

CHARITON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
CHARITON, IOWA  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Time: 6:00 PM  
Date: January 10, 2024  
Place: Chariton Community Schools Board Room, Administrative Offices, Chariton, Iowa, and Chariton.tv if the equipment is available and operating to do so.

## Public Agenda

- I. **Call Meeting to Order – SUCCESSFUL LEARNING FOR ALL STUDENTS**
- II. **Roll Call**
- III. **Good News—Comments from the Board**
- IV. **Welcome of Visitors**
- V. **Approval of Agenda**
- VI. **Focus on Education—Instructional Coaches**
- VII. **Consent Agenda**
  1. Approval of Minutes
    - i. [December 11, 2023 Minutes](#)
  2. Building Rentals
    - i. [Celebrate 2024](#)-Johnson Auditorium-Cindy Laing *fee waiver requested*
  3. Resignations
    - i. Associate at the Middle School
    - ii. Instrumental Music Teacher at the Middle School
    - iii. Academic Interventionist at the Middle School
    - iv. Principal at the Middle School
    - v. Teacher at the Middle School
    - vi. Custodian at the Middle School
    - vii. School Nurse
  4. Contracts/Letters of Intent
    - i. Associate for the Middle School
    - ii. Associate for the Middle School
    - iii. Officials’ contracts
  5. Secretary’s Report and Bills
    - i. [Monthly Treasurer’s Report](#)
    - ii. [December 2023 Deposits](#)
    - iii. [Board Bills](#)
- VIII. **Action Items**

1. Approve the *final* reading of Board Policies [708-711](#). IASB and our Policy Committee have reviewed these policies.  
**Recommendation:** Approve the *final* reading of Board Policies 708-711.
2. Approve the *first* reading of Board Policies [600-604](#). These policies are up for review this year and have been reviewed by the Iowa School Board Association (IASB) and the finance and policy committee.  
**Recommendation:** Approve the first reading of Board Policies 600-604.
3. Approve the *first* reading of Board Policies [606-607](#). These policies are up for review this year and have been reviewed by the Iowa School Board Association (IASB) and the finance and policy committee.  
**Recommendation:** Approve the first reading of Board Policies 606-607.
4. Approve [Modified Allowable Growth Dropout Prevention Application](#) – Dropout Prevention modified supplemental amount (MSA) grants the district the spending authority for the Dropout/At-Risk program. Dropout Prevention is funded by a 75% grant of spending authority that gets funded by local taxes and 25% by district provided matching funds. This request allows the district to include the full amount in the budget for FY 2025, the upcoming fiscal year. This is an annual process the district must go through to receive the funds. The requested amount for the at-risk/dropout prevention program levy is \$270,112. This is an increase from last year where we asked for \$254,452.  
**Recommendation:** It is my recommendation to approve the application for at-risk/dropout prevention funding in the amount of \$270,112.
5. Appoint a representative for the Assessor Conference Board. One representative from the board of directors (Lucas County) of each high school district of the county, who is a resident of the county, said the board of directors appointed a representative for a one-year term and notified the clerk of the conference board as to their representative  
**Recommendation:** Appoint a board member to serve on the Assessor Conference Board.
6. Consider approving a Spanish Club trip for Chariton students to Costa Rica in 2025. Ms. Castillo Ocampo is seeking approval to begin having parent meetings and fundraising efforts for this trip. (Adult Program/Student Program) She has spoken to Mr. Hall for his approval to move forward and is here to answer any questions you may have. The students and their fundraising will fund this trip. There will be no cost to the school district.  
**Recommendation:** Approve the 2025 Spanish Trip to Costa Rica with the understanding students, chaperones, and the sponsor will either pay for the trip themselves or fundraise the total amount needed to attend.
7. Approve the Contract for Allender Butzke Engineers, Inc. for slab surveying, crack monitoring, soil boring and water monitoring as indicated in their agreement. [AIA Amendment-Chariton Middle School Settlement/Expansion Monitoring-Phase 2 with 10Fold and the Phase 2 Monitoring Agreement with Allender Butzke Engineers Inc.](#) This will allow Geotechnical Services to come in and do a movement evaluation on the Middle School.  
**Recommendation:** Approve the Contract for Allender Butzke Engineers, Inc.

**IX. Reports, Communications, and Announcements**

1. Reports from Committees
  - i. Finance
  - ii. Buildings & Grounds
2. Principal's Reports
  - i. [Josh Morgan](#)
  - ii. [Gary Benda](#)
  - iii. [Tim Milledge](#)

**X. Discussion Items/Superintendent Report**

1. Board training opportunity from Ahlers and Cooney, PC - Wednesday, Feb 28th from 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm at Central Office.
2. Negotiation and bargaining preparations - Select who will serve on each committee. The meeting dates and times will depend on when we receive our insurance rates and State funding for the 2024-25 school year.
3. We will finalize an overall virtual learning plan to be released and publicized. It will contain basic knowledge of the days and their use. We will also send a survey to parents to determine whether they support virtual learning days or have missed school days placed at the end of the school year.
4. Day on the Hill 2024 - I will attend this event to advocate for public education and our school district. If anyone can join me on the 13th, that would be great. Please let me know if you are interested.
5. Discussion - special board meetings and March's regular meeting.
  - i. Special Board meetings are planned to consider approving building project bids on January 29th and March 4th. Would you prefer in-person, or virtual? Time of day?
  - ii. Discussion to move the March regular board meeting from March 11th to March 18th. This would be an action item next month since it is a change in our normal schedule.
6. School Safety Project Update:
  - i. Our grant has been approved.
  - ii. 10Fold will be sending out drawings to local vendors.
  - iii. The target date for completion will be Mid-July 2024
  - iv. This project will be upgrading camera surveillance, monitoring exterior doors if propped open or ajar, flob entry for staff, upgrading selected exterior doors, and a system to timestamp people entering and exiting the buildings.

**XI. Adjournment**