

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Chatfield Public Schools School Board ISD #227

Regular Board Meeting

Date | time 03/08/2023 7:00 PM | *Meeting called to order by* Chair Katie Priebe

In Attendance

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 227, Olmsted, Fillmore and Winona Counties was held on Wednesday January 11, 2023.

Roll call was taken with these members present in-person: Priebe, Sovinski, Thompson, Harstad, Johnsrud & Keefe. All present said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda

Thompson/Keefe motion to approve the agenda with these additions:

ADD:

7. Reports

- b. HVED Executive Director: Deb Marcotte
- d. Resignation(s)
 - iii. Varsity Girls Basketball: Brian Baum
 - iv. Valleyland: Kayle Bernau, Claire Springer, Kiley Baldner, Elizabeth Schieffelbein, Claudia Meier, Kendra Erickson
- e. Job Posting(s)
 - ii. Varsity Girls Basketball
- f. New Hires
 - iii. Elementary SpEd Teacher: Emily Tutland
- g. Snowball Dance DJ: DJ Tony Lee
- h. Dance Team Fundraiser: Easter Egg Hunt

Motion carried 6-0.

Approval of Claims & Accounts

Harstad/Johnsrud motion to approve them as presented. Motion carried 6-0

Reports

HVED – Tom Keefe: Negotiation training complete

Activities Committee – Katie Priebe: they met prior to tonight's school board meeting. Mr. Schindler will comment more in his report.

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HVED Executive Director – Deb Marcotte: PowerPoint presentation is attached. It is meant to introduce HVED’s purpose & functionality to school boards.

Student Senate – Tristen O’Connor & Hunter Bernau: they are continuing to plan for Snow Week (March 13-18). The dance will be held at the elementary school again this year. Activities during the week include a different dress up for each day of the week.

Activity Director – Dan Schindler: Congratulated our individual wrestlers on their state competitions. Winter Sports are finishing up which means Spring Sports will be starting soon. Not enough gym space for indoor practices continues to be a problem. A complete copy of his report is attached.

Elementary Principal – Shane McBroom: They have been working to get the math curriculum to align with the new math standards. I Love To Read week activities include dress up days, reading visitors and a carnival to finish up the week. Projected enrollment numbers for the 2023-2024 school year are up from 2022-2023. Kindergarten registrations will be sent out soon. A complete copy of his report is attached.

High School Principal – Eric Nelson: We had 6 wrestlers qualify individually to compete at the state level. Artificial Intelligence is creating new challenges. He and Mr. Harris will be meeting with area administration representatives to discuss Achievement & Integration Budget goals later this week. A complete copy of his report is attached.

Superintendent – Ed Harris: A used local truck has been purchased. Bernard Bus received a grant for 4 stop-arm cameras for their busses. Student breakfast counts & staff lunch counts are continuing to climb. There is good reason to believe that the legislation may provide free lunches statewide. A complete copy of his report is attached.

Approval of Consent Items

Keefe/Harstad motion to approve the Consent Items.

- a. 02/08/2023 Minutes
- b. Annual Overnight Field Trips
 - i. Art Club: May 19-21, 2023
 - ii. 5th Grade Eagle Bluff: April 26-28, 2023
 - iii. 8th Grade Washington DC: June 11-18, 2023
 - iv. 2023 Class Trip: March 29-Apr 2, 2023
 - v. 2024 Class Trip: March 20-24, 2024
- c. 2023 Fall Varsity Coaches
 - i. Football: Jeff Johnson
 - ii. Cross Country: Niki DeBuhr
- d. Resignations
 - i. 9th Grade Volleyball: Kaylyn Funk
 - ii. Elementary Para: Luke Taylor
 - iii. Varsity Girls Basketball: Brian Baum
 - iv. Valleyland: Kayle Bernau, Claire Springer, Kiley Baldner, Elizabeth Schieffelbein, Claudia Meier, Kendra Erickson
- e. Job Postings
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- i. Early Childhood Screening Aide: Sarah Pedelty
- ii. Elementary Art Teacher: Ruth Mikos
- iii. Elementary SpEd Teacher: Emily Tutland
- g. Snowball Dance DJ: DJ Tony Lee
- h. Dance Team Fundraiser: Easter Egg Hunt

1st Reading of District Policies

Chair Priebe noted that the following district policies are before the board for their first reading. The board should refer any questions to Mr. Harris.

- a. 104 School District Mission Statement
- b. 404 Employment Background Checks
- c. 420 Sexually Transmitted Infections
- d. 506 Student Discipline
- e. 508 ESY for Certain Students
- f. 533 Wellness

2nd Reading of District Policies

Thompson/Johnsrud motion to approve the following policies:

- a. 721 Uniform Grant Guidance
- b. 722 Public Data Requests

Motion carried 6-0

All district policies can be found at: [Forms & Policies - Chatfield Public Schools \(chatfieldschools.com\)](https://www.chatfieldschools.com/forms-policies)

Action Items

- a. Discussion led to this item being moved to the April agenda.
- b. Mr. Harris summarized the 2023 General Budget (revised).

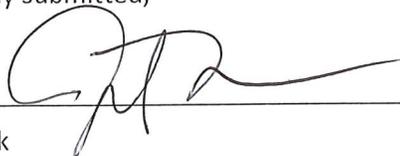
Adjournment

Keefe/Thompson motion to adjourn at 7:59pm. Motion carried 6-0

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Board Clerk



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Hiawatha Valley Education District Presentation (Deb Marcotte, HVED Executive Director)

This report is an informational presentation introducing HVED's purpose and functionality to school boards.

Superintendent Report

School Truck Update

The purchase of the used local truck is complete. Steve's auto inspected it and reported that it is in exceptional condition. I will be posting the white truck for sale next week.

Stop Arms/Cameras

Bernard Bus relieved a grant providing for a 4 camera system for each bus (stop arm/internal/audio). Mike provided a demo at the last District Leadership Team meeting. Very impressive. Here is a news story from KAAL.

<https://link.edgepilot.com/s/537b7295/vEjMeOG9-E6oiunJyAsn3g?u=https://www.kaaltv.com/news/more-school-buses-equipped-with-cameras-to-hold-stop-arm-violators-accountable/>

Food Service

Student breakfast counts and staff lunch count continue to climb since December. We have been correcting the budget proposed by Taher last spring and their update last fall. We will talk more in detail about this at the food service committee meeting on April 12.

Qualified opinions indicate that universal free lunch is going to be an outcome of this year's legislative session. This would significantly impact the food service budget in a positive way.

1st Reading of District Policies

104 School District Mission Statement

No material changes. Reference changes only.

404 Employment Background Checks

No material changes. Reference changes only.

420 Sexually Transmitted Infections

No material changes. Reference changes only.

506 Student Discipline

No material changes. Reference changes only.

508 ESY for Certain Students

No material changes. Reference changes only.

533 Wellness

No material changes. Reference changes only.

2nd Reading of District Polices

721 Uniform Grant Guidance

No meaningful changes.

722 Public Data Requests

Considerable revisions in definitions and district obligations to requests.

Action Items

2023 Achievement and Integration Budget

This is an annual budget submission. Eric and Trista can speak to this.

2023 General Budget (Revised)

The December budget revision projected \$162,000 in general fund deficit spending which was consistent with the original budget set last summer. The March revision now projects a \$67,000 general fund deficit. This improvement is the product of some revenues coming in higher than anticipated as well as some expenditures being less. It is possible that there will be additional SPED revenue beyond what is accounted for in the budget revision but we are not counting on it just yet. If that additional revenue is a reality, the FY23 budget should balance.



Chatfield High School Board Report

February, 2023

Wrestlers excel at State Wrestling Tournament

Our wrestling team finished the season with a tough loss in the Section final versus Caledonia, A team that ended up finishing second at the State Wrestling Tournament. We did, however, qualify six wrestler as individuals. Kailan Schott (11), Javier Berg (10), Chloe Berg (11), Gage Bartels (11), Kaisen Johnson (9), and Carson Rowland (10) all earned a trip to State with Schott and J. Berg winning titles and C. Berg finishing in 2nd place.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is creating new challenges for schools

The growth of artificial intelligence has created a new set of challenges for teachers assessing student writing and creation. Programs such as Chat GPT are being used by students to write papers and responses to homework prompts. While AI is nothing new within the computer world, the power and availability to students is territory that has exploded this year.

AI applications can write extensive papers and responses while asking for only limited information from a student. The app generates an essay that the student can simply cut and paste or modify to meet their needs. Advanced users are able to “teach” the app their writing style and voice by uploading their own original works. Detection is often very difficult, especially when the AI is using the uploaded information from the students.

Tonight you will be approving language related to student discipline as part of the Board policy review process. After scanning the new language, I see no issue with fitting our response plan into this text. I would ask you to approve it as written. The Board policy provides the broadest detail of our expectations and responses for students. The language of the Student Handbook that is approved each year is more specific on the details of various infractions. Our current language related to academic dishonesty is included below:

Cheating/Academic Dishonesty: plagiarism, misrepresentation of true authorship or work, providing unauthorized information, or using unauthorized information on an assessment or assignment.

I believe this language is broad enough to cover the AI issue for the remainder of this school year. I may adjust it a small amount for next year's handbook, but for now, I believe the most important element is having teachers engage with their students on proper use of applications and making sure that what students are assessed on truly matches what they know or can do.

Area superintendents to meet with Rochester Public School

Ed Harris and I will be participating in a call related to our Achievement and Integration Budget and goals for 2024-2026 later this week. This process is running later than our preferred deadlines, but we are not able to move forward without the partner districts all being on board. Based on a call Ed made to MDE, we are confident that the revised timeline will not jeopardize this important funding.



Reported March 8 – Eric Nelson

CHATFIELD ELEMENTARY REPORT TO THE SCHOOL BOARD



March 8, 2023

Greetings School Board Members,
Below are some updates from the elementary school.

Curriculum Work

Throughout the year, we have been working on reviewing and updating our math curriculum to align with the new Math Standards. Mrs. Armstrong has done a great deal of work with our staff to unpack the standards, review our new curriculum, and align our daily lessons and assessments. In addition to all this work, we have put together a library of our curriculum for each grade level. We have some work to do yet and this will be a continuous process but I feel that we are in a very good place.

I Love To Read Week

Thank you to Mrs. Johnsrud for coordinating a number of activities and dress up days for our students in promoting reading. We have Dress Up days all week, visiting readers, snacks and other exciting activities around reading planned.

Stat Wrestling Send Off

Our elementary always appreciates the opportunity to partner with our high school students when they head to the state competition. Congratulations to all our wrestlers and coaches on an outstanding performance.

Projected Enrollment 2023-2024

Kindergarten -TBD

1st -60

2nd - 72

3rd - 62

4th - 68

5th - 65

6th - 61

Numbers are up from last year at this time.

Kindergarten Registration

We are sending out communications to all the families with children eligible for Kindergarten for the 2023-2024 School Year this week. Currently we have about 56 students eligible.

Upcoming Dates

4/8-4/10 Spring Break

4/26-28 5th Grade field trip to Eagle Bluff

4/28 6th Grade field trip to Fort Snelling/State Capital

5/5 Kindergarten Field Trip Oxbow Park

5/12 Annual Book Swap

5-16 4th Grade Field Trip-Farm Safety, Preston, MN

5-18 1st Grade to Owl Center/Nature Center-Houston, MN

5-19 Special Athletic Track & Field Meet-Winona, MN

5/23 Elementary Field Day Mill Creek/Groen Park

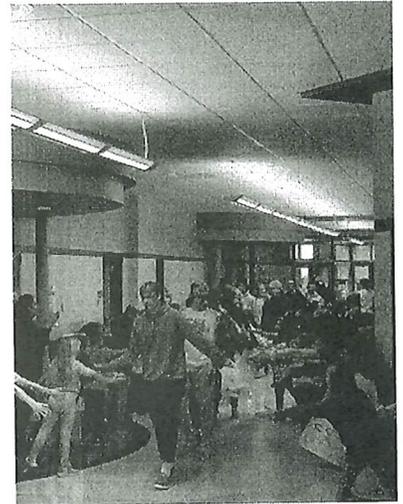
5/25 2nd Grade Quarry Hill field trip

5/25 Elementary Field Day Mill Creek/Groen Park

5/30 Kindergarten Field Trip-Hoffman Farm

Thank You

Shane



School Board Report March 8th, 2023

Introduction of State Wrestlers

Winter Teams

All teams finishing their seasons.

Speech, Knowledge Bowl, One Act Play, Math League

Dance, Wrestling, Boys and Girls Basketball, Hockey and Gymnastics.

Co-op for Gymnastics and Boys Hockey.

Girls Wrestling

New Trophy Case

Adding photos to trophies that need them.

Summer project is to put all trophies in chronological order.

Shot Clock

We used at some away games.

Will be used next year – need another worker to run it.

Lack of Officials

Had to move, reschedule some games.

Next year each conference will leave dates open and do at least one DH.

Gym space

Will probably always be an issue.

Some teams to shorten practices, some go before school or 7-9 at night.

Hard to get enough time for youth sports.

Spring Sports

Baseball, Softball and Track start Monday.

Golf starts March 20th.