

Chester Area School - #39-1
Board of Education Official Minutes
December 11, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of Education – Chester Area School District # 39-1 was held on December 11, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in the Commons at the Chester Area School Building. The following board members were present: Alverson, Bauman, Benson, Frankenhoff, Gerry, Hansen and Seeley. Absent: None. Also present were the following: Heath Larson, Superintendent; Kristi Lewis, Business Manager; Julie Eppard MS/HS Principal and JoAnn Alverson, Elem Principal. Guests: Approximately 135+ community members and staff.

The meeting was called to order by President Darin Seeley.

Public Comment: Public comments were given by Torrie Ewoldt, Deanna Reiff, Renee Prorok, Tammy Fender and Adam Van Zanten.

Action #63: Motion by Alverson, seconded by Bauman to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Conflict of Interest Disclosures: None

The minutes of the November 13, 2023 regular meeting and the November 29, 2023 special meeting were read.

Action #64:

Motion by Frankenhoff, seconded by Benson to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Action #65:

Motion by Hansen, seconded by Alverson to approve the November expenditures. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND AFLAC MONTHLY PREMIUMS 1,975.43, AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES REPAIR 462.97, AT&T MOBILITY PHONES 607.59, BAUMBERGER, DEAN SUPPLIES, TRAVEL70.43, BUDS CLEAN UP SERVICE, INC.GARBAGE DISPOSAL 786.43, CAPITAL ONE CYBER SUPPLIES 827.44, CHESTER AREA SCHOOL REGION 3B VB EXPENSE 171.12, Chester Area T & A (Imprest) NOVEMBER IMPREST 4,541.47, CHESTER MECHANICAL LLC REPAIR 132.47, CHESTER SANITARY DISTRICT WATER/SEWER 830.06, CHESTERMAN CO. WATER/POP 254.25, Colman-Egan Schools ORAL INTERP ENTRY FEE 210.91, COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC MINUTES 117.86, DBA MADISON REGIONAL HEALTH SYSTEM BUS PHYSICAL125.00, DELTA DENTAL INSURANCE1,737.14, DIGITAL DJ, THE LASER SUPPLIES 365.06, DUENWALD, DAN ASBESTOS INSPECTION 400.00, DUST-TEX SERVICES, INC.MOPS AND BROOMS 42.12, ELO PROF. LLCAUDIT PROGRESS PAYMENT 6,158.67, F & M CO OP OIL COMPANY ROAD FUEL1,265.41, FORT RANDALL TELEPHONE COMPANY INTERNET 129.90, FRISBEE PLUMBING & HEATING HVAC REPAIR 10,805.68, GOLDEN WEST TELECOMMUNICATIONS INTERNET 64.91, HILLYARD SUPPLIES 659.70, HOLIDAY INN--RAPID CITY STATE VB ROOMS, 608.00, INNOVATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS SUPPLIES 2,005.20, INTERLAKES WIRELESS INTERNET 85.00, ITC TELEPHONE BILL 689.77, JUSTICE FIRE & SAFETY FIRE INSPECTION 443.00, LACEY'S SERVICES STORAGE CONTAINER 105.00, LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF FINGERPRINTING 570.00, MADISON LAWN AND LANDSCAPE, INC FALL APPLICATION 413.44, MENARD'S VO AG 11.26, MID STATES AUDIO & VIDEO SOUND SYSTEM REPAIR 1,371.85, NORTHERN PLAINS INSURANCE POOLVISION INSURANCE 58,897.56, NVC GLENDALE COLONY 71.00, O'CONNELL, MIKE MS SCIENCE GRANT 78.31, OFFICE OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES SCALE CERTIFICATION 28.00, PERFORMANCE FOOD GROUP SCHOOL LUNCH FOOD 327.20, SANTEL COMMUNICATIONS INTERNET 152.22, SIOUX VALLEY ENERGY ELECTRICITY/BUS GARAGE 9,515.57, STANDARD, THE LIFE INSURANCE 678.24, STEVE'S TIRE & SERVICE, INC.PARTS 3,132.27, TRIOTEL INTERNET 79.93, VENTURE COMMUNICATIONS INTERNET 88.95, WELLS FARGO BANK 3D CART 998.47, WEX BANK FUEL 99.16, WEX HEALTH, INC MONTHLY FEE 96.80, **CAPITAL OUTLAY** ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING LEASE AGREEMENT 2,704.58, Barnes & Noble HS LIBRARY BOOKS 7.69, EASY VISTA, INC COMPUTER LICENSE FEE 528.30, FRISBEE PLUMBING & HEATING HVAC RTU 36,155.00, Great Minds PBC ELEM MATH CURRICULUM 58.93, SHI-SOFTWARE HARDWARE INTEGRATION COMPUTER LICENSE FEE, 642.82, WELLS FARGO BANK HS LIBRARY BOOKS 179.99, **SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND** AFLAC MONTHLY PREMIUMS 497.03, DELTA DENTAL INSURANCE 1,014.84, NORTHERN PLAINS INSURANCE POOLVISION INSURANCE 20,221.22, OLSON, NATALIE MILEAGE 128.52, PRAIRIE LAKES EDUCATIONAL COOP PLEC SERVICES 3,184.38, STANDARD, THE LIFE INSURANCE 91.30, VOGEL, LOIS MILEAGE 299.88, WELLS FARGO BANK SPED CONFERENCE REGISTRATION 545.00, **FOOD SERVICE FUND** CHRISTIANSEN COMPLETE WATERSOFTENER SALT 13.95, COLE PAPERS, INC.CONTAINERS 117.16, DELTA DENTAL INSURANCE 72.36, EAST SIDE JERSEY DAIRY, INC MILK 982.44, MENARD'S SCHOOL LUNCH 8.34, NORTHERN PLAINS INSURANCE POOL VISION INSURANCE 3,322.98, PAN-O-GOLD

BAKING CO. SL FOOD 206.58, PERFORMANCE FOOD GROUP SCHOOL LUNCH FOOD 5,080.79, SD DOE-CHILD & ADULT NUTRITION SERVICES COMMODITIES 1,234.27, STANDARD, THE LIFE INSURANCE 65.84

Action #66: Motion by Gerry, seconded by Hansen to move into executive session at 5:55 p.m. for personnel SDCL 1-25-2.1. Motion carried.

The board members moved into the library at Chester Area School for executive session at 5:55 p.m.

The following individuals and groups joined executive session for a duration of 5 minutes each; upon leaving, the next individual or group joined the meeting. Those addressing the board in executive session included the following (designated speaker is the first name listed for each group): 1) Justin Van Hal; 2) Adam Gale; 3) Julie Breu; 4) Shane Fods; 5) Katie O'Hara and Steve O'Hara; 6) Mike Kamrud and Jeff Welbig, Doug Fiedler, Aly Bruna, Robin Boldt; 7) Nick Opdahl; 8) Katti Geraets; 9) Deb Christiansen and Tina Van Heerde; 10) Ken Prorok and Renee Prorok; 11) Francine Arneson; 12) Velda Schneider and Tina Moyer; 13) Janet Park; 14) Ben Derynck; 15) Nancy Roberts; 16) Shane Fods and Ben Derynck, Jean O'Hara, Adam Gale, Kristi Philips, Mike O'Connell, Tina Moyer, Velda Schneider, Erin Benson, Adam Anderson; 17) Laura Biagi, Sarah Mersch, Brooke Martens, Jenn Kamrud, Amber Muller, Caroline Ahrendt, Makenzie Vogt, Amanda Bruns; 18) Jean O'Hara; 19) Tina Moyer and Jerod Moyer, Velda Schneider.

The board executive session comment period ended at 7:38 p.m.

Declare out of executive session at 8:57 p.m.

Action #67: Motion by Bauman, seconded by Frankenhoff to offer a one-year contract to Superintendent Larson with the understanding that district attorney Rod Freeman will negotiate the contract with a deadline of January 8, 2024. Motion carried.

President Darin Seeley called for a 10-minute recess. Meeting resumed at 9:09 p.m.

November Financial Report

General Fund: Beginning Balance 11/1/2023 \$1,067,778.63, Receipts \$911,985.58, Expenditures \$674,124.77 Ending Balance \$1,305,639.44; Capital Outlay: Beginning Balance \$2,470,766.43, Receipts \$459,451.96, Expenditures \$77,873.21, Ending Balance \$2,852,345.18; Special Education: Beginning Balance \$821,712.18; Receipts \$261,511.22; Expenditures \$93,435.88, Ending Balance \$989,787.52; Bond Redemption: Beginning Balance \$496,800.03, Receipts \$19,559.53, Expenditures \$0, Ending Balance \$516,364.37; Food Service \$142,554.71, Receipts \$26,038.24, Expenditures \$27,201.40, Ending Balance \$141,391.55; Other Enterprise: Beginning Balance \$23,786.59, Receipts \$2,940.00, Expenditures \$0, Ending Balance \$26,726.59; Agency Fund: Beginning Balance \$88,764.47, Receipts \$57,130.11, Expenditures \$34,794.90, Ending Balance \$111,099.68.

Payroll: General Fund: \$281,705.72; Special Education: \$67,144.17; Food Service: \$7,856.14; Other Enterprise: \$0

Action #68:

Motion by Alverson, seconded by Gerry to approve the November financial report, revenue and expenditure reports, trust & agency reports and school lunch reports. Motion carried.

Business Manager Report: No report.

Elementary Principal Report: Joann Alverson reported on Math & Literacy night and elementary activities.

MS/HS Principal Report: Julie Eppard reported on fall activities and recognized students and staff for their numerous achievements. Eppard discussed the start of winter activities.

Superintendent's Report: Heath Larson presented the Covid Safe Return Plan.

Action #69:

Motion by Gerry, seconded by Bauman to approve the Covid Safe Return Plan. Motion carried.

Larson presented the ARP/ESSER Plan.

Action #70: Motion by Hansen, seconded by Benson to approve the ARP/ESSER Plan. Motion carried.

Larson discussed appointing a Legislative Action Network member.

Action #71:

Motion by Bauman, seconded by Gerry to appoint Keith Alverson as the Legislative Action Network member. Motion carried.

Larson presented the Head Varsity Girls Basketball Coach contract for Erin Benson

Action #72: Motion by Hansen, seconded by Frankenhoff to approve the Varsity Girls Basketball contract for Erin Benson for \$4,947.50. Motion carried.

Future Agenda Items: Kim Hansen will discuss the new building automation system at the January meeting.

Action #73: Motion by Bauman, seconded by Benson to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 p.m. Motion carried.

The next regular school board meeting will be held on January 8, 2023, at 5:30 pm.

Kristi Lewis
Business Manager