CHIPPEWA VALLEY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION – REGULAR MEETING
Chippewa Valley Schools
Administration Building
October 12, 2026

Board President Pearl called the Regular meeting to order at 6:31 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 #10/01/26 – Moved by Member Gura and supported by Member Aquino to approve the agenda. **Yes all, motion carried.**

Presentations/Recognitions

- Mr. Dean Sabelhaus(Dir., Career Tech Ed) introduced Ms. Alaina "Lainey" Peters (CVHS Student) who is the recipient of the 2026 Sparky Anderson Award for Youth & Philanthropy. Lainey has received this award for finding ways of helping others by organizing events and spending time making a personal connection with those involved and being a great example of leadership and commitment.
  Lainey is a proud DECA student and encourages all students to get involved with DECA.

- Dr. Donald Brosky (Asst. Super., Ed Services) and the Educational Services team provided a journey through the districts K-12 student data and understanding the four assessment sets and highlighted the successful work and growth which has occurred and where the district goes next.

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MOTION #10/02/26 – Moved by Member Gura and supported by Member Wojtowich to remove Financial Reports from the Consent Agenda and vote on the Consent Agenda.

- Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 28, 2026.
- Approve Personnel Transactions.

Yes all, motion carried.

MOTION #10/03/26 – Moved by Member Gura and supported by Member Kuntz 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 $726,651.93.
- Approve Debt Fund Check Register in the amount of $5,188,240.75.
- Approve Wire Transfers, ACH and Payments Report in the amount of $7,372,292.61.
- Approve 2018 Building and Site Check Register in the amount of $428,425.15.
- Approve Building Activity Check Register in the amount of $94,918.04.

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

Old Business - None

MOTION #10/04/26 – Moved by Member Aquino and supported by Member Wojtowicz that the Chippewa Valley Schools Board of Education approve the hire of Ms. Nicole Kozfkay, to the position of Executive Secretary - Payroll/Benefits Specialist. Ms. Kozfkay's effective start date is to be determined. **Yes all, motion carried.**

MOTION #10/05/26 – Moved by Member Aquino and supported by Member Mahome that the Chippewa Valley Schools Board of Education approve the Resolution for Chippewa Valley School District to observe October 2026 as Red Ribbon Month.
Yes all, motion carried.

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RED RIBBON/SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION MONTH



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS Youth use of alcohol, marijuana, vape products, and other drugs is associated with academic failure, mental health issues, and addiction,

WHEREAS October 2026 is "Red Ribbon Month", a national celebration to promote a drug-free America,

WHEREAS Chippewa Valley Schools recognizes that the combined efforts of parents, students, school, and community are needed to prevent alcohol, marijuana, vaping, and other drug use by our students,

WHEREAS the Chippewa Valley Coalition for Youth and Families, a school-community coalition, is working to promote safe, resilient and drug-free youth and prevent youth suicide,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that October 2026 will be celebrated in Chippewa Valley Schools as *"Red Ribbon Month*". Red Ribbon Month will be dedicated to educating our students, staff, parents, and community about the dangers of youth use of alcohol, marijuana, vape products, and other drugs,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution, having been adopted by the Chippewa Valley Board of Education on October 12, 2026, be announced to the public, and be made a permanent part of the records of the Chippewa Valley Board of Education.

MOTION #10/06/26 – Moved by Member Gura and supported by Member Aquino that the Chippewa Valley Schools Board of Education approve West Music for the purchase of elementary level musical supplies and equipment totaling $48,928.45 for the Educational Services Department.

Building	Cost
Cherokee	$1,947.41
Cheyenne	$2,263.30
Clinton Valley	$4,657.86
Erie	$3,839.64
Fox	$4,371.66
Huron	$6,078.63
Miami	$8,885.48
Mohawk	$3,954.21
Ojibwa	$3,829.20
Ottawa	$5,912.08
Sequoyah	$2,517.81
Shawnee	$671.17
TOTAL	**$48,928.45**

Yes all, motion carried.

MOTION #10/07/26 – Moved by Member Mahome and supported by Member Aquino that the Chippewa Valley Schools Board of Education adopt the following resolution recognizing October 2026 as Principal/Assistant Principal Appreciation Month and the week of October 19-23, 2026, as Principal/Assistant Principal Recognition Week

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Resolution for Principal/Assistant Principal Appreciation Month

WHEREAS, the month of October 2026 has been designated as **Principal/Assistant Principal Appreciation Month**, providing an opportunity to recognize the important contributions of school principals and assistant principals; and

WHEREAS, principals and assistant principals serve as instructional leaders, educational advocates, and administrators who work tirelessly to create safe, welcoming, and supportive learning environments for students and staff; and

WHEREAS, the leadership of principals and assistant principals is essential to the success of our schools, as they work collaboratively with educators, support staff, students, families, and the community to advance student achievement and school improvement; and

WHEREAS, our building leaders demonstrate a steadfast commitment to ensuring that every student has the opportunity to learn, grow, and succeed; and

WHEREAS, the week of **October 19–23, 2026**, will be recognized as **Principal/Assistant Principal Recognition Week** in Chippewa Valley Schools as a special opportunity to acknowledge and express appreciation for the dedication, leadership, and service of our building administrators; and

WHEREAS, the Chippewa Valley Schools Board of Education recognizes that strong school leadership is fundamental to the success of our students, staff, and school communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chippewa Valley Schools Board of Education hereby recognizes **October 2026 as Principal/Assistant Principal Appreciation Month** and **October 19–23, 2026, as Principal/Assistant Principal Recognition Week**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education extends its sincere appreciation to all Chippewa Valley Schools principals and assistant principals for their leadership, dedication, professionalism, and commitment to **every student, every day, without exception.**

Kenneth Pearl
Kenneth Pearl, Board of Education President
Chippewa Valley Schools

Adam Blanchard
Dr. Adam Blanchard, Superintendent
Chippewa Valley Schools

Union Communications - None

Curriculum Updates - None

Administrative Reports

- Mr. Paul Sibley (Exec. Dir., Secondary Education) recognized Dakota High School for receiving a ranking as a top 25% high school nationally by the U.S. News & World Report Ranking. Mr. Sibley described how the ranking works using six weighted indicators. Seventy-seven percent of Dakota students enrolled in higher education within a year, which is second in the county.

- Dr. Charlene McGunn (Coalition for Youth & Families) described nearly 30 years of Coalition work spreading the message for alcohol, drugs and suicide prevention for our students and families. Along with students, staff, parents and community partners, Dr. McGunn indicated a decline in substance abuse amongst the district's youth.
  Dr. McGunn also presented the MiPHY report (Michigan Profile for Healthy Youth) reporting a decline in alcohol use, a marked decline in vaping. Students who decline the use of substances will find it increases academic achievement.

- Superintendent Dr. Adam Blanchard reported on the following:
  - Along with Mr. Jeff Atkins (Exec. Dir., Auxilliary Services) will continue to provide informational presentations to the various buildings and groups within the Chippewa Valley as well as various groups and community members.
  - The Chippewa Valley High School Homecoming Parade and varsity football game will be on Friday, October 16th.
  - The CVHS production of *Frozen* is close to being sold out. There are some tickets still available, so don't delay purchasing your tickets.
  - Dr. Blanchard recognized Dr. Charlene McGunn for organizing and leading the Chippewa Valley Coalition for Youth and Families.

From the Community

- Public comments/audience participation

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Of and By Board Members

- Board Member Radyko commented on the following:
  - Thanked the student who spoke at tonight's meeting.
  - Looking forward to the CVHS Homecoming Parade on Friday, October 16th.
  - Suggested having community comments twice on the agenda at every meeting – one at the beginning and another session at the end of our meeting.

- Board Member Aquino commented on the following:
  - Wants all our students to feel safe and taken care of when they come to school.
  - Thanked young student for addressing the Board of Education.
  - Attended CVHS/DHS Varsity Football crossover game. Dakota took home the trophy.
  - Participated in the Coalition's walk/run for suicide prevention on October 11th. This event was very well attended. Try to focus on mental health for all our students.
  - Agrees with Community member regarding class size. However, bond dollars can't be used to reduce class size.

- Board Member Gura commented on the following:
  - Thanked student for coming in to talk.
  - Thanked Educational Services for putting on a very good and thorough presentation.
  - Recognized Dr. Charlene McGunn (Coalition) for organizing the Walk/Run for Youth Suicide Prevention event. It was very moving to be part of.
  - Looking forward to the CVHS Homecoming Parade on Friday, October 16, 2026.

- Board Member Mahome commented on the following:
  - Indicated she was happy student came to speak and hopes to find a resolution for this.
  - Walked in the Coalition's Walk/Run for Youth Suicide Prevention – this is a great program.
  - Dakota Homecoming Parade was fun and it was great being a part of it.

- Board Member Wojtowicz commented on the following:
  - Indicated happy to see mom and student at a board meeting.
  - Discussed interest in class sizes being smaller.
  - Thanked the Coalition for what they do.
  - Encouraged everyone to purchase tickets for the CVHS production of *Frozen*.
  - Reminded everyone the Chippewa Valley H.S. Homecoming was October 16th.

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- Board Member Kuntz commented on the following:
    - Commended student for addressing the Board.
    - Complimented all the speakers at tonight's meeting who spoke and presented.
    - Presentation about Dakota was very well put together and proud of the ranking in the U.S. News.

- Board Member Pearl commented on the following:
    - Indicated class size was part of contractual language.
    - Honored to have Chippewa Valley be the host for the eleven high schools who were part of the band competition this past weekend. They used the CVHS football stadium/field to march and compete. All the bands were great and CVHS was a great host for this event.

MOTION #10/08/26 - Moved by Member Gura and supported by Member Kuntz to adjourn the meeting.
Yes all, motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Aquino, Secretary
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