

**CHIPPEWA VALLEY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION – REGULAR MEETING
Chippewa Valley Schools
Administration Building
August 10, 2026**

Board President Pearl called the Regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Present:	Members, Aquino, Gura, Kuntz, Mahome, Pearl, Radyko and Wojtowicz
Absent:	None
Also, Present:	Dr. Blanchard, Mr. Sederlund, Dr. Brosky, Ms. Jacobs, Ms. Licari, Mr. Sibley, Dr. Langlands, Mr. Atkins, Ms. Blain, Ms. Newhouse, Ms. Monnier-White and Ms. Adlam

Roll Call taken.

MOTION #08/01/26 – Moved by Member Gura and supported by Member Kuntz to approve the agenda. **Yes all, motion carried.**

Presentations/Recognitions

- Mr. Paul Sibley (Exec. Director Secondary Education) reviewed the process to be used for late start days in the spring due to student testing. This year, pupil accounting rules have changed, allowing a virtual late start day. After testing in the afternoon, the district would hold virtual live classes for our students. Mr. Sibley indicated the reasons this approach has worked well in previous years. Mr. Sibley emphasized this would only impact secondary students and communication with the families will come from the school.

MOTION #08/02/26 – Moved by Member Gura and supported by Member Aquino to remove Financial Reports from the Consent Agenda and vote on the Consent Agenda.

- Approve Minutes of the Organizational Meeting held on July 13, 2026.
- Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 13, 2026.
- Approve Personnel Transactions.

Yes all, motion carried.

MOTION #08/03/26 – Moved by Member Kuntz and supported by Member Mahome to vote on the Financial Reports separate from the Consent Agenda.

- Approve General Fund, Food Service, IAM, Childcare, Camps/Clinics. Check Register in the amount of \$4,262,768.36.
- Approve 2018 Building and Site Check Register in the amount of \$1,078,252.31.
- Approve Building Activity Check Register in the amount of \$108,647.04.

Motion passed 5-2 with Members Wojtowicz and Radyko voting against.

Old Business - None

MOTION #08/04/26 – Moved by Member Gura and supported by Member Aquino that the Chippewa Valley Schools Board of Education approve the promotion of Ms. Martha Luks, to the position of Director for Business Services. Ms. Luks' effective start date is August 11, 2026.

Yes all, motion carried.

MOTION #08/05/26– Moved by Member Aquino and supported by Member Mahome that the Chippewa Valley Schools Board of Education approve the hire of Ms. Brandy Croce, to the position of Principal, Erie Elementary School. Ms. Croce's effective start date is to be determined.

Yes all, motion carried.

MOTION #08/06/26– Moved by Member Gura and supported by Member Kuntz that the Chippewa Valley Schools Board of Education approve the following Community Support Groups for the 2026/2027 school year:

Cherokee Elementary School PTO	Renewal
Cheyenne Elementary School PTO	Renewal
Clinton Valley Elementary School PTO	Renewal
Erie Elementary School PTO	Renewal
Fox Elementary School PTO	Renewal
Huron Elementary School PTO	Renewal
Miami Elementary School PTO	Renewal
Mohawk Elementary School PTO	Renewal
Ojibwa Elementary School PTO	Renewal
Ottawa Elementary School PTO	Renewal
Sequoyah Elementary School PTO	Renewal
Shawnee Elementary School PTO	Renewal
Chippewa Valley High School Athletic Boosters	Renewal
Chippewa Valley High School Band Boosters	Renewal
Chippewa Valley High School Choir Boosters	Renewal
Dakota High School Boosters	Renewal
Dakota Wrestling Club	Renewal

Yes all, motion carried.

MOTION #08/07/26– Moved by Member Aquino and supported by Member Gura that the Chippewa Valley Schools Board of Education approve ExploreK12 for a two-year Gizmo Science license renewal totaling \$61,990.93 for the Educational Services Department

Yes all, motion carried.

MOTION #08/08/26– Moved by Member Aquino and supported by Member Mahome that the Chippewa Valley Schools Board of Education approve Teaching Strategies for a two-year Creative Curriculum subscription totaling \$64,969.14 for the Grants Department.

Yes all, motion carried.

MOTION #08/09/26– Moved by Member Kuntz and supported by Member Gura that the Chippewa Valley Schools Board of Education accept and approve the recommendation to authorize virtual/remote late start learning days at the Secondary level of state standardized testing days. The days approved for virtual late start days are as follows:

1) High Schools –

- a. October 20, 2026, for the PSAT/NMSQT test;
- b. April 13, 2027, for the PSAT/SAT/WIN test; and
- c. April 14, 2027, for the PSAT/SAT/WIN test.

2) Middle Schools –

- a. April 13, 2027, for the PSAT

Yes all, motion carried.

Mr. Jeff Atkins (Exec. Dir., Auxiliary Services) presented information regarding the district's proposed resolution certifying the ballot language to submit a Bond Proposal to the electors at an election to be held on November 3, 2026. Board of Education discussion followed.

MOTION #08/10/26– Moved by Member Kuntz and supported by Member Mahome that the Chippewa Valley Schools Board of Education approve the resolution establishing Tuesday, November 3, 2026, the date to conduct a bond election and that the reading of the resolution be waived. **Motion passed 6-1 with Member Wojtowicz voting against.**

Union Communications - None

Curriculum Updates - None

Administrative Reports

- Superintendent Blanchard commented on the following:
 - Acknowledged Ms. Radyko's email regarding the curriculum that will be used for GSRP. We have met with Ms. Radyko and she has asked for materials. Our administrative team recognizes the importance of getting materials to the board in a timely fashion and by increasing the number of board meetings, we're hoping that this will help. We understand the board having the opportunity to review materials that they're approving for purchase. I appreciate the vote tonight on the materials and just know that we'll continue to partner and work with the Board of Education to get that information to you.
 - Recognized the ten-month employees have returned from break and are back in the buildings. So the buildings are abuzz and will continue until the teachers return.
 - You will notice activity all around the district, getting buildings ready and putting the finishing touches on buildings. Mr. Jeff Atkins and team are working to make sure things are on point for our students to return.

From the Community

- Public comments/audience participation

Of and By Board Members

- Board Members Wojtowicz commented on the From the Community portion of the board meetings
- Member Radyko indicated that the district employee resigned from the sex education position.
- Member Aquino commented on needing Bond communications as soon as possible. Talked about past bond programs and communicating information to the community.
- Mr. Gura acknowledged the entire board did receive the information on the Bond. All Board members received a 175-page document regarding the Bond in June, the same document that went to the State of Michigan.
Mr. Gura indicated he will not be at next meeting and wishes everyone a safe and happy start of the year.

MOTION #08/11/26 - Moved by Member Gura and supported by Member Kuntz to adjourn the meeting. **Yes all, motion carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Aquino, Secretary
Chippewa Valley Schools
Board of Education