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**CHESANING UNION SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Chesaning High School Media Center
October 10, 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, Charlie Rolfe, Julie Keck, and Brian Lewis.

Members absent: Damion Frasier and Becky Butcher

II. Additions to the Agenda

None

III. Superintendent's Report

1. Count update – we are at 1420 for this school year. We are down 16 students from last year and we did not budget for a loss. We did budget for hiring a new kindergarten teacher and we did not end up hiring one. We also budgeted for less per-pupil funding then we actually received which helped to offset the loss of students.
2. Principal Recognition Month – we provided gift bags for each Principal and thanked them for their work for our district.
3. 98c Learning Loss – MTSS Coordinator and Title Director, Lindy Beckman explained the process, steps and goals for 98c learning loss. We would like to purchase iPads to be used for testing, assessments and preparation for our students.
4. Committees
 - a. Safety, Security and Facilities – reviewed the grants coming up, discussed critical mapping grant, and security assessments.
 - b. Finance and Marketing – discussed the audit, iPad purchase and merchandiser purchase on the agenda this evening.
 - c. Athletics and Extra Curricular Activities – planning to meet in November.
 - d. Instructional and Mental Health Supports – meeting will be rescheduled.

Building Reports:

- **Big Rock – Principal Shannon Cooper-Toma reported:**
- Our annual fundraiser, the Big Rock Fun Run, was a HUGE success. Our building goal was to raise \$15,000. Our amazing community rallied around our school again donating over \$28,000!!! The funds raised will be used to purchase new playground equipment, field trip admission, special events and assemblies, teacher appreciation, and much more.
- **New Member:** We welcomed Title I paraprofessional, Amanda Carvalho, to the BR team. Shelly Moffit, who was hired to serve as a Title I paraprofessional, will now serve as a special education paraprofessional.
- **Fall Fest:** We are holding our Fall Fest celebration on
- Thursday, October 20th from 6-7 p.m. This hour-long event will be

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- held on the back lawn of Big Rock Elementary. Each preschool through 3rd grade student will receive a FREE pumpkin! We have many great activities and goodies for families to enjoy. Students will also enjoy stories, learning materials, and educational games. We will also hold our second Title I/ MTSS informational meeting for our families prior to the event. This meeting will allow our families an opportunity to provide feedback about our family engagement plan and programming at Big Rock.
- **Assembly:** We welcomed national speaker, Blake Brandes, to Big Rock on October 3rd. His presentation included a collaborative freestyle rap where our students suggested motivational topics, entertaining call-and-response Growth Mindset motto, an interactive Power of Yet rap, and much more. We were so fortunate to welcome this dynamic presenter to our school. (He traveled to Chesaning Middle School later that day to present to our middle school students, as well.) This special assembly was sponsored by our Parent Group! We are so fortunate to bring this incredible experience to our kiddos.
- Fall benchmark testing window closed on October 7th. The teachers are digging into diagnostic assessments now, which will allow the team to form intervention groups and target gaps in learning. We are excited about the targeted instruction that will take place this school year.

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

The owner of the Sunoco/Convenience store, to be located in the previous Burger King building, asked our students to paint ceiling tiles of landmarks and events that represent Chesaning. Pictured above are a few of our 8th grade art students who have finished their ceiling tile. I am looking forward to seeing the rest of the tiles displayed in the new business.

Meet Bella

Bella is Mrs. Schroeder’s pet and therapy dog. She has been attending CMS 4th grade for a few weeks now. Mrs. Schroeder sent permission slips home with all of her students and got a very enthusiastic approval from all of her parents to have Bella in her classroom. Bella loves to join the students as they work in groups, read silently, or need a “friend”. When students are feeling upset they often ask if they can sit with Bella for a few minutes.

TEEN SAFETY MATTERS - CAN Council Presentation

Starting on October 6, the CAN Council of Saginaw County will be presenting the Teen Safety Matters program from the Monique Burr Foundation of Children. The program empowers students to recognize and respond to bullying, cyberbullying, the four types of abuse (physical, emotional, sexual, neglect), relationship abuse, digital abuse, and other digital dangers. If you would like to learn more about this program you may visit www.mbfpreventioneducation.org.

Ok2Say Presentation

A representative from OK2SAY will be doing a virtual presentation to our 4th -8th grade students during the last week of October. Presentations will be tailored to each grade level and presented via Zoom in each teacher’s classroom. The presentation will focus on responsible online behavior, the dangers of cyberbullying and sexting (for older grades), and how to submit a confidential tip through their anonymous reporting system.

Upcoming Events

Oct. 10-14.....Homecoming Dress Up Days and Events

October 28.....½ day for students, PD for staff

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- **High School – Principal Kim Vincke reported:**
- MTSS
 - Science of Reading
 - Differentiation
 - Explicit Instruction
 - Formative Assessment
- SEL
- Activity Period (Jostens), October 5th
- Robotics, 3:00, Mr. Coon, October 5th
- Kettering University (lunch visit), October 5th
- E-Sports, 3:00, Mr. Megel, October 6th
- Alma College (lunch visit), October 6th
- Field trip to visit Arch Cutting Tools, 8:00-11:00am, Mrs. Birkmeier, October 7th
- SVSU (lunch visit), October 7th
- Senior Pictures (retakes), 12:30pm, October 7th
- Showboat Park Stream Monitoring, Mrs. Tomac, October 7th
- MSU (lunch visit), October 10th
- FFA Meeting, 6:30pm, Mrs. Tomac, October 11th
- Tribe Peer-to-Peer Lunch, October 11th
- PSAT/NMSQT (all juniors), October 12th
- Jostens (orders at lunch), October 12th
- Robotics, 3:00, Mr. Coon, October 12th
- Key Club, 3:00, Mrs. Niewiadomski/Mrs. Keenan, October 12th
- Field trip to St. John’s Agro, Mrs. tomac, October 13th
- E-Sports, 3:00, Mr. Megel, October 13th
- Oakland University (lunch visit), October 17th
- Blood Drive, NHS, October 18th & 19th
- Robotics, 3:00, Mr. Coon, October 19th
- Peer-to-Peer field trip to ISD, October 19th
- Northwood University (lunch visit), October 24th
- Picture Retakes, October 25th
- Adrian College (lunch visit), October 25th
- Tribe Peer-to-Peer Lunch, October 25th
- UDM (lunch visit), October 27th
- Half day students; afternoon PD for teachers, October 28th

- Other
- Homecoming Week
- Theme: Board Games
- Powder Puff, 6:00pm, October 9th
- Dress Up Days
- Monday: Candyland Sweet Dreams - PJ day
- Tuesday: Scrabble Day - Dress as the first letter of your name
- Wednesday: Twister Day - Class shirt day
- Thursday: Guess Who Day - Country vs Country Club

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- Friday: Battleship: Orange & Black day
- Homecoming Assemblies: Big Rock, Middle School, High School
- Homecoming Parade, 4:30pm, October 14th
- Homecoming Game, 7:00pm, October 14th
- Homecoming Dance, 7:00-10:30pm, October 15th
- English Department PLC, October 10th
- DIT, October 13th
- Science Department PLC, October 17th
- Social Studies Department PLC, October 24th

- Senior Parent Meeting - A meeting was held on Sunday, September 25th, for all seniors and their parents. Over 90 people attended for the “Senior Toolkit” presentation hosted by Mrs. Volk and Mrs. Birkmeier. The senior toolkit is a one stop shop for everything that a CHS senior needs to know, as well as information on career pathways, FAFSA, scholarship opportunities, college/trade school information, and so much more! The toolkit is located on the district webpage under the Guidance Counselor and Scholarships tab (class of 2023 website).

- **Athletics – Athletic Director Jason Hemgesberg reported:**
- **UPCOMING EVENTS**
- Monday, October 10
 - 5:30 PM, Girls 7th/8th Grade Basketball vs. Ovid-Elsie Middle School
 - 6:15 PM, Boys Varsity Soccer @ Swartz Creek High School
- Tuesday, October 11
 - 4:30 PM, Boys Varsity Cross Country, MMAC Jam 3 @ Uncle Johns Cider Mill
 - 5:15 PM, Girls Varsity Cross Country, MMAC Jam 3 @ Uncle Johns Cider Mill
 - 5:30 PM, Girls Junior Varsity Volleyball vs. Mt. Morris High School
 - 6:30 PM, Girls Varsity Volleyball vs. Mt. Morris High School
- Wednesday, October 12
 - 6:00 PM, Boys Varsity Soccer, MHSAA District vs. Corunna at Atwood Stadium
- Thursday, October 13
 - 6:00 PM, Boys Junior Varsity Football vs. Millington
- Friday, October 14
 - 7:00 PM, Boys Varsity Football vs. Byron Area Schools
- Tuesday, October 18
 - 4:00 PM, Boys Varsity Cross Country @ Byron
 - 4:30 PM, Girls Varsity Cross Country @ Byron
 - 5:30 PM, Girls Junior Varsity Volleyball @ Byron
 - 5:30 PM, Girls Freshman Volleyball @ Heritage High School
 - 6:30 PM, Girls Varsity Volleyball @ Byron

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- Friday, October 21
- 7:00 PM, Boys Varsity Football vs. Carrollton

- Saturday, October 22
- 9:30 AM, Boys Varsity Cross Country at Saginaw County Cross Country Championship
- 10:00 AM, Girls Varsity Cross Country at Saginaw County Cross Country Championship

- Monday, October 24
- 5:30 PM, Girls 7th/8th Grade Basketball vs. Montrose Hill-McCloy High School

- Tuesday, October 25
- 5:30 PM, Girls Freshman Volleyball vs. Montrose
- 5:30 PM, Girls Junior Varsity Volleyball vs. Montrose
- 6:30 PM, Girls Varsity Volleyball vs. Montrose

- Saturday, October 29
- 11:00 AM, Boys Varsity Cross Country, MHSAA Cross Country Regional 24-3 @ DeWitt HS
- 11:30 AM, Girls Varsity Cross Country, MHSAA Cross Country Regional 24-3 @ DeWitt HS

- Wednesday, November 02
- 5:30 PM, Boys Eighth Grade Basketball vs. Byron

- Thursday, November 03
- 7:00 PM, Girls Varsity Volleyball, MHSAA District Semifinal @ New Lothrop High School

- Monday, November 07
- 5:30 PM, Boys Eighth Grade Basketball vs. Montrose

- Tuesday, November 08
- 5:00 PM, Boys/Girls 7th/8th Grade Wrestling, Chesaning Quad

- Wednesday, November 09
- 5:30 PM, Boys Eighth Grade Basketball vs. Mt. Morris

- Thursday, November 10
- 5:30 PM, Boys Seventh Grade Basketball vs. New Lothrop

- 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. We will have assemblies at on Friday at all three buildings. Beginning at Big Rock then moving to the Middle School, and finishing off at the high school.

- OTHER

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- THANK YOU to Sports Boosters for continuing to step up and donate funds to our athletic programs. I appreciate all of the work that our boosters do to keep the concession stands open and running efficiently. This is a tremendous group of individuals who do a ton for our athletes. Thank you to our Chesaning Sports Boosters and all that they do for our athletic programs!
- 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!
- **Transportation Director – Stacey Williams reported:**
 - Patricia Kime has been hired as a new driver. She comes to us with previous experience as a bus driver. She has been awarded a route.
 - A new route has been added to our day to accommodate the increasing number of students on our buses.
- **Maintenance Director– Director Brian Gross reported:**
 - To start the school year John Butcher and myself assisted with the Big Rock parent pick up traffic flow.
 - A proxy reader was added to our system at the Bus Garage front door.
 - High School boiler received the every 3 year boiler inspection by the state inspector.
 - Wolverine Power Systems completed our annual generator service and inspections.
 - Dan Mahoney started September 26 at the Middle School as a custodian.
 - Ag barn update:
 - -The exterior walls have been spray foamed just after school started.
 - -I've been working with the ag committee on getting bids for work to be completed over the winter. They are looking at getting the ceiling insulated, interior walls with barn steel, and loft doors built.
 - Pool schedule is attached for October. We are getting a few people taking their lifeguard training and will be opening it more in November
- **Technology – Director Brett Russell reported:**
 - Website:
 - We are continuing to update information on the website.
 - Big Rock
 - We have been updating and replacing Chromebooks that are in carts
 - We are putting together a preschool Chromebook cart with 15 devices
 - We have responded to and resolved 43 help requests since the beginning of September
 - We are looking at replacing the current Kindergarten IPADS with new IPADS
 - CMS:
 - We are setting up a Chromebase lab at CMS to provide more devices

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- We deployed Chromebooks to this year's 7th grade class
- We have responded to and resolved 81 help requests since the beginning of September

- CHS:
 - Media class IMACs have been set up and are ready for use
 - Projectors have been re-focused and set up for the new school year
 - We have responded to and resolved 113 help requests since the beginning of August

- District Wide:
 - We are working to install new wireless access points at the bus garage
 - We are working with the electrician to install the theater lighting materials
 - Our ERATE Chromebook device have been ordered

- **MTSS – Director Lindy Beckman reported:**

District Data Support

One of the five components to our Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) is Continuous Data-Based Decision Making. Activities that the district will be engaging in to implement MTSS include maintaining an efficient data collection system and providing guidance to building implementation teams in using data-based decision-making.

We are fortunate to have a Data Coach role in our district being filled byCarolynn Collard. Carolynn is a fantastic fit for this role with her deep knowledge of MTSS and organizational skills. In this role, she is providing support in many ways, some of which include:

- Assistance with scheduling and administering universal screening assessments
- Managing the Early Warning Indicator System at each building level
- Coordinating data sheets for student supports
- Supporting various teams in analyzing data in various ways, especially with our focus on reading
- Providing teams with necessary data for data analysis and planning
- Data needs for continuous improvement planning (MICIP)
- Data needs for monitoring our MTSS

So much relies on access to data and accurate analysis of data in the world of MTSS. The Data Coach role is imperative and already accelerating our progress with MTSS implementation.

Blending Student Supports

The ultimate goal of a robust Multi-Tiered System of Supports is to blend all of the ways a district provides support to students into one cohesive system. To aim toward that goal, state and federal programs that we receive are benefitting from the MTSS processes that Chesaning Schools have been creating.

Some of these state and federal programs include Title I services, 31a At-Risk services, English Language Support services, ESSER programs, to name a few. As the district and building implementation teams work toward implementing the components of MTSS, these program opportunities will be woven into the system of supports for students. This makes our MTSS truly comprehensive.

Special Education – Director Karla Parker reported:

Priorities & Focus:

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Welcome to Shelly Moffit as a new special education para at Big Rock Elementary. We are excited to have her. ECSE programs are filled and moving along with a few that have joined us from St. Charles and Birch Run. K. Parker is attending IEPs in St. Charles, Carrollton, and at Millet to support our residents that attend those programs.

Special Ed. staff are working in teams to strengthen IEP behavioral plans for students with needs. It is amazing work to be part of!

In the News:

A few students have needed Manifestation Determination Review meetings and the high school staff is working with consultants from the ISD to service those students' returning with modified behavior plans.

The new STARS program at the High School is off and running. Teachers are loving the impact for even the at risk students. The Special Ed team is meeting regularly to modify as needed to support both the staff and the students.

The ISD staff attended a county wide pd with National Speaker Horacio Sanchez. Information about high leverage practices and child neurology has been brought back to the DIT.

IEPs are underway. Most Special Education teachers are part of a pilot program with the ISD for Goalbook Training. This electronic system is used as a resource for writing IEPs and gives teachers the confidence to monitor goals and work with each other more regularly.

Outside resources are being sought for extra training on Epilepsy for a few students with medical plans. The Health Department is very supportive in this work.

V. Correspondence from the Public

None

VI. Delegations

None

VII. Discussion/Resolution Items:

1. It was moved by Scott Kohagen and supported by Brian Lewis that the Chesaning Union Schools Board of Education approves the following meeting minutes as presented:
 - September 12, 2022 Regular Meeting MinutesMotion carried 5-0.
2. It was moved by Julie Keck and supported by Brian Lewis that the Chesaning Union Schools Board of Education approves the September 2022 Financial Report, as presented.
Motion carried 5-0.
3. It was moved by Charlie Rolfe and supported by Julie Keck that the Chesaning Union Schools Board of Education approves the September 2022 Paid Payment of Claims Report, as presented.
Motion carried 5-0.
4. It was moved by Scott Kohagen and supported by Julie Keck that the Chesaning Union Schools Board of Education approves the below NEOLA policies
 - First Reading: 2261.01 Parent and Family Member Participation in Title 1 Programs
 - Second Reading: 6108 – Authorization to use electronic transfers and automated clearing house arrangementsMotion carried 5-0.

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5. It was moved by Brian Lewis and supported by Scott Kohagen that the Chesaning Union Schools Board of Education approves the purchase of a merchandiser from Gold Star in the amount of \$14,765.32, as presented.
Motion carried 5-0.
6. It was moved by Julie Keck and supported by Scott Kohagen that the Chesaning Union Schools Board of Education approves the purchase of iPads from Apple Inc., in the amount of \$23, 217.00, as presented.

IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.