CHESANING UNION SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Chesaning High School Media Center
April 14, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.

Minutes

I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance – Board Treasurer – Scott Kohagen.

The meeting was called to order by Board Treasurer, Scott Kogagen.
Charlie Rolfe, Board member resigned from the Board of Education 4-1-2025 due to moving out of the distict.
Members present: Scott Kohagen, Damion Frasier Marcy Vogelaar and Lisa Greenfelder.
Members absent: Julie Keck and Marty Maier

II. Additions to the Agenda

None

III. Correspondence from the Public

None

IV. Superintendent's Report

1. Honoring District Employees – we honored Jason Croucher, Middle School Teacher for being named the Flint Firebirds Teacher of the Year. We also honored Matt Weigl for being named the MMAC Boys Basketball Coach of the year and the Saginaw News Area Boys Basketball coach of the year.

Treasurer Scott Kohagen recommended a recess to break for cookies and juice and to congratulate the honorees.
6:06 pm Damion Frasier made a motion to begin the recess. Supported by Lisa Greenfelder.
6:10 pm the meeting went back into session.

2. We have a current Board of Education vacancy. Charlie Rolfe has moved out of the district. We have posted this information with instructions for interested applicants on Facebook, the website, the Argus Press on 4/15/25 and Jeanne will write an article for the Tri-County Citizen. Interviews are anticipated to be held on April 29.

3. Committees
   a. Safety, Security and Facilities – We have received the sidewalk and seal coating bids and the team will start reviewing and interviewing.
   b. Finance and Marketing – discussed bank reconciliations, support staff negotiations, personnel changes and the 2025-2026 school year calendar.
   c. Athletics and Extra Curricular Activities – rescheduled a meeting for May 12, 2025 at 5:15 pm.
   d. Instructional and Mental Health Supports

Building Reports:

- **Big Rock – Principal Shannon Cooper-Toma reported:**

- We recently held a "Family Literacy Night" to celebrate "March is Reading Month." We welcomed over 200 students for the evening event. Students were able to select three new books to take home and enjoy. Students were also able to listen to our high school athletes read stories and design a new bookmark. Families received SEL and literacy resources, as well.
- Students were treated to a very special surprise! The school adopted the theme "Get in the Game… READ" as their month-long celebration for "March is Reading Month." During that time, students celebrated various colleges. The celebration culminated with an exciting assembly about Michigan State University where Sparty surprised the students and staff with a visit. Sparty led the students in cheers and dances and closed out the visit with group photographs.
- We also welcomed Parker "Basketball" Jones to Big Rock Elementary for "March is Reading Month." Parker shared some amazing basketball tricks, while helping students learn growth mindset skills, such as perseverance and effort.
- Our third grade students will begin their M-STEP testing on April 30th. We will also start our NWEA spring benchmark assessment in April for all K-3 students.

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

- The M-STEP and PSAT testing will take place from April 15-17. We are committed to creating a supportive and structured environment for our students during this time, ensuring they feel prepared and confident. We are excited to see their growth and progress throughout the testing process.

- On March 19th, fourth grade students and staff took a field trip to our State Capitol and Historical Center in Lansing. This is a trip that has been a tradition for fourth grade students for many years, with the exception of the Covid years. During the trip students had an opportunity to take a tour of the capitol building, visit the senate floor, and watch a live vote take place.

- **Jason Croucher wins "Teacher of the Year" from the Flint Firebirds!** We are incredibly proud to announce that one of our dedicated staff members, Mr. Croucher has been awarded the prestigious *Flint Firebirds Teacher of the Year* award! Mr.Croucher was nominated by the parents of a former student, and the entire school community rallied behind him, showing overwhelming support through votes that helped him secure this honor.

- To celebrate this achievement, *Hot Wing*, the Flint Firebirds mascot, made a special appearance at our school, bringing excitement and cheers as he announced Mr. Croucher was in the top three finalists. The community rallied behind Mr. Croucher by voting once again, and on March 15th, he was officially awarded the honor.

- This recognition is a testament to Mr. Croucher's unwavering commitment to inspiring and making a difference in the lives of his students. His impact extends beyond the classroom, and we couldn't be prouder to have him as part of our school community.

- Congratulations, Mr. Croucher! Your dedication and hard work are truly appreciated, and we're lucky to have you as a role model for our students.

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

- Check out the April Counseling & Career Center Newsletter. It's filled with social emotional learning, state testing information, senior celebration details, summer internships and job opportunities, and much much more!
- https://secure.smore.com/n/u9shw-april?ref=email
- Four CHS students joined other students in the county to participate in a job skills opportunity at the ISD. Practicing their interviewing skills, the students learned about job opportunities and were even given employment applications because they did so well.
- Art Contest Winner!
- Xiomara Batista, a junior, was the winner of the 10th Annual Meemic Foundation Art Contest. Xiomara's art entry was a self portrait and was entered by CHS art teacher, Mischelle Duranleau. Xiomara won a sketch I-Pad with case, while Ms. Duranleau was given a $500 grant which is being used for Art Club materials.

Kurt Chrysler attended the meeting and presented about the students attendance at Skills USA. The students were very successful in their awards and accomplishments.

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

- Boys Basketball
- Overall Record, 21 - 4; Conference Record, 14 - 2
- MMAC Conference Champions
- MHSAA District Champions
- 1st Team All MMAC - Luke Barta, Max Volk
- 2nd Team All-MMAC - Brady Sager, Brayden Florian
- All-MMAC Honorable Mention - Law Danek, Justin Lange
- MMAC Coach of the Year - Matt Weigl
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- 2nd Team Saginaw News Dream Team - Luke Barta
- Honorable Mention Saginaw News Dream Team - Brayden Florian, Max Volk, Brady Sager
- Saginaw News Coach of the Year - Matt Weigl
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- BCAM Outstanding Senior Student Athlete Award - Luke Barta, Max Volk

- Academic All-State - TEAM

- Girls Basketball
- Overall Record, 6 -17, Conference Record, 5 - 11
- Honorable Mention All MMAC - Savanna Conklin, Natalie Pierce, Lydia Tithof

- BCAM Team First Award - Ella Soule
- BCAM Outstanding Senior Student Athlete Award - Natalie Pierce and Ella Soule

- Academic All-State - TEAM

- Boys/Girls Bowling

- Overall/Conference Record, 3 - 6
- 1st Team All MMAC - Theodore Lowe
- Sportsmanship Award - Theodore Lowe, Caidence Sims

- MHSAA State Qualifier (Individual) - Theodore Lowe

- Competitive Cheer
- Combined Competitive Cheer Conference; 3rd Place
- MHSAA District Competition; 8th Place
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- No individual or other team awards were reported as of this report.

- Swimming; Overall Record; 6 - 5, Conference Record; 5 - 3
- The Swim team finished their season by placing 4th out of 9 teams at the ISC Conference Championship Meet

- School Records
- Connor Karow, 100 Backstroke
- Owen Gietman, 50 Freestyle

- Wrestling
- MMAC, 7th Place as a team

- 1st Team All MMAC, Quinton Everett
- Honorable Mention All MMAC, Abraham Barrett

- All District (Boys), Quinton Everett
- All District (Girls), Paige Heise

- All Region (Boys), Quinton Everett
- All Region (Girls), Paige Heise

- MHSAA Individual State Finals Qualifiers
- Ouinton Everett, Paige Heise

- All-State, Quinton Everett, 6th Place

- SPRING SPORTS UPDATE
- Spring sports are a full go as long as the weather cooperates. Our first week of contests has not been very successful with the rain, hopefully the remainder of April gives us some better weather. Please make sure to check the athletic website prior to venturing out to any contests this spring!

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- Thank you to our Chesaning Sports Boosters for their continued support of our student athletes. Over the past month the boosters have contributed $2500 towards the purchase of new Golf Bags and Golf Balls for our Boys and Girls Golf teams. The boosters also contributed $6000 towards the purchase of turtle shell to be placed at our Varsity Baseball field to prevent errant balls at practices from landing or injuring someone at the track. I would like to express my appreciation to the Sports Boosters Executive Board for continuing to keep our concession stands open for business!

- Phil Larner has decided to retire from coaching. Phil has been a staple of our Boys and Girls Bowling teams for the past eight years. I thank Phil for his dedication and passion for the sport. He plans to stay on board to help hire and on board our new bowling coach.
- Congratulations to Matt Weigl on being named the MMAC Boys Basketball Coach of the year and the Saginaw News Area Boys Basketball coach of the year. This is a remarkable accomplishment for Coach Weigl and could not go to a better coach or person. We are truly very fortunate to have a coach like Matt Weigl that cares about his program the way that he does! Thank you and congratulations COACH WEIGL!

- **Maintenance Director– Director Brian Gross reported:**

- Maintenance finished the annual preventive maintenance checks that are done annually over the winter months.
- Set up for blood drive before spring break.
- The High School kitchen was completed from rework from last summer project over spring break.
- Cleaned out kitchen grease pits over spring break.
- Cleaned out the art room traps.
- Treated a number of drains while no one was around on spring break.
- Rolled all the athletic fields for spring sports coming out of winter.
- Put out trash cans around the grounds from storage over the winter.
- Set up the youth soccer field to assist Jodie and youth athletics.
- Hung batting cages at baseball and softball fields.

- **Technology – Director Brett Russell reported:**

- Website:
- Apptegy is using our website as an example to demonstrate capabilities to other districts
- We are now updating the building pages to have sliding photo headers to match the home page
- Apptegy is setting up statistic reports to track the views on each page and link

- Big Rock
- Over break all Chromebooks were cleaned and checked for issues
- All IPADS were cleaned and updated
- Since teacher's first day back we have closed 303 tickets at Big Rock

- CMS:
- All Chromebooks were cleaned and checked for issues over break

- We continue to repair and update student Chromebooks
- We deployed two new pcs to replace existing teacher pcs
- The streaming camera arrived for install into the auditorium
- Since teacher's first day back we have closed 468 tickets at CMS

- CHS:
- The new 30 place charging cart was deployed to the media center for student use
- A 10 unit charger was deployed to the counseling office
- The Alt Ed chargers were completed, we also deployed 12 new loaner devices to Alt Ed
- We continue to repair and update student Chromebooks
- Since teacher's first day back we have closed 619 tickets at CHS

- District Wide:
- District tickets closed this school year: 1,397
- We are programing our new switches from our ERATE project this year
- We are looking at Lumu, a tool that will provide network threat detection, analysis, and response

- **Transportation – Director Matt Mallory reported:**
  - The new lift bus is due for delivery any day. The bus has passed the state police inspection and is currently in dealer pre-delivery inspection. The cameras are already installed.
  - We hired a new driver, Katrina Higgings and she is currently testing at Regen trucking school.
  - Bus 22-12 was taken off the road on April 7th due to engine failure. We will be getting prices on an Engine.
  - We are actively looking to recruit new drivers. The Indeed posting has been updated and I dropped off applications to Lippert's break room tables.

- **Special Education – Director Nicole Green reported:**
- Chesaning Athletes Head to Special Olympics Spring Games I am thrilled to share that Chesaning Union Schools will be proudly represented at the upcoming Special Olympics Spring Games on April 17th at the Saginaw Valley State University Ryder Center. This year, we have six amazing student-athletes competing in various events—and we could not be more proud of their dedication, sportsmanship, and spirit. Special Olympics is more than a competition—it is a celebration of inclusion, perseverance, and the power of community. Our athletes are prepared for this opportunity with the support of our staff and families, and their enthusiasm is truly inspiring. The event will bring together students from across the region, all working toward personal goals and showing what it means to be courageous and determined. I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the coaches, paraprofessionals, teachers, and volunteers who help make this opportunity possible. Their encouragement and commitment allow our students to shine not just on the track, in the pool, or in the field, but in every area of their lives. Please join us in cheering on our Chesaning athletes as they represent our district with pride at the Spring Games. Their participation reminds us all of the importance of celebrating ability, fostering inclusion, and recognizing the strength in every student. Go Team Chesaning!
- Paraprofessional Appreciation: Honoring Our Support Staff Our paraprofessionals are an essential part of the educational experience for many of our students, especially those with

disabilities. This month, we proudly celebrate Paraprofessional Appreciation and recognize the incredible impact these professionals have each day. Paraprofessionals assist with instruction, behavior management, communication supports, and personal care—often forming deep, trusted relationships with the students they serve. Their dedication, flexibility, and compassion are the backbone of our support systems. As a district, we are committed to investing in recognizing their invaluable contributions. We thank them for the vital role they play in helping all students access their education and reach their goals.

- Autism Acceptance Month: Embracing Neurodiversity in Our Schools As we recognize April as Autism Acceptance Month, our focus within the Special Education Department is on building a culture of true inclusion and understanding. Autism is a spectrum, and each student with autism brings a unique set of strengths, perspectives, and needs to our classrooms. Our educators ensure our environments are responsive to sensory needs, communication styles, and social-emotional development. Our team supports self-regulation, peer interactions, and flexible thinking. It is our goal not only to raise awareness but to foster meaningful acceptance—ensuring all students are celebrated for who they are and given the tools they need to thrive.
- Limb Differences Awareness Month: Promoting Accessibility and Understanding April is recognized as Limb Differences Awareness Month, and it provides an important opportunity to reflect on how we support students with physical differences in our schools. At Chesaning Union Schools, we are committed to creating inclusive environments where all students can participate fully and independently, regardless of physical ability. Students with limb differences may use a variety of assistive technologies to support their learning and mobility. These tools can include adaptive writing tools, modified scissors, or voice-to-text software, —all designed to promote greater independence and success in both academic and daily tasks. We collaborate with occupational therapists, physical therapists, and families to identify and implement the best tools for each student's unique needs. Limb Differences Awareness Month is a platform to not only celebrate students' resilience and strengths but to also raise awareness about the importance of accessibility and innovation in education. By continuing to embrace adaptive solutions and inclusive mindsets, we ensure that every student is empowered to reach their full potential. We know that diversity in ability enriches our school community, and we remain dedicated to empowering every student!

V. Delegations

- Dale Tithof – 869 4th Street – kudos to all the staff and facilities – keep up the great job. Dale presented his concern of the sidewalk from M57 to the school property. He is suggesting a 7ft wide safe way to walk to school and would love to see a collaboration with the village.
- Jim Miller – 9012 Gary Road – a very successful ag barn dedication, thank you to all who attended.

VI. Discussion/Resolution Items:

1. It was moved by Damion Frasier and supported by Lisa Greenfelder that the Chesaning Union Schools Board of Education approves the following meeting minutes as presented:
    - March 10, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

    Motion carried 4-0.
2. It was moved by Lisa Greenfelder and supported by Marcy Voeglaar that the Chesaning Union Schools Board of Education approves the March 2025 Financial Report, as presented.

    Motion carried 4-0.

3. It was moved by Marcy Vogelaar and supported by Damion Frasier that the Chesaning Union Schools Board of Education approves the March 2025 Paid Payment of Claims Report, as presented.
   Motion carried 4-0.
4. It was moved by Damion Frasier and supported by Lisa Greenfelder that the Chesaning Union Schools Board of Education approves participation in the School of Choice programs which includes: Section 105 and Section 105c for the 2025-2026 school year, as presented.
   Motion carried 4-0.
5. It was moved by Lisa Greenfelder and supported by Marcy Vogelaar that the Chesaning Union Schools Board of Education approves the resignation of Shannon Cooper-Toma, effective June 30, 2025.
   Motion carried 4-0.
6. It was moved by Damion Frasier and supported by Marcy Vogelaar that the Chesaning Union Schools Board of Education approves to appoint Julie Keck as the designated representative of this District to the electoral body for the ISD biennial election to be held June 2, 2025 and Lisa Greenfelder as an alternate in the event the designated representative is unable to attend.
   Motion carried 4-0.
7. It was moved by Marcy Vogelaar and supported by Lisa Greenfelder that the Chesaning Union Schools Board of Education approves the Summer Cheer Skills Camp overnight requests for the 2025-2026 School Year.
   Motion carried 4-0.
8. It was moved by Damion Frasier and supported by Marcy Vogelaar that the Chesaning Union Schools Board of Education approves the 2025-2026 school year calendar, as attached.
   Motion carried 4-0.

VII. Closed Session

1. It was moved by Lisa Greenfelder and supported by Marcy Vogelaar that the Chesaning Union Schools Board of Education approves going into closed session at this time, 6:45 pm under Section 8 (c) OMA to discuss support staff negotiations.
Roll Call:
Ayes: Vogelaar, Frasier, Kohagen and Greenfelder
Nayes: None
Absent: Maier and Keck
Motion carried 4-0.

2. It was moved by Damion Frasier and supported by Lisa Greenfelder that the Chesaning Union Schools Board of Education approves returning to Open Session at this time, 7:05 pm.
Roll Call:
Ayes: Vogelaar, Frasier, Kohagen and Greenfelder
Nayes: None
Absent: Maier and Keck
Motion carried 4-0.

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.