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**CHESANING UNION SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Chesaning High School Media Center
September 12, 2022 – 6:30 P.M.**

Minutes

I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance – Finance Director, Paula Peterson

The meeting was called to order by Finance Director, Paula Peterson

Members present: Scott Kohagen, Marty Maier, Becky Butcher and Damion Frasier

Members absent: Charlie Rolfe, Julie Keck and Brian Lewis

II. Additions to the Agenda

None

III. Superintendent's Report

1. Audit Presentation – Yeo & Yeo – Shannon Champagne presented the audit findings. A very successful audit!
2. Committees
 - a. Safety, Security and Facilities – updated the Big Rock Elementary parent loop pick up, Ag Barn Ceiling update.
 - b. Finance and Marketing – discussed the audit which was presented this evening.
 - c. Athletics and Extra Curricular Activities – meeting to be determined.
 - d. Instructional and Mental Health Supports - meeting to be determined.

Building Reports:

- **Big Rock – Principal Shannon Cooper-Toma reported:**
- We held the first of two MTSS and Title I annual parent meetings at Big Rock Elementary on September 7th. Parents were provided with information about our MTSS and Title I programs. They were also offered the opportunity to provide feedback about our family engagement plan. The next meeting will be in October.
- Great Start: The 2022-2023 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 expectations. New Members: We welcomed several new members to the Big Rock family. Charisse Yarch is our new second grade teacher. Hailey Gates is our new ECSE/ special education teacher. Sara Davenport has been a preschool teacher and served in special education last year, but was hired as our new Kindergarten teacher. We also welcomed new support staff members: Kim Agle (lunch/recess monitor), Jordan Fisher (lunch/recess monitor) and Shelly Moffit (Title I paraprofessional). Fun Run: We will hold our annual Fun Run on Thursday, September 29th. This is the Parent Group's largest fundraiser of the year. Funds generated from this event will be used to fund field trips, new playground equipment, and classroom resources. We are so fortunate to have such a supportive team supporting our students.
- Fall Testing Window: Our NWEA Map Growth (math and reading) and NWEA Map Reading Fluency assessments testing will begin on September 26th. These universal screening assessments

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will provide our team with important data on our students. We will hold our student review meetings the week following the testing window.

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

- [Ramsey Financial Education Curriculum](#)

- I am very excited to share that we have purchased the Ramsey Education curriculum for our 7th and 8th grade students! Students will engage in this curriculum during their career class.

- [Mid-Michigan Old Gas Tractor Field trip](#)

- On Friday, September 23, 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, the 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 schools or students and includes a free lunch for all involved. Each student also receives a goody bag containing assorted school supplies and many other donated items.

- [A Growth Mindset Assembly](#)

- On October 3, our fourth, fifth, and sixth grade students will attend an energetic assembly about the power of a positive attitude! The assembly will feature age-appropriate and engaging Growth Mindset lessons infused with beatboxing, comedic storytelling, and family-friendly freestyle rapping. This assembly will take place during the school day in the CMS auditorium.

- [Upcoming Events](#)

- September 30.....½ day for students, PD for staff
 - October 5.....Fall count day
 - October 28.....½ day for students, PD for staff

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

- Instructional Focus
 - MTSS
 - Science of Reading
 - Differentiation
 - Explicit Instruction
 - Formative Assessments
 - Best Practices
 - SEL
- Upcoming Events
 - Student Council Meeting, September 7th, 7:00am, Room 202
 - Science Fair Competition, September 9th, Via Zoom
 - NHS Meeting, September 13th, 7:15am, Student Center
 - FFA Meeting, September 13th, 6:30pm, Mrs. Tomac

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- Key Club Meeting, September 21st, 3:00pm, Mrs. Niewiadomski
 - Military Classic, September 23rd
 - Half day for students; Teacher PD in PM, September 30th
 - FFA Meeting, October 11th, 6:30pm, Mrs. Tomac
 - NMSQT, October 12th, All 11th Graders
 - Homecoming, October 14th
 - Other
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- Jostens will be meeting with all 10th and 12th grade students during an activity period on October 5th.
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- English Department PLC - October 3rd
 - Math Department PLC - October 10th
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- Science Fair Competition - Pierce VanHaaren and Lily Tomac will be taking part in the FFA Science Fair Competition. The interview portion of the competition takes place on Friday, September 9th, via Zoom. Good Luck to Pierce and Lily!!

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, September 12

4:00 PM, Boys Varsity Tennis vs. Clio Area High School

6:00 PM, Boys, Varsity Soccer vs. Swan Valley High School

6:00 PM, Girls, JV Volleyball vs. Bullock Creek/Shepherd

Tuesday, September 13

5:30 PM, Girls JV Volleyball vs. Lakeville High School

5:30 PM, Girls Freshman Volleyball vs. Lakeville High School

6:00 PM, Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Durand High School

6:30 PM, Girls Varsity Volleyball vs. Lakeville High School

Thursday, September 15

4:30 PM, Boys/Girls Varsity Cross Country at Showboat Park

6:00 PM, Boys/Girls Middle School Cross Country at Showboat Park

6:00 PM, Boys JV Football vs. Pinconning Area High School

Monday, September 19

5:30 PM, Girls 7th/8th Grade Basketball vs. Webberville Community Schools

5:30 PM, Girls JV Volleyball vs. Swan Valley High School - Military Classic

5:30 PM, Girls Freshman Volleyball vs. Swan Valley High School - Military Classic

6:30 PM, Girls Varsity Volleyball vs. Swan Valley High School - Military Classic

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Tuesday, September 20

6:00 PM, Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Lakeville High School

Wednesday, September 21

5:30 PM, Girls 7th/8th Grade Basketball vs. Byron Area Schools

5:30 PM, Boys Middle School Football vs. Mt. Morris Jr High School

5:30 PM, Girls Middle School Sideline Cheer vs. Mt. Morris Jr High School

Thursday, September 22

4:00 PM, Boys Varsity Tennis vs. Ovid-Elsie High School - Military Classic

6:00 PM, Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Clio Area High School - Military Classic

Friday, September 23

7:00 PM, Boys Varsity Football vs. Montrose Hill-McCloy High School - Military Classic

7:00 PM, Girls Varsity Sideline Cheer vs. Montrose Hill-McCloy High School - Military Classic

Monday, September 26

6:00 PM, Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Shepherd High School

Tuesday, September 27

4:30 PM, Boys/Girls Varsity Cross Country MMAC Jam 2 - Military Classic, at Showboat Park

4:30 PM, Boys Varsity Tennis vs. Davison High School

6:00 PM, Boys/Girls Middle School Cross Country, MMAC Jamboree #2 at Showboat Park

Wednesday, September 28

5:30 PM, Girls 7th/8th Grade Basketball vs. Montrose Hill-McCloy High School

5:30 PM, Boys Middle School Football vs. New Lothrop Middle/High School

5:30 PM, Girls Middle School Sideline Cheer vs. New Lothrop Middle/High School

Thursday, September 29

4:30 PM, Boys Varsity Tennis vs. Lansing Christian School

6:00 PM, Boys JV Football vs. Ovid-Elsie High School

Monday, October 03

5:30 PM Girls 7th/8th Grade Basketball vs. Mt. Morris Jr High School

Tuesday, October 04

6:00 PM, Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Byron Area Schools

Thursday, October 06

6:00 PM, Boys JV Football vs. Durand High School

MILITARY CLASSIC EVENTS

Varsity Volleyball, Monday, September 19th vs. Swan Valley, 6:30 PM

Varsity Soccer, Thursday, September 22nd vs. Clio, 6:00 PM

Varsity Football, Friday, September 23rd, vs. Montrose, 7:00 PM

Varsity Cross Country, Tuesday, September 27th, MMAC Jamboree, 4:30 PM at Showboat Park

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Varsity Boys Tennis, Thursday, September 22nd, vs. Ovid-Elsie 4:00 PM

HOMECOMING WEEK/EVENTS

Homecoming will be scheduled for the week of 10/10 through 10/14, culminating with the football game vs. Byron on 10/14 at 7:00 PM.

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We have been forced to move around some coaches on the Volleyball roster as Pam Wesley battles some medical issues. Pam has agreed to stay on in a consulting role to our new Varsity Volleyball coaches Gabby Drielick and Jadyn Mathis. Kylee Hoerner and Lindsay Pierce have agreed to step up and take over the JV Volleyball team. Jenna Campbell will continue to work with the Freshman Volleyball team. A huge thank you to Kelley Devereaux, who helped Jadyn and Gabby run the Varsity team while a more concrete plan was put into place for the season.

Congratulations to Todd Moser, our new Varsity Softball coach. Todd comes to us with a wealth of experience coaching college exposure teams with Owosso FastPitch. Todd is extremely excited to get to work with our girls and plans to meet with them in early November to roll out his plans for the offseason.

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. The boosters have also purchased two new volleyball net systems for use in our main gym at a cost of \$9500. Thank you to our Chesaning Sports Boosters and all that they do for our athletic programs!

THANK YOU to our sponsors who have renewed their sponsorships on the stadium clock and the main gym for another five years! The sponsors who have renewed to this point are Garber Chevrolet Buick, MMB Advisors, Sovis Insurance Agency, American Legion Post 212, Ace Hardware, Designs by Bean, H & R Block, Doug & Brenda Forsyth Family. THANK YOU to our new sponsor Schlicht Ponds! I hope to have the remaining sponsorships renewed or filled by the time of my October report.

Please check out our athletics webpage, www.chesaingindianathletics.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:**
 - All the lights in the High School and Big Rock have been retrofitted to LED lights.
 - Flashing light was installed by Cooper Electrical in the entrance of the Middle School bus loop driveway. It will flash on a sign between a time in the morning and afternoon to keep parents out of the driveway while buses are there.
 - Cement added at Big Rock west parking lot for the second parent pick up loop.
 - Concrete Asphalt Specialties crack sealed the High School and Big Rock parking lots. They also seal coated Big Rocks parking lots and restripped the lines.
 - The playground at Middle School and Big Rock had new bark put down by Hedrick Excavating.
 - The annual backflow inspections were completed in all the buildings by Goyette Mechanical.

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- The kitchen hoods were cleaned in all kitchens by Kingdom Hood Cleaners.
 - All the fire alarms, fire extinguisher, kitchen ansul systems, and sprinkler systems inspection were completed by Summit Fire protection.
 - Maintenance installed new work stations in the Middle School and Big Rock kitchens.
 - The landscaping was cleaned up and new bark laid down by Root note Landscape.
 - Maintenance built a new gaga pit for Big Rock playground. They also installed a new piece of playground equipment in the preschool playground at Big Rock.
 - Maintenance installed a new weather station at Big Rock on the north east side of the red hall area for the third graders to monitor the weather.
 - The High School cooler had the walls and floor lined with new stainless steel from Commercial Kitchens.
 - The Middle School and High School Auxiliary gym had the floors recoated by the custodial staff this summer.
 - Maintenance set up all the athletic fields in preparation for fall sports to start.
- **Transportation Director – Stacey Williams reported:**
- Rodica Ivancu has been hired as a new driver. She comes to us with previous experience as a bus driver. She has been awarded a route.
 - All buses are equipped with cameras now.
- **Technology – Director Brett Russell reported:**
- Website: We are continuing to update information on the website.
 - Big Rock
 - All computers in the building have been cleaned, updated, and re-setup
 - Projectors have been re-focused and set up for the new school year
 - We have responded to and resolved 68 help requests since the beginning of August
 - CMS:
 - All of the computers in the building have been cleaned, updated, and re-setup
 - Projectors have been re-focused and set up for the new school year
 - We are setting up a Chromebase lab at CMS to provide more devices
 - We have responded to and resolved 70 help requests since the beginning of August
 - CHS:
 - All computers in the building have been cleaned, updated, and re-setup
 - Projectors have been re-focused and set up for the new school year
 - We have responded to and resolved 101 help requests since the beginning of August
 - District Wide:
 - We are working to install new wireless access points at the bus garage

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- We are working with the electrician to install the theater lighting materials
- Our ERATE Device application was approved. We will be ordering another round of Chromebooks for the 1:1 program.
- **MTSS – Director Lindy Beckman reported:**

NWEA MAP Reading Fluency Assessment

Teachers and administrators have been embracing the science of reading research and evidence. As we move forward with aligning our instruction, assessments, and curriculum with the best practices for literacy, the district is implementing NWEA MAP Reading Fluency to measure reading skills in more depth. All students in grades K-3 and students in grades 4-6 performing below benchmark in reading will be provided this assessment opportunity. MAP Reading Fluency measures foundational reading skills (listening comprehension, picture vocabulary, phonological awareness, and phonics/word recognition) and oral reading skills (oral reading rate, accuracy, and comprehension). Teachers can use the information provided to target core instruction and intervention decisions. The assessment provides progress monitoring capabilities to support interventions and student growth.

Professional learning was provided to teachers and principals for MAP Reading Fluency in August. Further professional learning is scheduled for our September 30 professional development day to assist teachers and administration with analyzing data and making instructional decisions. The district will continue to monitor the impact of this assessment on student achievement as we gather data to make a formal selection decision.

Social Emotional Learning

Another selection process that is in place is that of social emotional learning (SEL) resources. Suite 360 offers a systematic program that the district has been digging into to evaluate how it meets the needs of our students and staff. The program offers grade level activities, counselor supports, and family activities all focused on the state's SEL competencies. Some of the activities were piloted during summer school. We will continue to collect data on the impact of the program resources, alignment with other initiatives, and, most importantly, how it meets the needs of our students.

MTSS Goals

Below are our goals for MTSS implementation for the upcoming school year. I am excited for the systematic approach to continuous improvement for Chesaning Union Schools. Thank you for all the support as we strive for excellence in education!

Special Education Director Karla Parker reported:

Priorities & Focus:

- Welcome to Hailey Gates to our world of Special Education. Hailey will be at Big Rock Elementary as a Resource Room and Early Childhood Special Education Preschool Teacher. She is a new graduate and excited to be with Chesaning. Welcome!
- We are still in need of a High School Special Education Teacher. Please spread the word!!
- We are also in need of a special education para for Big Rock. Keep your ears open for a great candidate.
- The SISD is working to get all programs settled in their new homes. I will keep you updated on how that affects Chesaning.

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In the News:

- Crisis Prevention Intervention Training was a giant success. Jon LeFevre (ISD) is also re-appearing at each building to share strategies with all staff for de-escalation of students. This is exciting work and we are learning a lot!
- 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 stress less.
- The department continues to study and adjust planning and programs for inclusion needs and what the definition of resource room means to us.
- CHS has implemented the new STARS program. 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. Correspondence from the Public

None

VI. Delegations

None

VII. Discussion/Resolution Items:

1. It was moved by Becky Butcher and supported by Scott Kohagen that the Chesaning Union Schools Board of Education approves the following meeting minutes as presented:
 - August 8, 2020 Regular Meeting MinutesMotion carried 4-0.
2. It was moved by Scott Kohagen and supported by Damion Frasier that the Chesaning Union Schools Board of Education approves the August 2022 Financial Report, as presented.
Motion carried 4-0.
3. It was moved by Scott Kohagen and supported by Becky Butcher that the Chesaning Union Schools Board of Education approves the August 2022 Paid Payment of Claims Report, as presented.
Motion carried 4-0.
4. It was moved by Becky Butcher and supported by Damion Frasier that the Chesaning Union Schools Board of Education approves the professional staff resignation from Kindergarten Teacher, Candice Gagne, effective August 22, 2022, as presented.
Motion carried 4-0.
5. It was moved by Scott Kohagen and supported by Becky Butcher that the Chesaning Union Schools Board of Education approves the professional staff resignation from Secondary Literacy Coach/Data Coordinator, Amanda Danek, effective August 15, 2022, as presented.
Motion carried 4-0.
6. It was moved by Becky Butcher and supported by Damion Frasier that the Chesaning Union Schools Board of Education approves the professional probationary contract for the Early Childhood Special Education Teacher, Hailey Gates for the 2022-2023 school year, as presented.
Motion carried 4-0.

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7. It was moved by Scott Kohagen and supported by Damion Frasier that the Chesaning Union Schools Board of Education approves the professional probationary contract for the Kindergarten Teacher, Sara Davenport for the 2022-2023 school year, as presented.
Motion carried 4-0.
8. It was moved by Becky Butcher and supported by Damion Frasier that the Chesaning Union Schools Board of Education approves the professional probationary contract for the Second Grade Teacher, Charisse Yarch for the 2022-2023 school year, as presented.
Motion carried 4-0.
9. It was moved by Scott Kohagen and supported by Damion Frasier that the Chesaning Union Schools Board of Education approves the fuel bid from J & H Oil Co., in the amount of .08 above rack price for the 2022-2023 school year, as presented.
Motion carried 4-0.
10. It was moved by Scott Kohagen and supported by Becky Butcher that the Chesaning Union Schools Board of Education approves the first reading of the NEOLA board policy 6108 – Authorization to use electronic transfers and automated clearing house arrangements.
Motion carried 4-0.

IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.