

Chariton Community School District
Annual Meeting
November 15, 2021

The Chariton Community School District met for its annual meeting on November 15, 2021, in the Administration Office Board Room. The annual meeting was called to order by Board Vice President, Sarah Willis at 6:30 pm. Board members present were Sarah Willis, Vice President, Kyle Curtis, Jamie Aulwes, and Casey DeHoedt. Dusty Cain was absent. Also present were Superintendent Larry Achenbach, Board Secretary and Business Manager, Kylie Dittmer and Transportation and Building and Grounds Director, Corey Johnson.

Board Agenda

Mr. Aulwes made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried, 4-0.

Action Items

Ms. DeHoedt made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report from June 30, 2021. Motion carried, 4-0.

Mr. Curtis made a motion to approve the Abstract of Election. Motion carried, 4-0.

A special thank you was extended to out going members, Dusty Cain and Kyle Curtis for their years of service. And welcome was given to newly elected board members, Stephanie Clark and Dustin Shivers.

Mr. Aulwes made a motion to adjourn the annual meeting. Motion carried, 4-0. The time was 6:32 pm.

Chariton Community School Board
Regular Session
November 15, 2021

The Chariton Community School District met in regular session on November 15, 2021, in the Administration Office Board Room. The regular meeting was called to order by Board Secretary, Kylie Dittmer at 6:32 pm. Board members present were Sarah Willis, Jamie Aulwes, Casey DeHoedt, Stephanie Clark, and Dustin Shivers. Also present were Superintendent Larry Achenbach, Board Secretary and Business Manager, Kylie Dittmer and Transportation and Building and Grounds Director, Corey Johnson.

Good news was shared by the board.

Visitors were welcomed. Abe Savage was present to address the board about vaccine mandates.

Board Agenda

Ms. DeHoedt made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried, 5-0.

Organizational Meeting

Ms. Dittmer swore in the newly elected board members.

Ms. Willis nominated Casey DeHoedt to the position of Board President. Motion carried, 5-0.

Mr. Aulwes nominated Sarah Willis to the position of Board Vice President. Motion carried, 5-0.

Ms. DeHoedt made a motion to approve the following committee assignments: Stephanie Clark and Dustin Shivers to the Finance and Policy Committees, Sarah Willis and Jamie Aulwes to the Building and Grounds Committee and Casey DeHoedt as the Iowa Association of School Boards Delegate. Motion carried, 5-0.

Ms. Willis nominated Kylie Dittmer to serve as the Board Secretary and Board Treasurer. Motion carried, 5-0.

Ms. Willis made a motion to set the date and time of the school board meetings to the second Monday of each month at 6:30 pm. Motion carried, 5-0.

Mr. Aulwes made a motion to approve discontinuing the use of Zoom during school board meetings when it is possible to switch to Chariton TV. Motion carried, 5-0.

Mr. Aulwes made a motion to approve the Chariton Newspapers as the official publication for the Chariton Community School District. Motion carried, 5-0.

Ms. Willis made a motion to designate Ahlers and Cooney as the Legal Counsel for the Chariton Community School District. Motion carried, 5-0.

Mr. Aulwes made a motion to approve the depository limits for the Chariton Community School District as follows: Midwest Heritage Bank, \$10,000,000, Great Western Bank, \$5,000,000, US Bank, \$5,000,000 and ISJIT, \$5,000,000. Motion carried, 5-0.

Focus on Education

Will Folkerts presented on the Talented and Gifted program at the Chariton Middle School.

Superintendent Search

Lyle Schwartz from McPherson and Jacobson, LLC presented on the next steps of the Superintendent search.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Ms. Willis to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 5-0. The following was included in the consent agenda:

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. October 11, 2021 Regular Session Minutes
 - b. October 25, 2021 Work Session Minutes
 - c. November 3, 2021 Special Session Minutes
2. Building Rentals
 - a. Chariton Parks and Rec Department-Columbus and Van Allen Gyms for youth basketball
 - b. JD McDonald-CHS Gym, Concessions and Cafeteria for Chariton Archery
 - c. Jamie Cochran-CHS Gym for Chariton Wrestling Club
 - d. Rachel Schoenig-CHS Gym for Chariton Volleyball Club
 - e. Kim Cain-CMS Gym for Chariton Boys Travel Basketball
 - f. Sonya Wallace-CHS Gym and Auditorium for After Prom
 - g. Josh Snook and Ben Schooley-CHS Gym for Youth Basketball
 - h. Milledge Family-Van Allen Gym for Thanksgiving
3. Open Enrollment
 - a. One student in from Albia due to a family move
 - b. One student in from Albia for 2022-2023 school year
4. Resignations
 - a. Brandi Wenndt as CMS Volleyball Coach
 - b. Denise Etter as Night Custodian at Van Allen/Columbus
 - c. Shonn Foy as a Bus Driver
 - d. Tatyana Berezhkova as part time Food Server
 - e. Ed Cawley as a Bus Driver
 - f. Marie Ayala as a part time Spanish Speaking Associate at CMS
5. Contracts/Letters of Intent
 - a. Jay Pierschbacher as Bus Driver
 - b. Morgan Cochran as K-5 Music Teacher
 - c. Angie Richard as a part time Associate at Van Allen
 - d. Carson Haring as a Bus Driver
 - e. Tim Milledge as an Assistant Girls Basketball Coach at CHS
6. Secretary's Reports and Bills

Action Items

Mr. Aulwes made a motion to approve the final reading of the Preschool Handbook for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried, 5-0.

Ms. Willis made a motion to approve out of state travel for the CHS Choir for January 13-17, 2023 to Carnegie Hall in New York. Motion carried, 5-0.

Mr. Aulwes made a motion to approve the first reading of board policies 500 and 501—Objective for Equal Education Opportunities for Students and Attendance. Motion carried, 5-0.

Mr. Shivers made a motion to approve Mid-Term Graduate Requests. Motion carried, 5-0.

Ms. Willis made a motion to approve the use of signature stamps and electronic signatures for the Board President, Superintendent, Board Secretary and Activities Director. Motion carried, 5-0.

Mr. Aulwes made a motion to approve participation in the Lucas County Development Investor Program with a donation of \$500. He would like the board to consider higher donation rates in the future. Motion carried, 5-0.

Mr. Shivers made a motion to approve a maintenance contract with Goodwin Tucker for regular service on the combi ovens installed at Van Allen. Motion carried, 5-0.

Ms. Willis made a motion to approve the request for modified allowable growth from the SBRC in the amount of \$70,480 for open enrolled out students. Motion carried, 5-0.

Mr. Shivers made a motion to approve the request for modified allowable growth from the SBRC in the amount of \$19,729.71 for ELL students. Motion carried, 5-0.

Mr. Aulwes made a motion to approve the extension of Transportation Director sharing agreement with Melcher-Dallas for an additional 30 days. This is a one-time extension ending on February 9, 2021. Motion carried, 3-2, with DeHoedt, Aulwes and Clark voting in favor and Willis and Shivers voting against.

Mr. Aulwes made a motion to approve revisions to the Return to Learn Plan. Motion carried, 5-0.

Ms. Willis made a motion to approve the wireless upgrade approval from Southern Iowa Technologies. The upgrade has a total cost of \$79,818.50, of which the district will pay \$15,963.70 and E-rate will fund \$63,854.80. Motion carried, 5-0.

Discussion Items

Mr. Achenbach led a discussion on the certified student count. The actual certified count for 2021-2022 is 1252.25 students. This is a decline of 2.75 students from last year.

Mr. Achenbach led a discussion on the Return to Learn plan and ESSER II/III funding. The school district is looking to add additional staff to focus on the mental health of our students.

Mr. Achenbach led a discussion on the Vaccine/Covid Testing Mandate issue by OSHA. At this time, the district is following guidance set out by the Iowa Association of School Boards and our legal counsel, Ahlers and Cooney. Additional information is expected within the next two weeks and a special school board session might need to be scheduled as more information is received.

Mr. Achenbach led a discussion on a possible new partnership with Indian Hills Community College and the addition of a College and Career Transition Counselor.

Reports, Communications and Announcements

Committee and Principal reports were given.

Mr. Aulwes made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried, 5-0. The time was 8:19 pm.

Casey DeHoedt, Board President

Kylie Dittmer, Board Secretary