators, pedals, connect boxes, and headsets.

8.h. Approve the updated School Wellness Plan for the 2026-2027 SY.

8.i. Approve to adopt a food allergy plan for the 2026-2027 SY.

8.j. Approve an additional extra duty list for the 2026-2027 SY. (List attached)

9. 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 Statues 307 (B) (1), and OKLA. STAT. tit 70, § 5-118.

Discipline of Victor Markiewicz, a board member and volunteer of the school district.

Resignations:

Employment: Dylan Harris
Nicole Shelton
Troy Gilmore
Tutors for ECC, Elem., Mazie, MS, and HS. (List Attached)

9.a. Motion to Convene
Motion to convene into Executive Session at 7:04pm Victor Markiewicz objected to going in to Executive Session to discuss the Discipline of Victor Markiewicz, a Board member and volunteer of the school district. This motion, made by Charlie Coblentz and seconded by Tina Van Horn, Passed.
Charlie Coblentz: Yea, Victor Markiewicz: Yea, Amber Rice: Absent, Tina Van Horn: Yea, Lindsey Yoder: Yea

9.b. Acknowledge return to open session
Motion to reconvene at 7:24pm. This motion, made by Charlie Coblentz and seconded by Tina Van Horn, Passed.
Charlie Coblentz: Yea, Victor Markiewicz: Yea, Amber Rice: Absent, Tina Van Horn: Yea, Lindsey Yoder: Yea

9.c. Statement by Board President
Only the Board members and Superintendent were in Executive Session. No votes were taken, and only the items on the agenda were discussed.

10. Current Business: Action Items

10.a. Discussion and vote to adopt or not adopt a resolution publicly censuring Victor Markiewicz, a Board Member.
Motion made to adopt a resolution publicly censuring Victor Mazkiewicz, a Board member. Proposed Motion To Publicly Censure is attached, was read by Charlie Coblentz, Board Vice-President. This motion, made by Charlie Coblentz and seconded by Lindsey Yoder, Passed. Charlie Coblentz: Yea, Victor Markiewicz: Nay, Amber Rice: Absent, Tina Van Horn: Yea, Lindsey Yoder: Yea
PROPOSED MOTION TO PUBLICALLY CENSURE

I move that the Board of Education for Chouteau-Mazie Public Schools publicly censure Victor
Markiewicz, a Board Member, by reciting and adopting this motion as follows:
1. Victor Markiewicz is a member of the Board of Education for Chouteau-Mazie Public Schools.
2. Each member of the Board of Education has sworn an oath to uphold the laws of the United States and the State of Oklahoma.
3. In addition, each member of the Board of Education has a duty not to engage in any conduct which may disrupt the education provided to the students of the school district.
4. Since joining the Board of Education, and before, Mr. Markiewicz has engaged in or endorsed language on social media which is divisive, derogatory, and/or profane.
5. Specifically, in August 2026, Mr. Markiewicz reposted language onto his public Facebook page which contained multiple slurs referencing people with developmental disabilities.
6. In June 2026, Mr. Markiewicz reposted language onto his public Facebook page which falsely accused a certain religious group of espousing violence by nature. Mr. Markiewicz has a history of using social media to defame, directly or implicitly, this religious group.
7. In April 2026, Mr. Markiewicz reposted a meme to his public Facebook page that contained imagery which invoked a civil rights organization's endorsement of the Ku Klux Klan.
8. In January 2026, Mr. Markiewicz reposted language to his public Facebook page which contained a slur referencing women.
9. The Board of Education finds that reposing content amounts to endorsement of the language and images contained therein.
10. There are students enrolled in the school district who are members of each of the groups targeted by Mr. Markiewicz's endorsed language.
11. Mr. Markiewicz's conduct directly contradicts the school district's core tenants. Specifically, the school district's philosophy, adopted as Board of Education Policy AE, which states "In assisting each individual to become a responsible citizen, the district is

contributing to the betterment of our nation and society as a whole." The language endorsed or written by Mr. Markiewicz is not in service to the betterment of our nation and society.
12. In addition, the Board of Education finds Mr. Markiewicz's conduct amounts to bullying. It is unreasonable for the Board of Education to expect students in its care to refrain from such conduct while allowing one of its members to promote language which espouses

hate and divisiveness.
13. For students, bullying is defined in Board of Education Policy FNCD as "any pattern of harassment, intimidation, threatening behavior, physical acts, verbal or electronic communication directed toward a student or group of students that results in or is reasonably perceived as being done with the intent to cause negative educational or physical results for the targeted individual or group and is communicated in such a way as to disrupt or interfere with the school's educational mission or the education of any student."
14. Members of the Board of Education are expected to set an example for the students it serves and the community at large. By the conduct described, Mr. Markiewicz has failed to meet that expectation.
15. Therefore, the Board of Education hereby publicly censures Mr. Markiewicz for his inappropriate conduct.
16. The Board further states that Mr. Markiewicz's actions are his actions as an individual and are not the actions of the Board of Education.
17. The Board of Education does not approve, endorse, condone or agree with Mr. Markiewicz's actions in any manner and specifically disassociates itself from his conduct.
18. The Board of Education specifically calls on Mr. Markiewicz to immediately stop engaging in the conduct set out above.

10.b. Vote to approve the hiring of Dylan Harris on a temporary contact for a custodian for the 2026-2027 SY.
Motion made as read. This motion, made by Lindsey Yoder and seconded by Charlie Coblentz, Passed.
Charlie Coblentz: Yea, Victor Markiewicz: Yea, Amber Rice: Absent, Tina Van Horn: Yea, Lindsey Yoder: Yea

10.c. Vote to approve the hiring of Nicole Shelton on a temporary contract for the Activity Fund Clerk for the 2026-2027 SY.
Motion made as read. This motion, made by Tina Van Horn and seconded by Victor Markiewicz, Passed.
Charlie Coblentz: Yea, Victor Markiewicz: Yea, Amber Rice: Absent, Tina Van Horn: Yea, Lindsey Yoder: Yea

10.d. Vote to approve the hiring of Troy Gilmore as the ISD Monitor for the high school, on a temporary contract for 2026-2027 SY.
Motion made as read. This motion, made by Victor Markiewicz and seconded by Lindsey Yoder, Passed.
Charlie Coblentz: Yea, Victor Markiewicz: Yea, Amber Rice: Absent, Tina Van Horn: Yea, Lindsey Yoder: Yea

10.e. Vote to approve the hiring of Tutors for the ECC, Elem., Mazie, Middle School, and High School for the 2026-2027 SY. (list attached)
Motion made as read. This motion, made by Lindsey Yoder and seconded by Tina Van Horn, Passed.
Charlie Coblentz: Yea, Victor Markiewicz: Yea, Amber Rice: Absent, Tina Van Horn: Yea, Lindsey Yoder: Yea

11. 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 amend DEE-R and DEE-E1 to increase travel reimbursement meals up to $120.00 in state, and up to $150.00 out of state per day. Itemized receipts must be submitted for reimbursement. This motion, made by Charlie Coblentz and seconded by Tina Van Horn, Passed.
Charlie Coblentz: Yea, Victor Markiewicz: Yea, Amber Rice: Absent, Tina Van Horn: Yea, Lindsey Yoder: Yea

12. Vote for Adjournment
Motion made to adjourn at 7:33pm. This motion, made by Lindsey Yoder and seconded by Tina Van Horn, Passed.
Charlie Coblentz: Yea, Victor Markiewicz: Yea, Amber Rice: Absent, Tina Van Horn: Yea, Lindsey Yoder: Yea

Mary Guinn
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