

Chariton Community School Board
Regular Session
February 9, 2026

The Chariton Community School District met in Regular Session on February 9, 2026 in the Administration Office Board Room at 5:30 p.m.. Board Members Present, Ryan Dachenbach, Sarah Willis, Jarid Howell, Ben Johnston, and Deanne Rich. Also present were Superintendent, Brad Baker, and Business Manager, Chloe Trenary.

Roll Call showed a full board.

Good News was shared by the board.

Visitors were welcomed.

One member of the public spoke for public comment.

Agenda

Mrs. Willis made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

The Counselors/Social Worker gave the Focus on Education, discussing Capturing Kids Hearts and their role in this District Initiative.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes
 - i. [January 12, 2026 Regular Minutes](#)
 - ii. [January 30, 2026 work session Minutes](#)
2. Resignations/Terminations
 - i. Will Swarthout as 9th Grade Baseball Coach
 - ii. Cindy Offenburger as Nutrition Service Assistant
 - iii. Ami Woollums as PT Nutrition Service Assistant *termination*
3. Contracts/Transfer/Letters of Intent for Van Allen
 - i. Riley Mackey as Kindergarten teacher for 2026-2027
 - ii. Macey McConahay as Kindergarten teacher for 2026-2027
 - iii. Jesse Dotts as HS Assistant Softball Coach 2025-2026 season

Mr. Howell made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mrs. Willis seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Reports, Communications, and Announcements

The board received Finance and Policy reports from Mr. Howell.

Mr. Johnston gave the Buildings and Grounds report.

Mrs. Braid and Mr. Hall gave the Principal's reports.

Action Items

Mr. Howell made a motion to approve the Budget Guarantee Resolution for 2026-2027. Mr. Johnston seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Johnston made a motion to invite the City and Johnson Foundation to a joint work session, to take place by May 1, 2026. Mrs. Rich seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0 with Mr. Howell abstaining due to conflict of interest.

Mrs. Rich made a motion to approve the out of state teacher conference request to Chicago, IL, not to exceed \$2,500. Mrs. Willis seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Howell made a motion to approve a two (2) year agreement with Energage. Mrs. Rich seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Mrs. Willis made a motion to approve the tentative District Plan with Great Prairie AEA for the 2026-2027 school year, not to exceed \$250,000. Mr. Howell seconded the motion.

Discussion/ Superintendent Report

Mr. Baker gave the Superintendent Report.

Mrs. Trenary gave a brief update on the upcoming property tax hearings.

The board roll called voted to enter into a Closed Session per Iowa Code 280.30- High Quality Emergency Operations Planning. After the Closed Session was complete the board roll called back into open session.

Adjournment

At 8:25 p.m. Mrs. Willis made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Rich seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.