

# CHESTER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.139 BOARD OF EDUCATION

## Regular Meeting April 8, 2024

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The Board of Education of Chester Community Unit School District No. 139 held a Regular Meeting, in High School FACS Classroom B217. President Debi Caraway called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

Malley motioned, Coffey seconded to enter into executive session at 6:00 p.m. for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. Roll call vote. Ayes: Caraway, Coffey, Davitz, Fricke, Krieg, Malley, Wolff. Nays: none. Motion carried.

*Jeremy Blechle entered the executive session at 6:19 p.m.*

*Kimberly Briggs and Jeremy Blechle stepped out of executive session at 7:20 p.m.*

*Kimberly Briggs and Jeremy Blechle came back into executive session at 7:26 p.m.*

*Jeremy Blechle left the executive session at 7:50 p.m.*

Malley motioned, Coffey seconded to return to open session at 8:06 p.m. Roll call vote. Ayes: Caraway, Coffey, Davitz, Krieg, Fricke, Malley, Wolff. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Pledge of allegiance

Public Comment

- Korbin Jany - Jacob Went
- Kolton Jany - Jacob Went
- Matt Colvis - Jacob Went

Fricke motioned, Krieg seconded to approve the consent agenda and items as listed. Roll call vote. Ayes: Caraway, Davitz, Fricke, Coffey, Malley, Krieg, Wolff. Nays: none. Motion carried.

- Approval of Agenda
- March 21, 2024 Regular and Executive Meeting Minutes
- Bills in the amount of \$284,560.91 and payroll in the amount of \$562,591.88
- Financial Reports

Athletic Director Report

CGS

- There are 29 athletes out for track, the first meet was March 27th
- There are 10 athletes out for golf, the first meet is April 4th

CHS

- Tryouts for dance will be the week of April 15, 2024
- Upcoming April invitationals for Track and Field will be Rocky Bridges Invite at Chester, Keith Hall Invite at Wesclin, Bi-County Invite at Columbia, Buzz Bradley Invite at Sparta, and Nashville Invite at Nashville
- Girls Track will be hosting Conference on May 1, 2024
- Boys Track will be hosting Sectionals on May 15, 2024

Other

- Dyson Helmers is signing to cheer for Lindenwood on Friday, April 12, 2024
- Volleyball camp is June 3rd-6th

Curriculum Report

- Spring 2024 ACCESS testing was completed at the beginning of March
- The test window for IAR is now open

- Grade 3 will test on April 4, 5, 10, 11, and 12
- Grade 4 will test on April 10, 11, and 12
- Grade 5 and 6 have completed their IAR testing
- Grades 7 and 8 will test on April 9, 10, 11
- Grade 5 will take the ISA on April 15, 16, and 17
- Grade 8 ISA will be incorporated within the IAR test schedule April 9-11
- Grade 11 has completed the ISA
- Grades 9, 10, and 11 will take the PSAT/SAT test on March 22
- PSA and SAT makeup testing was held on March 26th
- End of the Year Benchmark Testing will begin on April 29 through early May

#### Maintenance

- Two new strobe alarms were installed at the Grade school
- Door closers for the Jurgens Gym and life safety doors were installed at the High school
- Several new monitors and portable monitors came in and are waiting to be installed by a third party
- Renovations and upgrades for the high school were discussed at a pre bid meeting
- A leak in the High schools roof was patched
- The Grade schools units on the roof suffered some hail damage to the coil fins from a recent storm

#### Grade School Principal

- The Easter bunny visited March 26th
- On April 5th, the district provided the staff with food trucks for lunch and Dr. Stewart as a motivational speaker
- Mrs. Colonel and several students traveled to SIU to participate in a special eclipse concert on April 5th, they performed that evening in Shryock Auditorium
- Positive Give Back for the month of April will be held April 10th, all proceeds will go to "Love Abby"
- Mrs. Gonzalez will be taking several of students to Herrin on April 19th to participate in the Special Olympics
- 8th grade students will be working with Mrs. Hankins and the high school on Friday, April 21st in honor of Earth Day. They will be mulching, pruning, and removing dead plants. Many elementary classes will be making edible dirt, or flower pots with high school students
- 5th through 8th Spring concert will be Thursday, April 25th at the high school beginning at 6:30 pm
- Celebrate Fitness Day is scheduled for Friday, April 26th in the Grade school gym
- The Spring dance is on April 26th and theme is "Beach"
- Staff Appreciation week is May 6th-May 10th
- Graduation is set for Thursday, May 16th at 6:00 pm

#### Superintendent

##### Governance

- In March Chester Memorial Hospital provided Bleed Training, they also donated tourniquets for our emergency kits
- On Friday, March 22nd we had about 30 staff participates in the Chester Memorial Hospital's Fun Run/Walk at the park and the district made shirts
- Attended a law conference at John A Logan on Thursday, April 28th
- The school calendar has been amended again due to a bad storm, the last day will be Wednesday, May 22nd

##### Budget/Finance

- Amending some grants to reflect accurate amounts that we have spent

##### Building and Grounds

- The AC units on the Grade School's roof was damaged by hail
- Pre Bid meeting this week for the High School renovations this Summer
- Update on construction:
  - Vestibule - We are waiting on Nevous to do the flooring. We did a punch list this week for Samron.
  - Keys - They are waiting on cylinders and doors to complete

##### Classroom

- We continue to interview for available positions
- On Friday, April 5, Dr. Kelly Steward presented "5 Factors to Success, and You Control Them All"
- Also on April 5th Staff were provided lunch with food trucks

Davitz motioned, Coffey seconded to conduct 2nd reading of Board Policy 4:80 Accounting and Audits. Upon roll call, all members voted aye. Motion carried.

Fricke motioned, Davitz seconded to adopt the 2024-25 school calendar as presented. Upon roll call, all members voted aye. Motion carried.

Coffey motioned, Malley seconded to approve the revised 2024-25 Board Meeting dates. Upon roll call, all members voted aye. Motion carried.

Wolff motioned, Malley seconded to approve the amended 2023-24 school calendar as presented. Upon roll call, all members voted aye. Motion carried.

Wolff motioned, Fricke seconded to conduct the first reading of Board Press Policy updates 114. Upon roll call, all members voted aye. Motion carried.

Fricke motioned, Davitz seconded to approve the High School Summer Youth Volleyball Camp Fundraiser from June 3rd-6th. Upon roll call, all members voted aye. Motion carried.

Krieg motioned, Fricke seconded to approve the High School Summer Youth Boys Basketball Camp Fundraiser from June 12th-14th. Upon roll call, all members voted aye. Motion carried.

Wolff motioned, Coffey seconded to approve the High School Summer Youth Girls Basketball Camp Fundraiser from June 17th-19th. Upon roll call, all members voted aye. Motion carried.

Fricke motioned, Malley seconded to approve the facility request from Grace Bible Church to use the High School parking lot for April 24, 2024. Upon roll call, all members voted aye. Motion carried.

Davitz motioned, Fricke seconded to adopt resolution to place the 2022-2023 Amended Budget of Chester School District on file as of May 20, 2024, and schedule a hearing to present said budget on June 20, 2024, at 7:30 p.m. to be directly followed by the regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting. Roll call vote. Ayes: Caraway, Coffey, Davitz, Fricke, Krieg, Malley, Wolff. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Malley motioned, Coffey seconded to approve the Application and Certification for payment for Zeller Construction of Marion, Inc's Pay Application #2 in the amount of \$63,414.95. Roll call vote. Ayes: Caraway, Coffey, Davitz, Fricke, Krieg, Malley, Wolff. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Fricke motioned, Malley seconded to approve the Application and Certification for payment for Samron Midwest Contracting's Pay Application #2 in the amount of \$40,041.84. Roll call vote. Ayes: Caraway, Coffey, Davitz, Fricke, Krieg, Malley, Wolff. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Davitz motioned, Krieg seconded to approve the resolution for formal approval of the treasurers participation in the Illinois School District Liquid Asset Fund Plus. Roll call vote. Ayes: Caraway, Coffey, Davitz, Fricke, Krieg, Malley, Wolff. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Malley motioned, Wolff seconded to approve a resolution to dismiss Meagan Roach, a first-year probationary teacher, at the end of the 2023-2024 school year and not reemploy her for the 2024-2025 school year. Roll call vote. Ayes: Caraway, Coffey, Davitz, Fricke, Krieg, Malley, Wolff. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Davitz motioned, Coffey seconded to approve a resolution to dismiss Beth Gibbs, a first-year probationary teacher, at the end of the 2023-2024 school year and not reemploy her for the 2024-2025 school year. Roll call vote. Ayes: Caraway, Coffey, Davitz, Fricke, Krieg, Malley, Wolff. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Fricke motioned, Krieg seconded to approve Tenure Status for Certified employee Lisa Koester. Roll call vote. Ayes: Caraway, Coffey, Davitz, Fricke, Krieg, Malley, Wolff. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Fricke motioned, Malley seconded to approve Tenure Status for Certified employee Jamie Ruch. Roll call vote. Ayes: Caraway, Coffey, Davitz, Fricke, Krieg, Malley, Wolff. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Malley motioned, Fricke seconded to approve Tenure Status for Certified employee Emily Millburg. Roll call vote. Ayes: Caraway, Coffey, Davitz, Fricke, Krieg, Malley, Wolff. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Malley motioned, Wolff seconded to approve Tenure Status for Certified employee Trisha Jany. Roll call vote. Ayes: Caraway, Coffey, Davitz, Fricke, Krieg, Malley, Wolff. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Davitz motioned, Coffey seconded to approve Jenna Uchtman as Jr.High Assistant Track Coach. Roll call vote. Ayes: Caraway, Coffey, Davitz, Fricke, Krieg, Malley, Wolff. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Krieg motioned, Wolff seconded to approve Karlea Hahs as Grade School Paraprofessional at \$15.60/hr. Roll call vote. Ayes: Caraway, Coffey, Davitz, Fricke, Krieg, Malley, Wolff. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Wolff motioned, Coffey seconded to approve Candis Choate as Grade School Paraprofessional at \$15.60/hr. Roll call vote. Ayes: Caraway, Coffey, Davitz, Fricke, Krieg, Malley, Wolff. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Fricke motioned, Coffey seconded to approve Trevor Keeton as student High School Custodian at \$14.10/hr. Roll call vote. Ayes: Caraway, Coffey, Davitz, Fricke, Krieg, Malley, Wolff. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Fricke motioned, Malley seconded to approve the resignation of Bill Grafton, Grade School Principal, effective June 30, 2024. Roll call vote. Ayes: Caraway, Coffey, Davitz, Fricke, Krieg, Malley, Wolff. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Davitz motioned, Fricke seconded to approve the resignation of Josh Draves, Jr.High Assistant Track Coach. Roll call vote. Ayes: Caraway, Coffey, Davitz, Fricke, Krieg, Malley, Wolff. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Coffey motioned, Malley seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Upon roll call, all members voted aye. Motion carried.

The next REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Education will be held **Wednesday May 15, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.** (**Executive Session at 6:00 p.m.**) in the Chester High School FACS Classroom B217 located at 1901 Swanwick Street, Chester, IL 62233.