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**CHESANING UNION SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Chesaning High School Media Center
September 11, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.**

Minutes

I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance – Superintendent, Mike McGough

The meeting was called to order by Superintendent, Mike McGough.

Members present: Scott Kohagen, Damion Frasier Charlie Rolfe, Julie Keck, and Lisa Greenfelder.

Members absent: Marty Maier, Becky Butcher

II. Additions to the Agenda

None

III. Correspondence from the Public

None

IV. Superintendent's Report

1. Audit Presentation – Yeo & Yeo – Brian Dixon presented the audit results for the year end June 30, 2023.
2. ESSER III Return to Learn Plan – Paula Peterson presented the latest plan.
3. Literacy Recognition –Michelle Schroeder, Laura Greenfelder and Jessica Stewart were all recognized for their community wide projects including book pillows, books hygiene bags and more. We thanked them for all of their time and effort organizing these projects and countless volunteers. Damion Frasier made a motion to approve the tribute and Julie Keck supported.
4. Committees
 - a. Safety, Security and Facilities – a meeting is scheduled for 8:00 am September 15, 2023.
 - b. Finance and Marketing – will be meeting the end of September.
 - c. Athletics and Extra Curricular Activities – met prior to this board meeting to discuss youth athletics, fall sports and Birch Run joining our league.
 - d. Instructional and Mental Health Supports – a meeting will be scheduled for 5:15 pm October 9, 2023, prior to the regular October Board of Education meeting.

Building Reports:

- **Big Rock – Principal Shannon Cooper-Toma reported:**
- Our new playground equipment was installed over the summer with many thanks to Nick Everett, Seth Deal, Jason Croucher and their team, along with our maintenance director, Brian Gross. Our Parent Group purchased this equipment with the funds raised from our annual Fun Run. It's a beautiful addition to our school!
- Great Start: The 2023-2024 academic year is off to a great start! Our students have spent a great deal of time over the past couple of weeks building relationships and learning classroom expectations.

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- New Members: We welcomed several new members to our Big Rock family! Paige Smith and Aimee Turnwald were hired as lunch and recess monitors. Jami Hoover was hired to serve as our library tech. Trisha Kime and Rebecca Williacker were hired as cooks, as well. We also welcomed a student teacher, Alexis Spalding to our team. Alexis Spalding will complete her student teaching experience in Mrs. Bitterman’s classroom.
- Fun Run: We will hold our annual Fun Run on Wednesday, September 27th. As shared earlier, this is Parent Group’s largest fundraiser of the year. Funds generated from this event will be used to fund field trips, playground equipment, and classroom resources. We are so fortunate to have such a supportive group of individuals supporting our students.
- Fall Testing Window: Our NWEA Map Growth (math and reading) and NWEA Map Reading Fluency assessments testing will begin on September 18th. These universal screening assessments will provide our team with important data on our students. We will hold our student review meetings following the testing window.

- **Middle School – Principal Melinda Soule reported:**

Mid-Michigan Old Gas Tractor Field trip

On Friday, September 29, our 4th grade students and staff will take a field trip to the Mid-Michigan Old Gas Tractor Rural Living Education Day in Oakley. At Rural Living Education Day, students will visit different venues where they will learn about the machinery, skills, and processes that provided rural families with food, clothing and shelter in the early 1900’s. This program is put on at no cost to the school or students. Each student also receives a goody bag containing assorted school supplies and many other donated items. Since September 29 is a half day of school, we will be participating in the morning only.

Thank you GARBER OF CHESANING!

Our students and families are very grateful for all of the school supplies that were donated through their Stuff the Bus campaign! During the open house ALL of the donations were distributed to students!

Congratulations Coach Harrington!

Dylan Harrington, 7th grade Geography teacher and HS Cross Country and Track & Field coach, reached his 1000th consecutive day of running on 9/5/2023! The students and athletes who know Dylan often ask him about this challenge and were excited to celebrate this huge accomplishment with him!

Upcoming Events

September 29.....Half day for students

October 4.....Fall count day

October 27.....End of First Marking Period

November 2.....Half day for students(am), Parent-Teacher Conferences(pm)

- **High School – Principal Kim Vincke reported:**

- Upcoming Events

- Class Advisor Meeting - September 7th

- Key Club - September 20th - Mrs. Niewiadomski

- English Department Curriculum Day - September 25th

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- Big Rock Fun Run - September 27th
- ½ Day Students/Staff - September 29th
- Powder Puff - October 1st - 6:00pm
- Math Curriculum Day - October 2nd
- Homecoming - October 6th
- Jostens Visit - October 11th - Grade 10 (class rings); Grade 12 (graduation products)
- PSAT/NMSQT Testing (11th grade) - October 11th
- Social Studies Department Curriculum Day - October 16th
- Science Department Curriculum Day - October 23rd
- College Fair - October 23rd - 6:00-7:30pm
- Picture Retakes - October 24th
- Marching Band Showcase - October 26th

Chesaning High School Celebrates Students Awarded with Academic Honors from College Board National Recognition Programs

Awards recognize high-performing students and help them stand out to colleges

Seven Students at Chesaning High School earned academic honors from the College Board National Recognition Programs. These programs celebrate students' hard work in high school and showcase their strong academic performance. The academic honors for rural area, Black, Indigenous, and/or Latino students are an opportunity for students to share their strong academic achievements with colleges and scholarship programs that are seeking to recruit diverse talent.

The criteria for eligible students include:

- GPA of 3.5 or higher.
- PSAT/NMSQT or PSAT 10 assessment scores that are within the top 10% of assessment takers in each state for each award program or earned a score of 3 or higher on 2 or more AP Exams in 9th and 10th grade.
- Attend school in a rural area or small town, or identify as African American/Black, Hispanic American/Latino, or Indigenous/Native.

Eligible students are invited to apply on BigFuture during their sophomore or junior year and are awarded at the start of the next school year in time to share their achievements in high school as they plan for the future. At the same time, colleges and organizations using College Board's Student Search Service™ can connect directly with awardees during the recruitment process.

Congratulations to:

Alexandra Moore: NRSTA

Cohen Distelrath: NRSTA

Hannah Oakes: NRSTA

Haylee Luft: NRSTA

Jaden Bates: NRSTA

Makenzie Hall: NRSTA

Phoebe Malak: NRSTA

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Award Key: National African American Recognition Award (NAARA); National Hispanic Recognition Award (NHRA); National Rural and Small Town Award (NRSTA); National Indigenous Award (NIA)

U.S. News Best High Schools of 2023

Chesaning Union High School Earns State and National Recognition

Out of 651 Michigan public high schools that earned a U.S. News and World Report ranking, Chesaning Union High School is #173. The U.S. News and World Report also gave Chesaning Union High School a national ranking of #5,542 out of 17,843. Not every Michigan or high school in the nation is considered for a ranking. According to information supplied by U.S. News, nearly 24,000 high schools were reviewed nationally, while 1,166 were reviewed for the state. This places Chesaning High School in the top 15% of Michigan schools and in the top 32% of high schools nationally.

While having the highest ranking of all area schools, Chesaning High School placed fourth among Saginaw county schools. Saginaw Arts and Science Academy (SASA) earned the #1 spot for the county, while Frankenmuth High School ranked #2, and Freeland High School ranked #3.

Congratulations to all of our high school students and to the entire district staff!

www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/michigan/districts/chesaning-union-schools/chesaning-union-high-school-9800

All Rankings

#5,422

in National Rankings

#173

in Michigan High Schools

#4

in Saginaw, MI Metro Area High School

Special Thank You!

THANK YOU to Garber, our local businesses, and to all of the community members who helped to “Stuff the Bus!” We are overwhelmed with the generosity of school supplies and appreciative for all of the support. THANK YOU!

- **Athletics – Athletic Director Jason Hemgesberg reported:**

UPCOMING EVENTS

See attached schedule for all athletic events scheduled through 10/9/23.

MILITARY CLASSIC EVENTS

Varsity Soccer, Thursday, September 7th vs. Durand, 6:00 PM

Varsity Football, Friday, September 8th, vs. Mt. Morris, 7:00 PM

Varsity Volleyball, Tuesday, September 12th vs. Ovid-Elsie, 6:30 PM

Varsity Cross Country, Tuesday, September 12th, MMAC Jamboree, 4:30 PM at Showboat Park

HOMECOMING WEEK/EVENTS

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Homecoming will be scheduled for the week of 10/2 through 10/6, culminating with the football game vs. Durand on 10/6 at 7:00 PM.

FALL TEAM UPDATES

Fall HS Athletic Team Participation

	Boys	Girls	Total
V Cross Country	7	7	14
V Football	25	1	26
JV Football	27	0	27
V Sideline Cheer	0	23	23
V Soccer (Boys)	22	0	22
V Tennis (Boys)	8	0	8
V Volleyball	0	10	10
JV Volleyball	0	10	10
F Volleyball	0	11	11
	89	62	151

Fall MS Athletic Team Participation

	Boys	Girls	Total
7/8 Basketball (Girls)	0	15	15
6/7/8 Cross Country	7	18	25
7/8 Football	31	0	31
7/8 Sideline Cheer	0	18	18
	38	51	89

Congratulations to our Varsity Boys Soccer team starting out the season a perfect 7 - 0. The team has picked up some solid wins against some great competition (Owosso, Clio, Valley Lutheran). The boys have a great test on Wednesday, September 13th when they host Alma at 6:00 PM.

A huge win for our Varsity Football team on Thursday, August 31st at New Lothrop. The team ran out to a 27 - 0 lead early in the 3rd quarter. New Lothrop stormed back to pull within 5 points but failed on their final drive. This win was a huge confidence booster for the team.

Congratulations to both of these programs on their tremendous start to the year.

OTHER

THANK YOU to Sports Boosters for continuing to step up and donate funds to our athletic programs. In the last month the boosters have donated \$6000 to help all of our athletic teams have a competitive edge and utilize the video services of Hudl. Thank you to our Chesaning Sports Boosters and all that they do for our athletic programs!

Please check out our athletics webpage, www.chesaningindianathletics.com, for stories and results from all of our athletics teams, and follow our Facebook and/or Twitter sites for more information on Chesaning Indian Athletics!

- **Maintenance Director– Director Brian Gross reported:**
- Maintenance:
- Powerwasher bleachers at stadium. Both home side and visitor side.
- Trimmed trees around Middle School grounds.

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- Middle School sprinkler annual inspection completed by Summit Fire Protection.
- Hedrick Excavating put down playground bark on the playground at Big Rock and Middle School.
- Everett Excavating and Seth Deal Construction installed new playground equipment at Big rock on the west end for the preschoolers.
- Hired two new custodians Damion Robinson (MS) and Alundra Peters (HS).
- **Transportation- Director Matt Mallory reported:**
 - Electric buses are in Holland waiting for pre dealer inspections/State police inspection. The latest update is that state police should be there on the 11th.
 - Charging stations are here and ready to be installed Glenn Cooper is working on plans to get them installed.
 - Preschool routes Starting Sep 5, 2023
 - Mechanic posting has been updated to year-round.
- **Technology – Director Brett Russell reported:**
 - Website:
 - We are continuing to update information on the website
 - We are working with Apptegy to add a video to the header as a welcome
 - Big Rock
 - We replaced 4 projectors for the start of school
 - We deployed 6 Chrome carts at the end of summer. BR now has 6 carts for 2nd and 3rd grades
 - We updated IPADS for Kindergarten and 1st Grade
 - Since the first day of school we have responded to 78 tickets at Big Rock
 - CMS:
 - We deployed 9 Chrome carts three for each grade 4th - 6th
 - We are deploying classroom sets of headphones to each cart
 - We replaced 3 projectors at CMS
 - We deployed 105 Chromebooks to incoming 7th grade students and new students
 - Since the first day of school we have responded to 84 tickets at CMS
 - CHS:
 - We replaced two projectors at CHS
 - We repaired the Guidance office copy machine
 - We are repairing damaged student Chromebooks that have been turned in
 - Since the first day of school we have responded to 131 tickets at CHS
 - District Wide:
 - We are working to install new wireless access points at the bus garage.
- **MTSS – Director Lindy Beckman reported:**

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- Point of Pride: Secondary Intervention
- In the world of MTSS, exemplar systems and interventions are typically found at the elementary level. Often this is because of the intent to intervene early to prevent significant learning issues. Some students continue to exhibit difficulties beyond the elementary years, especially in the aftermath of Covid. Secondary levels sometimes struggle to create structures and systems that allow for interventions to take place.
- I am very proud of the work done in our district! With the systems in place, we have found the right recipe to provide a true reading intervention at the high school level. Universal screening (benchmark assessments) and diagnostic assessments were provided to determine the needs of students in the spring. During summer school, the intervention Language! Live was piloted and will now be utilized in Reading 9 and Reading 10 classes. Progress monitoring will be completed throughout the courses to inform the multidisciplinary team on how the intervention is addressing the students' reading progress and if the intervention needs to be intensified. This process is a testament to our Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) for our students at the secondary level, and honestly, a rare gem to have in place.
- Benchmark Assessments: The legislation requiring benchmark assessments and reporting of the results has undergone changes. Districts are no longer required to create benchmark assessment goals and report on the goal progress at mandated times of the school year. Even with the changes in requirements, Chesaning Union Schools will continue to utilize benchmark assessments as part of our MTSS. Not only is benchmark assessment a key component to a robust assessment system that identifies students who may be at risk for not meeting academic proficiency, but it also continues to be part of requirements of other rules found in state and federal guidelines (At-Risk and Title I, for example). Goals will be established to support increased student achievement and results will continue to be reported to the Board regularly as part of our MTSS updates.
- B-Well: Please consider signing up for and spreading the word on the Step Up and B-Well program that encourages healthy eating and physical activity. Your participation could support our district in this cross-county competition. The registration can be found at: <https://stepup.bwellsaginaw.org/login>.
- **Special Education – Director Karla Parker reported:**
 - Priorities & Focus:
 - Welcome to a new school year! It has been a busy and very eventful one!
 - Welcome to Jacob Cornman - Student Teacher at the Middle School through Alma College. He is working with 4-6th graders and he is excited to be part of the team.
 - We are in need of two Middle School Special Education Teachers. Please spread the word!!
 - We are also in need of a special education para for Big Rock and also at the Middle School. Keep your ears open for great candidates.
 - Not only has school started for K-12, but also for Early Childhood Special Education Preschool. It is so exciting to see our littlest learners.
- In the News:

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- Transportation is working very diligently to support our Special Education population. Thanks for the patience of this team and for all of the changes that they endure from our department daily.
- The department will hit the road running with a couple of evaluations and observations of our littlest learners in order to make sure that their transitions from home to school are stressless.
- We have several new students this year with IEPs. All of the buildings are working through this process. The needs are high and it takes many hands.
- The department continues to study and adjust planning and programs for inclusion needs and what the definition of resource room means to us.
- CHS is again working through the kinks of the STARS program. It was well received last year and really is a great model for the students. This stands for Students*Teachers*Academic*Resource*Support. It is a full inclusion model that is primarily focused on 11th & 12th graders. The High School staff is working non-stop supporting all of the learners!

V. Delegations

None

VII. Discussion/Resolution Items:

1. It was moved by Damion Frasier and supported by Julie Keck that the Chesaning Union Schools Board of Education approves the following meeting minutes as presented:
 - August 14, 2023 Regular Meeting MinutesMotion carried 5-0.
2. It was moved by Scott Kohagen and supported by Damion Frasier that the Chesaning Union Schools Board of Education approves the August 2023 Financial Report, as presented.
Motion carried 5-0.
3. It was moved by Scott Kohagen and supported by Damion Frasier that the Chesaning Union Schools Board of Education approves the August 2023 Paid Payment of Claims Report, as presented.
Motion carried 5-0.
4. It was moved by Damion Frasier and supported by Lisa Greenfelder that the Chesaning Union Schools Board of Education approves the professional staff resignation from Alternative Education Teacher, Beverly Kimball, effective August 16, 2023, as presented.
Motion carried 5-0.
5. It was moved by Damion Frasier and supported by Julie Keck that the Chesaning Union Schools Board of Education approves the professional staff resignation from Middle School Special Education Teacher, Julie Redumski, effective August 24, 2023, as presented.
Motion carried 5-0.
6. It was moved by Lisa Greenfelder and supported by Scott Kohagen that the Chesaning Union Schools Board of Education approves the fuel bid from Webster Garner, in the amount of .075 above rack price for the 2023-2024 school year, as presented.
Motion carried 5-0.

IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.