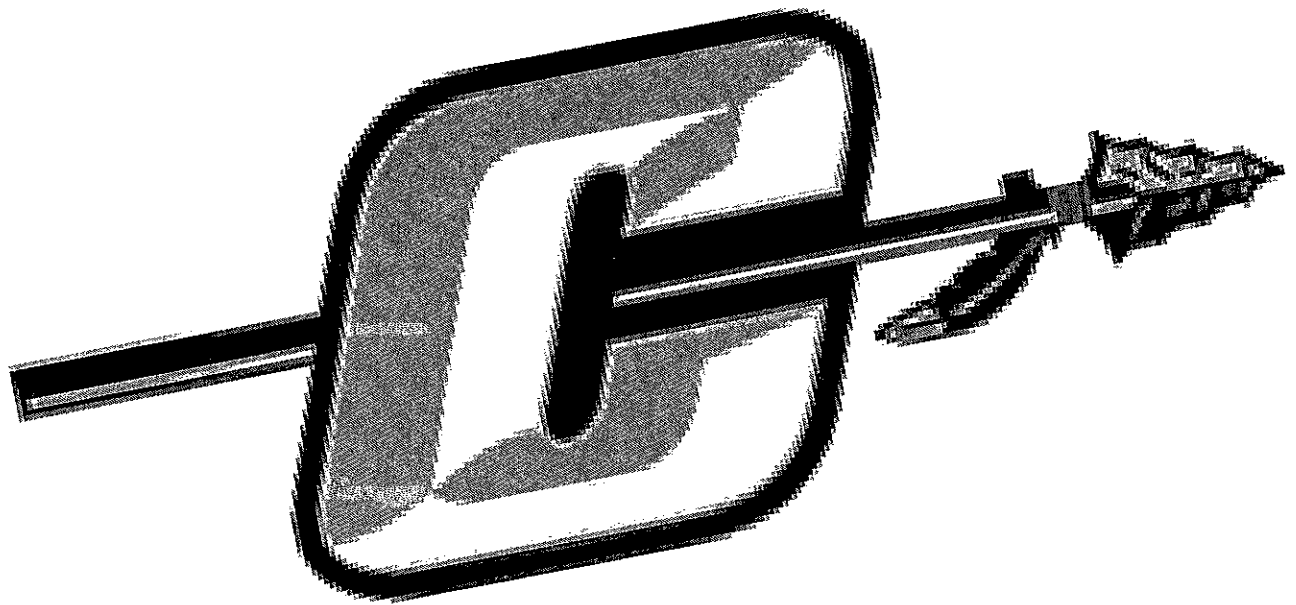


Cherokee Community School District



Regular Board Meeting
December 16, 2024
CWHS Library

Board Members:

Mrs. Jodi Thomas, President
Mr. Ray Mullins, Vice-President
Mr. Jared Barkley
Mr. Brian Freed
Mrs. Jocelyn Riggert
Mrs. Joyce Lundsgaard, Board Secretary
Mr. Tom Ryherd, Superintendent

**Regular Board of Education Meeting
Cherokee Community School District, 600 West Bluff Street
Agenda for Monday, December 16, 2024 @ 5:30 PM**

The tentative agenda contains a list of subjects known at the time of distribution. A copy of the agenda kept continuously current is available for inspection at the office of the superintendent during regular business hours. This agenda may be changed up to 24 hours before the scheduled commencement of the meeting. The agenda sequence is provided as a courtesy only. The board reserves the right to consider each item in any sequence it deems appropriate. Therefore, we encourage visitors to attend the meeting from the beginning.

NOTICE: If you have comments that you wish to be considered please submit those comments to: Tom Ryherd, Superintendent, at tryherd@ccsd.k12.ia.us by December 16, 2024 by 2:00 PM along with your phone number and you will be called prior to the agenda item you wish to address.

1. Call the meeting to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance and Mission Statement
3. Approve the agenda
4. Roll call of members in attendance
5. Action to excuse board members not in attendance
6. Welcome Visitors Recognition of persons who wish to speak to the board regarding a school issue not on the agenda
7. Consent agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Approve the minutes of the public hearing [11-18-24] annual meeting [11-18-24] and special meeting [12-9-24] B. Approve financial statements C. Approve monthly bills D. Approve fundraising requests E. Approve resignations Dave Ellis - MS Track F. Approve retirements G. Approve internal transfers H. Approve contract extensions Brent Koedem - MS Track
8. Communication and Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Principals' Building Reports/ Instructional Coaches' Reports B. Directors'/ Superintendent's Report
9. Policy Clerical Change(s): Clerical changes and edits as recommended by IASB Policy Manual Review by Siobhan Schneider, IASB Policy/Legal Services Director, received on 12/22/21 Affirm: 209.1 - Development of Policy; 209.2 - Adoption of Policy; 209.3 - Dissemination of Policy; 209.4 - Suspension of Policy; 209.5 - Administration in the Absence of Policy; 209.6 - Review & Revision of Policy; 209.7 - Review of Administrative Regulations; 210.1 - Annual Meetings; 210.2 - Regular Meeting; 210.3 - Special Meeting
10. New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Discussion of/ information concerning CES Character Education. B. Discussion of/ action concerning approval of a resolution to continue participation in the Instructional Support Program. C. Discussion of/ action concerning Cherokee CSD in cooperation with the other Lakes Conference schools to align and join the Siouxland Conference in the 2025-2026 school year. D. Discussion of/ information concerning a Board Work Session February 10.
11. Board Committee Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Curriculum and Instruction – Thomas & Barkley B. Policy – Thomas & Riggert C. Finance – Freed & Riggert D. Building, Grounds, Capital Projects – Mullins & Barkley

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E. Transportation, Nutrition – Mullins & Freed
F. Board Member Closing Comments

12. Adjournment

Projected Dates/Times for Regular Board of Education Meetings 2024-2025

August 19, 2024 @ 5:30 pm	September 16, 2024 @ 5:30 pm	October 21, 2024 @ 5:30 pm	November 18, 2024 @ 5:30 pm
December 16, 2024 @ 5:30 pm	January 20, 2025 @ 5:30 pm	February 17, 2025 @ 5:30 pm	March 17, 2025 @ 5:30 pm
April 21, 2025 @ 5:30 pm	May 19, 2025 @ 5:30 pm	June 16, 2025 @ 5:30 pm	July 21, 2025 @ 5:30 pm

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**Cherokee Community School District
Public Hearing
November 18, 2024**

The Cherokee Community School District Board of Education held a public hearing on Monday, November 18, 2024 at 5:30 P.M. The meeting was held in the WHS Conference Room, 600 W. Bluff St., Cherokee, IA.

1. Call the public hearing to order

The hearing was called to order at 5:31 P.M.

Board Members Present: Ray E Mullins II, Jodi Thomas, Brian Freed, Jocelyn Riggert, Jared Barkley

2. Approve the agenda

Moved by Mullins, seconded by Freed to approve the agenda. All Ayes

3. Overview of the instructional support program

The ISP levy will be for a period of 5 years. The additional funding for the Instructional Support Program will be determined annually, and will not exceed ten percent (10) of the total regular program district. The levy is used to fund curriculum, technology, band and vocal, and any other general fund purpose.

4. Recognition of visitors

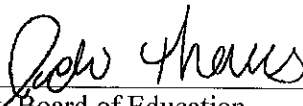
There were no visitors present to file an objection.

5. Close the public hearing

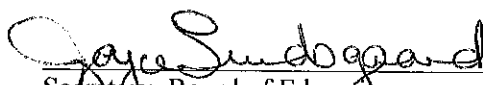
The hearing was closed.

6. Adjournment

Moved by Freed, seconded by Riggert to adjourn the meeting at 5:32 P.M. All Ayes



President, Board of Education
Cherokee Community School District



Secretary, Board of Education
Cherokee Community School District

**Cherokee Community School District
Annual Meeting
November 18, 2024**

The Cherokee Community School District Board of Education held the Annual Meeting on Monday, November 18, 2024. The meeting was held in the WHS Library, 600 W. Bluff St., Cherokee, IA.

1. Call the meeting to order

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 P.M.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Mission Statement

The Pledge of Allegiance and Mission Statement were recited.

3. Action to approve the agenda

Moved by Mullins, seconded by Riggert to approve the agenda. All Ayes

4. Roll call of members in attendance

Roll call of board members was taken. Present were Brian Freed, Ray E Mullins II, Jared Barkley, Jocelyn Riggert, Jodi Thomas

5. Excuse board members not in attendance

All board members were present

6. Welcome Visitors

Visitors were welcomed. There were no public comments.

7. Action to approve the consent agenda

Moved by Freed, seconded by Mullins to approve the consent agenda. All Ayes

- Minutes of the regular meeting – 10/21/24
- Monthly Bills
- Financial Statements
- Resignations – Katie Leonard – CMS Hawkeye Sponsor, Adam Rapp – Head Baseball Coach
- Retirements – Lynette Smith – CMS Para; Tony Gunter – CWHS Teacher & Head Football Coach

8. Action concerning Secretary-Treasurer's Report – Fiscal Year 2024

The Secretary-Treasurer's report was presented. Moved by Freed, seconded by Mullins to approve the Secretary-Treasurer's report for fiscal year 2024. All Ayes

9. Action concerning closing fiscal accounts – Fiscal Year 2024

Moved by Barkley, seconded by Freed to close fiscal accounts for 2023-24. All Ayes

10. Adjournment of retiring board

Moved by Mullins, seconded by Barkley to adjourn the retiring board at 5:41 P.M. All Ayes

11. Call the meeting to order – New Board

Superintendent Ryherd (President Pro-Tem) called the meeting to order.

12. Election of officers - President

Moved by Freed, seconded by Mullins to nominate Jodi Thomas as president. Ayes: Freed, Barkley, Mullins, Riggert Abstain: Thomas

13. Election of officers – Vice-President

Moved by Freed, seconded by Thomas to nominate Ray Mullins as vice-president. Ayes: Freed, Thomas, Mullins; Nays: Riggert, Barkley

14. Administration of oath to new officers

Lundsgaard administered the oath of office to new officers.

15. Action to open fiscal accounts – Fiscal Year 2025

Moved by Riggert, seconded by Mullins to open fiscal accounts for the 2024-25 school year using Central Bank, Cherokee State Bank and Iowa Schools Joint Investment Trust (ISJIT) as the depository of funds, the maximum amount not to exceed \$15 million. All Ayes

16. Adopt written rules and procedures for board meetings

Moved by Mullins, seconded by Barkley to adopt Robert's Rules of Order for conducting school board meetings. All Ayes

17. Determine time and location of meetings

Moved by Barkley, seconded by Mullins to hold regular board meetings on the third Monday of each month at 5:30 P.M. in the WHS Library, unless amended in advance by the board. All Ayes

18. Adopt resolutions

Moved by Freed, seconded by Barkley to approve the payment of bills requiring timely payment and payroll for contracted employees when the board is not in session, and authorize the accounts payable clerk to hold and use the board president's signature stamp for stamping warrants. All Ayes

22. Communication and Reports

Principal and Superintendent reports were given.

23. Policy

Moved by Freed, seconded by Mullins to affirm policies 202.4 - Vacancies; 203 - Board of Directors' Conflict of Interest; 204 - Code of Ethics; 205 - Board Member Liability; 206.1 - President; 206.2 - Vice President; 206.3 - Secretary - Treasurer; 207 - Board of Directors Legal Counsel; 208 - Ad Hoc Committees; 208.1.e.1 - Ad Hoc Committees Exhibit. All Ayes

24. New Business**A. Discussion of/information concerning the Cherokee FFA Chapter**

Members of the Cherokee FFA Chapter presented information about their trip to the National Convention in Indianapolis and highlights from the school year.

B. Discussion of/Action concerning requests for early graduation

Moved by Freed, seconded by Riggert to approve requests for early graduation, pending successful completion of course requirements of the Board and the Iowa Department of Education. All Ayes

C. Discussion of/action concerning Board Policy 503.8 – Discipline Policy for Students Who Make Threats of Violence or Cause Incidents of Violence – Second Reading

Moved by Riggert, seconded by Freed to approve Board Policy 503.8 – Discipline Policy for Students Who Make Threats of Violence or Cause Incidents of Violence. All Ayes

D. Discussion of/action concerning Board Policy 605.3.e.5-Objection to Instructional Library Material

Moved by Barkley, seconded by Freed to approve Board Policy 605.3.e.5-Objection to Instructional Library Material-request to Prohibit a Student from Accessing Specific Instructional and Library Materials. All Ayes

E. Discussion of/action concerning MOU with Northwest Community College for Career Academy

Moved by Barkley, seconded by Mullins to decline participation in the Northwest Community College career academy in Marcus. All Ayes

F. Discussion of/action concerning clerical changes to the Cherokee CSD Manual

Moved by Barkley, seconded by Freed to approve the Cherokee CSD Crisis Manual. Ayes: Barkley, Freed, Thomas, Mullins Nays: Riggert

G. Discussion of/action concerning a request to the School Budget Review Committee for Special Ed Deficit

Moved by Freed, seconded by Barkley to approve a request to the School Budget Review Committee for modified allowable growth for Special Ed deficit in the amount of \$48,019.52. All Ayes

H. Discussion of/action concerning a request to the School Budget Review Committee for modified allowable growth-LEP

Moved by Freed, seconded by Riggert to approve a request to the School Budget Review Committee for modified supplemental amount as related to the English language learning program for students who have exceeded five years of weighting, that are included on the Fall 2024 certified enrollment headcount, in the amount of \$4,940. All Ayes

I. Discussion of/action concerning a request to the School Budget Review Committee for modified allowable growth – open enrolled out students

Moved by Mullins, seconded by Freed to approve a request to the School Budget Review Committee for open enrolled out students, who were not included in the district's previous year certified enrollment count, for \$25,087.56. All Ayes

J. Discussion of/action concerning Building and Grounds meeting in December

The Building and Grounds committee will meet in early December to discuss future projects for the district.

K. Discussion of/action concerning district appointments

Moved by Mullins, seconded by Freed to appoint Joyce Lundsgaard as Board Secretary/Treasurer; Chronicle Times – Newspaper of General Circulation; Tom Ryherd as Equity and Affirmative Action Coordinator and Title IX Coordinator; Brian Christiansen and Tom Ryherd as Child Abuse Level 1 Investigators; Brian Christiansen as Title I Coordinator and Foster Care Coordinator, Matt Malausky as Homeless Liaison, Krista Miller as Homeschool Liaison; Rachel Doeden and Cara Jacobson as Wellness Policy Coordinators; Matt Malausky and Tom Ryherd as Harassment Investigators; Brett Gannon as Level II Harassment Investigator; John Cook, Steve Avery and Ahlers & Cooney Law Firm as Legal Counsel; Matt Malausky as EL Coordinator, Krista Miller as Migrant Coordinator; Brian Christiansen, Krista Miller, Matt Malausky and Tom Ryherd as Administrative Representatives for the Teacher Quality Team; and James De Vos, Abby James, Cindy Husman, and Kathy Curtis as Teacher Representatives for the Teacher Quality Team. Ayes: Freed, Thomas, Mullins, Barkley Nays: Riggert

L. Discussion of/action concerning standing board committees

Moved by Freed, seconded by Riggert to appoint Barkley & Thomas to the Curriculum and Instruction Committee, Riggert & Thomas to the Policy Committee; Freed & Riggert to the Finance Committee; Barkley & Mullins to the Building, Grounds and Capital Projects Committee; Mullins & Freed to the Transportation and Nutrition Committee for the 2024-25 school year. All Ayes

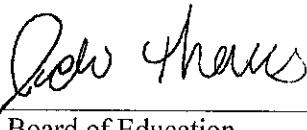
M. Discussion of/action concerning the appointment to Cherokee County Conference Board

Moved by Freed, seconded by Barkley to approve the appointment of Jocelyn Riggert to the Cherokee County Conference Board. All Ayes

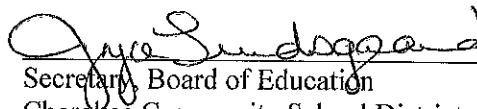
24. Adjournment

Moved by Barkley, seconded by Mullins to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 P.M. All Ayes

Regular Meeting - December 16, 5:30 P.M.



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**Cherokee Community School District
Special Meeting
December 9, 2024**

The Cherokee Community School District Board of Education held a Special Meeting on Monday, December 9, 2024, beginning at 5:30 P.M. The meeting was held in the WHS Library at 600 W. Bluff St., Cherokee, Iowa.

1. Call the special meeting to order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M.

Board Members Present: Brian Freed, Jocelyn Riggert, Jodi Thomas, Ray E. Mullins II, Jared Barkley

2. Approve agenda

Moved by Riggert, seconded by Freed to approve the agenda. All Ayes

3. New Business

A. Discussion of/action to enter into closed session

Moved by Mullins, seconded by Freed to go into closed session at 5:31 PM as provided in section 21.5(1)(e) of the open meetings law to conduct a hearing to suspend or expel students for violating board policy 502.75 Students and Illicit Drugs. Roll call vote: Ayes: Riggert, Barkley, Freed, Mullins, Thomas,

The board resumed in open session at 5:55 P.M.

B. Discussion of/action concerning subject of closed session

Moved by Riggert, seconded by Mullins to adopt the recommendations by Superintendent Ryherd as set forth in the written decision of the board of directors. Roll call vote: Ayes: Mullins, Freed, Barkley, Thomas, Riggert

C. Discussion of/action to enter into closed session

Moved by Mullins, seconded by Freed to enter into closed session at 5:58 P.M. under Iowa Code 21.5(1)i of the open meeting law to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session. Roll Call Vote: Freed, Barkley, Mullins, Riggert, Thomas

The board resumed in open session at 6:06 P.M.

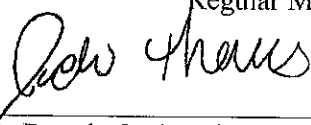
D. Discussion of/action in open session concerning action based on closed session

There was no discussion or action taken regarding the closed session.

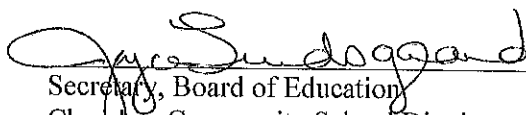
7. Adjournment

Moved by Freed, seconded by Mullins to adjourn the meeting at 6:07 P.M. All Ayes

Regular Meeting – December 16, 2024; 5:30 P.M.



President, Board of Education
Cherokee Community School District



Secretary, Board of Education
Cherokee Community School District

11/30/2024

Fund	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expenditures	Ending Balance
Operating	\$ 3,384,460.00	1,247,600.41	1,201,743.91	3,430,316.50
Management	799,293.98	61,818.06	-	861,112.04
Self-Insurance Fund	830,815.14	13,426.09	10,767.00	833,474.23
TPRA Grant		1,842,592.31	1,842,592.31	
Subtotal General Fund	5,014,569.12	3,165,436.87	3,055,103.22	5,124,902.77
Activity	148,644.30	40,584.05	28,489.98	160,738.37
PPEL	258,286.19	49,082.54	10,322.67	297,046.06
Capital Projects (Sales Tax)	2,353,385.40	103,757.49	1,978.36	2,455,164.53
Debt Service	45,363.91	43,269.68	300.00	88,333.59
Hot Lunch	262,583.32	30,234.77	51,901.54	240,916.55
Trust and Agency	42,145.37	0.37	-	42,145.74
Braves Bank	27,747.30	2,151.97	-	29,899.27
Total - All Funds	\$ 8,152,724.91	\$ 3,434,517.74	\$ 3,148,095.77	\$ 8,439,146.88

Published Budget Report
All Funds
11/30/2024

Category	Function #'s	Sub Total Exp.	Expenditures	Amt Published	% of Published
INSTRUCTION	(1000-1999)	3,172,990.63	3,172,990.63	10,815,000.00	29%
Perkins	(5210)	-			
SUPPORT SERVICES	(2000-2999)				
Student Support Svcs	(2000-2199)	130,457.54			
Inst. Staff Support Svcs	(2200-2299)	274,959.18			
General Administration	(2300-2399)	162,052.78			
Building Administration	(2400-2499)	258,368.08			
Business Administration	(2500-2599)	358,637.48			
Plant Operation & Maint	(2600-2699)	820,852.52			
Student Transportation	(2700-2799)	236,777.44			
TOTAL SUPPORT SERVICES			2,242,105.02	5,160,000.00	43%
NON INSTRUCTIONAL PGMS	(3000-3999)	247,996.16	247,996.16	825,000.00	30%
OTHER EXPENDITURES	(4000-5999)				
Facilities	(4000-4999)	717,740.08			
Debt Service	(5000-5999)	189,515.63			
AEA Support Direct	(5200)	445,221.00			
TOTAL OTHER EXPENDITURES			1,352,476.71	3,644,091.00	37%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			7,015,568.52	20,444,091.00	34%

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Vendor Number	Vendor Name	Amount
Invoice Description		
Checking Account ID 1	Fund Number 10	GENERAL FUND
High Five Foam Mitt & Shipping		
13763	360 Custom Designs	396.88
Managed Services & Backup- Nov 2024		
14649	Advanced Network Professionals	106.80
Parts		
Computer Repairs		
14716	AGParts Worldwide, Inc.	229.25
Law Conference		
20291	Ahlers and Cooney, PC	85.00
All State Meals		
14383	Barnes, Pam	30.46
Salt & Nurse Supplies		
10079	Blaine's Culligan	413.10
Kneaded Eraser		
11466	Blick Art Materials	71.75
Clothing Allowance- Shoes & Jeans		
11197	Brown, Russ	90.70
Fire Alarms, Fax, Internet, Data, Phone		
14427	C-M-L Telephone Cooperative Assoc	1,100.90
Legal Service		
10305	Cornwall, Avery, Bjornstad & Scott	600.00
Boiler Inspections		
11189	Dept. of Inspections, Appeals & Licensing	120.00
Medicaid		
12846	Iowa Department of Human Services	8,626.45
Iowa Strength Clinic for Garrett Hill		
15395	Iowa Strength Coaches Association	100.00
24-25 HS Choir Winter Music Order		
Concert music		
Music Order for Dordt HC 24-25		
12200	J.W. Pepper and Son, Inc.	244.09
Gemeinhardt Flut Plugs for student flute		
10894	MidBell Music, Inc.	13.99
Repair-Outside Labor		
11495	MODERN HEATING INC	269.95
Shoes- Clothing Allowance		
15400	Neustrom, Todd	100.00
Braves Parking Sponsorship Signs		

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Vendor Number	Vendor Name	Amount
Invoice Description		
10188	Pilot Rock Signs	160.00
Postage		
14903	Quadient Finance USA, Inc.	620.00
Clothing - Jeans		
14740	Retleff, Roddy	31.99
Mileage & Meal		
15088	Riggert, Jocelyn	108.00
Book Club Holiday party snacks		
11092	Sampson, Lisa	36.38
Special Ed Tuition Fees		
Tuition Fees		
12692	Sioux City Comm School District	3,348.66
White Cardstock		
Colored Paper		
Cardstock & Colored Paper Order		
14763	Staples	1,455.85
Checks		
10720	Storey Kenworthy/Matt Parrott	714.40
Mileage & Parking for Conference		
15396	Thomas, Jodi	227.52
Medicaid Billing		
12838	Timberline Billing Service LLC	167.30
Payroll Integration		
Time & Attendance Software		
11578	Time Management Systems	893.48
Cell Phone Service		
18319	Verizon Wireless	648.96
Mop Service		
10183	VESTIS	30.43
ECLC Snacks		
14908	Webb, Terri	107.41
TPRA		
14875	Western Governors University	4,025.00
Fund Number 10		
Checking Account ID 1		
Checking Account ID 2	Fund Number 36	PHYSICAL PLANT & EQUIPMENT
Copier Leases		
14869	Access Systems Leasing	1,001.53
Building Improvement		
11495	MODERN HEATING INC	516.46
Fund Number 36		
Checking Account ID 2		
Checking Account ID 3	Fund Number 21	STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND

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Invoice Description		
14448	Atherton, Greg	215.00
Wrestling invite trophy and medals		
30835	Awards Unlimited, Inc.	263.17
12/10 Varsity wrestling		
14045	Bashore, Caleb	150.00
From Fundraiser - Pizza		
15402	Beer City	4,312.50
JVR BB Official 12/2/24		
12/12 JV boys bball		
12/19 8th bball		
15390	Campbell, Mark	230.00
Locker Decor, Posters & Pin Purchases		
14638	Carver, Angela	177.45
12/12 V bball		
15083	DeRocher, Adam	140.00
12/12 Varsity bball		
30991	Eekhoff, Kevin	140.00
12/12 7th boys bball		
12/16 7th bball		
30523	Fuhrman, Mark	160.00
MS BB official 12/3/24		
30936	HARRIMAN, WADE	80.00
12/12 7th boys bball		
31235	HENDERSON, ALAN	80.00
12/9 MS bball		
12/19 8th bball		
14910	Hilbrands, Dean	160.00
Prom Fundraiser- Snack & Family Size Bag		
15398	Jolly Time Koated Kernals, LLC	1,945.00
12/12 Varsity bball		
13333	Malloy, John	140.00
Morningside Jazz Festival Fees		
30981	MORNINGSIDE UNIVERSITY	165.00
12/12 JV girls bball		
12/16 7th bball		
31293	Oswald, Kyle	155.00
FFA Nationals-FFA Supplies		
15403	Pinnow, Liz	1,300.14
12/12 JV girls bball		
14327	Shea, Mark	75.00
12/9 JV and V bball		

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Invoice Description		
13629	Ten Napel, Jeff	215.00
12/12 JV boys bball		
31315	Wagner, Scott	75.00
12/9 8th bball		
31584	Wessling, Doug	80.00
12/9 JV/V BB		
30474	Zalme, Mark	215.00

Fund Number 21

Checking Account ID 3

Checking Account ID 4

Fund Number 61

SCHOOL NUTRITION FUND

Clothing Allowance - Shoes

15404	Murphy, Jordan	56.18
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Fund Number 61

Checking Account ID 4

Checking Account ID 6

Fund Number 81

NON-EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS

PEO Scholarship

15405	NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE & JADA TIMMERMAN	300.00
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Vendor Number	Vendor Name	Amount
Invoice Description		
Checking Account ID 1	Fund Number 10	GENERAL FUND
Meal Money for State Dance		
13234	Cash and Joyce Lundsgaard	40.00
Fund Number 10		
Checking Account ID 1		
Checking Account ID 3	Fund Number 21	STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND
Meal Money for State Dance		
13234	Cash and Joyce Lundsgaard	280.00
USD Coyote Jazz Fest Fee for		
Jazz Choir		
31011	University of South Dakota	175.00
Fund Number 21		
Checking Account ID 3		

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Invoice Description		
Checking Account ID 1	Fund Number 10	GENERAL FUND
Bus 14, new starter		
15172	Ascendance Trucks Midwest, LLC	862.93
Tech Supplies		
Transportation Supplies		
Maintenance Supplies		
WHS Ind Art Instructional Supplies		
WHS Ind Art Instructional Supplies		
CMS Art Instructional Supplies		
WHS Ind Art Instructional Supplies		
Ice Melt-Grounds Maintenance		
WHS Ind Art Instructional Supplies		
Demolition Bags		
WHS Ind Art Resale		
10021	Bongaars Supply	1,932.49
New books for CMS Library		
book order		
13052	Book Vine, The	289.32
lab supplies		
10157	Carolina Biological Supply Co	87.86
DOT Physical		
11157	Cherokee Regional Medical Center	136.00
Vending Supplies		
11224	Chesterman Company	154.60
Water & Sewer		
10084	City of Cherokee	3,459.16
Communication Services Nov. 24		
14832	Donovan Group I	1,000.00
ELL FUNDS		
15068	EPS Operations, LLC	800.98
CMS Mentoring		
10067	Fareway Stores, Inc.	18.74
Lodging - All State Band		
10019	Gateway Hotel and Conference Center	601.44
WHS FCS Instructional Supplies		
Climate and culture		
Climate & Culture		
10274	Hy-Vee Food Stores, Inc	71.53
PD Expense		
15049	Johnson, Collin	19.99
LessonPix Subscription		
15217	LessonPix, Inc.	36.00
Water leak fixed off steam line in shop		

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Vendor Number	Vendor Name	Amount
Invoice Description		
11495	MODERN HEATING INC	153.39
Wiper Blades		
10180	Motor Parts Sales	55.78
4 New Tires, Mount & Balance- Lunch Wagon		
10425	Northside Tire Inc	590.88
8th grade play scripts & production fees		
14042	Pioneer Drama Service	442.50
Pest Control		
15025	Plunkett's Pest Control, Inc	77.00
Repair Parts - Bus		
12768	School Bus Sales	443.56
Transportation Mileage		
15377	Schuknecht, Dakota	392.00
Smart Pass Hall Pass Standard		
15394	SmartPass Inc.	1,364.40
Medicaid Billing		
12838	Timberline Billing Service LLC	1,187.71
Mop Service		
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10183	VESTIS	91.29
Fund Number 10		
Checking Account ID 1	Fund Number 22	MANAGEMENT FUND
Insurance Premium		
13585	SU Insurance Company	15,726.50
Fund Number 22		
Checking Account ID 1	Fund Number 71	SELF-INSURANCE FUND
Admin Fees		
13725	Mid-American Benefits LLC	1,925.00
Fund Number 71		
Checking Account ID 1		
Checking Account ID 2	Fund Number 36	PHYSICAL PLANT & EQUIPMENT
Building Improvement		
15385	Heartland Pneumatic	7,660.29
Fund Number 36		
Checking Account ID 2		
Checking Account ID 3	Fund Number 21	STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND
Shirts - Dance		
13763	360 Custom Designs	371.15
popcorn for CMS Concession Stand		
14863	American Popcorn Co.	217.49
12/3 JV and V bball		
14448	Atherton, Greg	215.00

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Invoice Description		
12/3 JVR boys bball		
9th bball 12/3		
14695	Brostad, Mike	195.00
8th boys bball 12/3		
15390	Campbell, Mark	80.00
New basketballs for HS		
Extra MS basketballs		
30263	CENTER SPORTS, INC	1,374.32
WHS Concession Supplies		
WHS Concession Supplies		
CMS Concession Supplies		
11224	Chesterman Company	7,364.70
NWIBA Jazz Festival - MS		
Payment		
13249	Dan Mangold - NWIBA Treasurer	150.00
CWHs Concession Supplies		
10067	Fareway Stores, Inc.	60.16
12/5 8th boys bball		
8th boys bball 12/3		
30523	Fuhrman, Mark	160.00
CC rental equipment 8/29 & 10/8		
12787	Galva-Holstein Schools	200.00
Lodging - All State Band		
10019	Gateway Hotel and Conference Center	601.44
Flowers for VB Senior Night		
11242	Hy-Vee Pharmacy	15.00
Spanish Club shirt		
14450	Image Market	11.95
State Jazz Band Festival		
Registration		
13329	IOWA HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC ASSOCIA	175.00
Iowa Lakes Jazz Choir		
Registration Fee		
30938	IOWA LAKES MUSIC DEPARTMENT	100.00
12/3 JV and V bball		
13627	Kastner, Cory	215.00
NWIBA District Jazz Festival		
13772	MOC-Floyd Valley HS	150.00
Morningside Jazz Festival		
30757	Morningside University	250.00
MOC-FV Jazz Fest Fee		
14947	Pride of the Dutchmen Band Parents	150.00
9th bball 12/3		
12/3 JVR boys bball		
12/5 8th boys bball		

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Vendor Number	Vendor Name	Amount
Invoice Description		
14327	Shea, Mark	275.00
12/3 JV, Varsity bball		
13629	Ten Napel, Jeff	215.00

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Checking Account ID 4 Fund Number 61 SCHOOL NUTRITION FUND

Ala Carte Purchases

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11224	Chesterman Company	1,293.35
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Pizza sauce, spaghetti sauce
and etc

10067	Fareway Stores, Inc.	23.79
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Purchased Food

14861	PAN-O-GOLD BAKING CO	1,639.76
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Fund Number 61

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Vendor Number	Vendor Name	Amount
Invoice Description		
Checking Account ID 1	Fund Number 10	GENERAL FUND
Retractable Badge Holders		
IPAD Cases		
Maintenance Supplies		
Foundation - Instructional Supplies		
BB court Stencils		
Foundation Supplies		
4 stools		
New CPU fan for Mackinzee		
Helping hands		
Replacement damaged TV		
Backup strike for entry doors		
Helping hands		
Maintenance Supplies		
Snacks for Special Education Students		
13771	Amazon Capital Services	2,496.37
Fund Number 10		
Checking Account ID 1		
Checking Account ID 3	Fund Number 21	STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND
Speech Costume		
General Supplies Weightlifting		
WHS Concession Supplies		
Spanish Club supplies		
13771	Amazon Capital Services	374.57
Food Bank Donation		
12656	IC Church CAP Food Pantry	1,675.00
Food Bank Donation		
10959	MID SIOUX OPPORTUNITY	1,675.00
Food Bank Donation		
12654	Trinity Lutheran Church Food Pantry	1,675.00
Fund Number 21		
Checking Account ID 3		

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Vendor Number	Vendor Name	Amount
Invoice Description		
Checking Account ID 1	Fund Number 10	GENERAL FUND
Royal Blue T-shirts		
13763	360 Custom Designs	107.22
Managed Services October 2024		
14649	Advanced Network Professionals	106.80
Theatre Tickets for Films Field Trip		
12581	American 3 Theatre	48.00
Building Repair-Outside Labor		
Replaced Flag Light		
10034	Champion Electric	595.41
Registration Renewal JD TX		
Gator		
10599	Cherokee County Recorder	18.50
Grounds Maintenance		
10084	City of Cherokee	72.00
PSAT Tests		
11576	College Board	25.92
ITEC Conference in DM		
11545	Comfort Inn & Suites - Des Moines, IA	555.52
Legal Service		
10305	Cornwall, Avery, Bjornstad & Scott	200.00
Food for CTE Advisory Meeting		
FFA Nationals Parking Pass		
FFA Nationals Lodging		
Quizlet Subscription		
Supplies for card printer		
Rogue Sled Harness & Stamp Kit		
Robotics class supplies		
IBCA Fall Clinic Registration		
Hotel room		
Lodging for BB Conference		
ISCA Rooms		
Filter replacement for fish tank		
Fish tank supplies		
Membership & Parking Pass		
TD Snap Legacy Option		
Instructional Supplies		
Hotel Rooms for Speech Convention		
Lodging for IASBO Conference		
14961	Elan Financial Services	5,828.65
Outside Labor-Leak fixed at CMS		
14092	Elevate Roofing	586.72
Outside Labor Repair		
20070	Haselhoff Construction Inc.	165.00
State XC Additional Students		
30902	Iowa Girls High School	230.00

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Vendor Number	Vendor Name	Amount
Invoice Description		
	Athletic Union	
Decor Plates & Napkins for Veteran's Day		
12942	Jacobson, Cara	11.25
Mileage		
10628	Lundsgaard, Joyce	345.00
WHS Ind Art Resale		
WHS Ind Art Resale		
11735	Marcus Lumber	405.31
WHS Industrial Art Resales		
WHS Ind Art Instructional Supplies		
WHS Ind Art Resale		
WHS Ind Art Instructional Supplies		
14359	Menards	744.90
Electricity - Concession		
Electricity - CWHS		
Electricity		
Electricity Doupe Ballfields		
Electricity - Bus Barn		
Electricity		
12363	MidAmerican Energy Company	9,295.12
CAPS Membership Fee 24-25		
15391	MOC-FV FOUNDATION	100.00
Parts		
Parts		
11377	O'Reilly Auto Parts	110.52
Ozobot Charging Station		
14924	Ozo Edu, Inc.	100.00
#1 Braves Parking Sign		
10188	Pilot Rock Signs	40.00
Pest Control		
15025	Plunkett's Pest Control, Inc	98.00
Garbage Collection		
10217	Sanitary Services, Inc.	2,274.30
Outside Labor - Jetter & Auger		
13615	SCE, LLC	643.00
Student Transportation October		
11955	Siouxland Regional Transit System	336.00
Panel Covering for HS Gym		
14251	Spooner, Jason	374.49
Repairs to Winterize Ball Fields		
14821	Van Holland Lawn Service, Ltd.	2,078.00
15 Drivers for 3 hr class in Cherokee		

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Vendor Number	Vendor Name	Amount
Invoice Description		
10248	Western Iowa Tech Comm College	600.00
Diesel & Gasoline		
10361	Your FleetCard Program	5,332.89

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Flu Vaccines & Administration

11157	Cherokee Regional Medical Center	3,648.00
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Checking Account ID	2	Fund Number	40	DEBT SERVICES FUND
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Agent Fee

14093	UMB Bank, NA	300.00
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Fund Number 40

Checking Account ID 2

Checking Account ID	3	Fund Number	21	STUDENT ACTIVITY FUND
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11/26 Varsity girls bball

13828	Baker, Keith	140.00
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11/19 MS bball

11/26 MS bball

15390	Campbell, Mark	160.00
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Special Olympics State

Two Meals for Student

13234	Cash and Joyce Lundsgaard	80.00
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Volleyball Concessions

CWHS Concession Supplie

Baseball Concessions

31168	Cherokee Locker, Inc.	2,471.86
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FFA Nationals Lodging

XC State Meal - Central Bank

Trackwrestling Program

Iowa FTC Robotics Registration

14961	Elan Financial Services	2,278.18
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11/26 V girls bball

15389	Feiner, Mark	140.00
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MS bball 11/19

30523	Fuhrman, Mark	80.00
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11/26 V girls bball

14158	McPike, Milt	140.00
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Volleyball Conf Champs addition

Vinyl add for Girls Tennis Conf

Champs

10188	Pilot Rock Signs	190.00
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Fund Number 21

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Checking Account ID	4	Fund Number	61	SCHOOL NUTRITION FUND
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Lunch Acct. Refund

15392	Brown, Kris and Amanda	51.95
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Amount

Invoice Description

Door Gasket Repair

14437 Specialty Underwriters LLC

305.84

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DEVELOPMENT OF POLICY

The board has jurisdiction to legislate policy for the school district with the force and effect of law. Board policy provides the general direction as to what the board wishes to accomplish and why it wishes to accomplish it while allowing the superintendent to implement board policy.

The written policy statements contained in this manual provide guidelines and goals to the citizens, administration, employees and students in the school district community. The policy statements are the basis for the formulation of regulations by the administration. The board will determine the effectiveness of the policy statements by evaluating periodic reports from the administration.

Policy statements may be proposed by a board member, administrator, employee, student or member of the school district community. Proposed policy statements or ideas will be submitted to the superintendent's office for possible placement on the board agenda. It is the responsibility of the superintendent to bring these proposals to the attention of the board.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 274.1-.2; 279.8.
281 I.A.C. 12.3(2).
1970 Op. Att'y Gen. 287.

Cross Reference: 101 Educational Philosophy of the School District
200.2 Powers of the Board of Directors
200.3 Responsibilities of the Board of Directors
209 Board of Directors' Management Procedures

Approved 3/18/1996 Reviewed 3/14/16, 9/17/18, 9/20/21, 12/24 Revised _____

ADOPTION OF POLICY

The board will give notice of adoption of new policies by placing the item on the board agenda of two regular board meetings. This notice procedure will be required except for emergency situations. If the board adopts a policy in an emergency situation, a statement regarding the emergency and the need for immediate adoption of the policy will be included in the minutes. The board will have complete discretion to determine what constitutes an emergency situation.

The final action taken to adopt the proposed policy will be approved by a simple majority vote of the board at the next regular meeting after the meeting allowing public discussion. The policy will be effective on the later of the date of passage or the date stated in the motion.

In the case of an emergency, a new or changed policy may be adopted by a majority vote of a quorum of the board. The emergency policy will expire at the close of the third regular meeting following the emergency action, unless the policy adoption procedure stated above is followed and the policy is reaffirmed.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code § 279.8.
281 I.A.C. 12.3(2).
1970 Op. Att'y Gen. 287.

Cross Reference: 200.2 Powers of the Board of Directors
200.3 Responsibilities of the Board of Directors
209 Board of Directors' Management Procedures

Approved 3/18/1996 Reviewed 3/16, 9/18, 9/21, 12/24 Revised 12/17/2012

DISSEMINATION OF POLICY

The board policy manual is available electronically. Persons unable to access the policy manual electronically should contact the board secretary for assistance.

Copies of changes in board policy will also be included in or attached to the minutes of the meetings in which the final action was taken to adopt the new or changed policy.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 277.31; 279.8.
281 I.A.C. 12.3(2).

Cross Reference: 200.3 Responsibilities of the Board of Directors
209 Board of Directors' Management Procedures

Approved _____ Reviewed 3/14/16, 9/17/18, 9/20/21, 12/24 Revised 12/17/2012

SUSPENSION OF POLICY

Generally, the board will follow board policy and enforce it equitably. The board, and only the board, may, in extreme emergencies of a very unique nature, suspend policy. It is within the discretion of the board to determine when an extreme emergency of a very unique nature exists. Reasons for suspension of board policy will be documented in board minutes.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code § 279.8.
281 I.A.C. 12.3(2).

Cross Reference: 200.3 Responsibilities of the Board of Directors
209 Board of Directors' Management Procedures

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ADMINISTRATION IN THE ABSENCE OF POLICY

When there is no board policy in existence to provide guidance on a matter, the superintendent is authorized to act appropriately under the circumstances surrounding the situation keeping in mind the educational philosophy and financial condition of the school district.

It is the responsibility of the superintendent to inform the board of the situation and the action taken and to document the action taken. If needed, the superintendent will draft a proposed policy for the board to consider.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code § 279.8.
281 I.A.C. 12.3(2).

Cross Reference: 200.3 Responsibilities of the Board of Directors
209 Board of Directors' Management Procedures
302.4 Superintendent Duties
304 Policy Implementation

Approved 3/18/1996 Reviewed 3/14/16, 10/15/18, 9/20/21, 12/24 Revised _____

REVIEW AND REVISION OF POLICY

The board shall, at least once every five years, review board policy. Once the policy has been reviewed, even if no changes were made, a notation of the date of review is made on the face of the policy statement.

The board will review one-fifth of the policy manual annually according to the following subject areas:

- Board of Directors (Series 200)
- Administration, Employees (Series 300 and 400)
- School District, Education Program (Series 100 and 600)
- Students (Series 500)
- Noninstructional Operations and Business Services, Buildings and Sites, School District-Community Relations (Series 700, 800 and 900)

It is the responsibility of the superintendent to keep the board informed as to legal changes at both the federal and state levels. The superintendent will also be responsible for bringing proposed policy statement revisions to the board's attention.

If a policy is revised because of a legal change over which the board has no control or a change which is minor, the policy may be approved at one meeting at the discretion of the board.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code § 279.8.
281 I.A.C. 12.3(2).

Cross Reference: 200.3 Responsibilities of the Board of Directors
209 Board of Directors' Management Procedures

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REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

Board policy sets the direction for the administration of the education program and school district operations. Some policies require administrative regulations for implementation.

It is the responsibility of the superintendent to develop administrative regulations to implement the board policies. The regulations, including handbooks, will be reviewed by the board prior to their use in the school district.

The administrative regulations will be available no later than the first regular board meeting after the adoption of the board policy unless the board directs otherwise.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 279.8, .20.

Cross Reference: 200.3 Responsibilities of the Board of Directors
209 Board of Directors' Management Procedures

Approved _____ Reviewed 3/14/16, 10/15/18, 9/20/21, 12/24 Revised 10/15/2018

ANNUAL MEETING

Each year after August 31 and prior to the organizational meeting of the board in odd-numbered years, the board will hold its annual meeting.

At the annual meeting, the board will examine the financial books and settle the secretary's and treasurer's statements for the fiscal year ending the preceding June 30. As part of the annual reports, the treasurer will present affidavits from depository banks. The board may also appoint the board's legal counsel at the annual meeting.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 279.1, .3, .33.

Cross Reference: 206.3 Secretary
206.4 Treasurer
701.1 Depository of Funds
707 Fiscal Reports

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REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting time and date will be set by the board at its organizational meeting in odd-numbered years, or at the annual meeting in even-numbered years.

The regular meetings of the board will be held on the third Monday of each month. Meetings will begin promptly at 5:30 p.m. The board will adhere to this meeting date and time unless the board requires additional meetings or, due to circumstances beyond the board's control, the meeting cannot be held on the regular meeting date, and the meeting will be re-scheduled in accordance with law and policy. Public notice of the meetings will be given.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 21.3, .4; 279.1.
1980 Op. Att'y Gen. 148.

Cross Reference: 200.1 Organization of the Board of Directors
210 Board of Directors' Meetings

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SPECIAL MEETING

It may be necessary for the board to conduct a special meeting in addition to the regularly scheduled board meeting. Special meetings may be called by the president of the board or by the board secretary at the request of a majority of the board. Should a special meeting be called, public notice will be given.

If the special meeting called is an emergency meeting and the board cannot give public notice in its usual manner, the board will give public notice of the meeting as soon as practical and possible in light of the situation. Emergency meetings will only be held when an issue cannot wait twenty-four hours necessary for a special meeting. The reason for the emergency meeting and why notice in its usual manner could not be given will be stated in the minutes.

Only the purpose or issue for which the special meeting was called may be discussed and decided in the special meeting. The board will strictly adhere to the agenda for the special meeting and action on other issues will be reserved for the next regular or special board meeting.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 21.3, .4; 279.2.
1980 Op. Att'y Gen. 148.

Cross Reference: 200.1 Organization of the Board of Directors
210 Board of Directors' Meetings

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Cherokee Elementary School

December 2024 Brian Christiansen, Principal

Jen Burch, Instructional Coach



DISTRICT GOAL 1

**COLLEGE & CAREER
READINESS**

Cherokee Elementary School recently held a highly successful Holiday Concert. Coordinating an event with over 425 students and guests in one space is no small feat. A heartfelt thank you goes out to the maintenance crew for their hard work in preparing the gym. We also extend our gratitude to the teachers and support staff for ensuring the concert ran smoothly. Lastly, a special thank you to Ms. De Vos for her dedication and thorough preparation, which made the event truly memorable.

DISTRICT GOAL 2

21ST CENTURY SKILLS

**PROBLEM SOLVING,
TEAM BUILDING &
INTERPERSONAL SKILLS**

We are very excited that we have been able to partner with 7th/8th grade students at CMS to provide peer tutoring for students in K-2. Mrs. Burch and Mrs. Hansen spent time instructing and practicing instructional routines for the 7th/8th grade students to work on with their assigned students. It has been amazing to watch the pride that these tutors have taken in working with their students and to see the relationships form between our elementary students and middle school students.

CES has been able to have some holiday fun throughout the month of December. The district Climate and Culture teacher leaders put together a calendar with different activities for each day. Our CES student council also planned dress up days for the last week of school leading into Christmas Break.

DISTRICT GOAL 3

**COMMUNICATION &
POSITIVE
RELATIONSHIPS**

Gov. Kim Reynolds and the Iowa Department of Education announced a statewide investment of over \$3.5 million to provide every first grade student with two Just Right Reader decodable book packs with ten books each. Students will take home and keep the book packs, reinforcing classroom instruction. In total, more than 100,000 book packs containing over one million books will be sent to all public and accredited nonpublic schools across Iowa this winter. Book have arrived at Cherokee Elementary School and will be distributed to students before the start of winter break.

Dickson and Luann Jensen donated 50,000 copies of the book "Just Like Caitlin" to more than 600 schools across the Hawkeye State and in the Indianapolis area. Dickson Jensen was a coach to Clark while she played for All Iowa Attack. CES 2nd grade students got their books on Wednesday November 13th, which was World Kindness Day.

The second quarter and first semester will conclude on Friday, December 20th. Teachers will finalize grades on January 2nd and 3rd during professional development sessions. Report cards will be distributed via JMC emails on the afternoon of January 3rd.



Cherokee Middle School

December 2024

Krista Miller, Principal

Linda Ducommun, Instructional Coach



DISTRICT GOAL 1

COLLEGE & CAREER
READINESS

Our November Reader of the Month is Katie Wells. Her favorite books are the Wings of Fire Series, Keeper of the Lost Cities Series, Spirit Animals Series and the Divergent Series. Mrs. Pigott nominated Katie because she loves to read and is often reading several books at the same time!

DISTRICT GOAL 2

21ST CENTURY SKILLS
PROBLEM SOLVING,
TEAM BUILDING &
INTERPERSONAL SKILLS

The November Healthy Hero Award winner is Mina Ivarson. Mina was involved in volleyball in the fall and is also involved in Band and Choir. She was recently involved in NWICDA 7th/8th Grade Treble Clef Honor Choir. Mina leads by example in class and participates in the various activities we do. Mina is a go-getter and is ready to try new things. She excels in the regular classroom and is kind and courteous to everyone around her.

DISTRICT GOAL 3

COMMUNICATION &
POSITIVE
RELATIONSHIPS

The November Cherokee Chamber of Commerce Student of the month is Braxton McAlpine. Braxton is the son of Ross and Jasmine Fitzgerald. At CMS, Braxton stays busy by running in cross country and playing in band. He enjoys being able to help students at the elementary school. Teachers appreciate Braxton because he works hard in school, and he is kind to his peers!

The band and vocal concert was awesome last week! It was a full house in the auditorium, so we will have to adjust for next year! It is great to see the amazing progress the students have made through this school year already. Excellent job to our directors and students.

We will begin winter MAP testing the first week of January for our mid year progress check. We will use that data to create new WIN groups for our students based on their individual needs. We are looking forward to seeing the growth our students have made thus far!

Our students have been busy earning live school points for positive behavior. Each quarter our houses meet for a fun end of the day activity! Every house is a mix of about 10 students from each grade. They enjoy getting together quarterly for some fun. Also if their house earns the most points for a quarter they get a reward too! We have several houses currently very close on points competing to win the prizes for the quarter!

Teachers are preparing for the holiday celebrations this week and decorating. Students have enjoyed this festive time of year. Staff will play the 8th grade basketball game on the Wednesday before break. We will wrap up the 2nd quarter on December 20th with grades due when teachers return on Jan. 2 and 3rd during professional development. The report cards will be sent out at that time!

Cherokee Washington High School

December 2024

Matt Malausky, Principal

Natalie Barkley, Instructional Coach



DISTRICT GOAL 1 COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS

With the semester ending soon, that means semester tests are just around the corner. Students will have a semester test in each class, and they will be taken over three day period. Every class provides our students with the opportunity to attend a study session in the classroom with the teacher and other students prior to the test. Students are able to ask questions to help them with any content they are struggling with.

Next semester, we will add another CAPS class to our high school. This one will be through our science department. Our CAPS program has been very successful, and has had a very positive impact on our students, and also has received very positive feedback from the community. This will give even more of our students an opportunity to gain from their experiences through this amazing program.

DISTRICT GOAL 2 21ST CENTURY SKILLS PROBLEM SOLVING, TEAM BUILDING & INTERPERSONAL SKILLS

Mr. Stoneking and Mrs. Barkley started working on the Enhancement Award for STEM BEST Programs Grant at the beginning of the school year. I am proud to say that because of their hard work, our school has been awarded \$10,000! This grant will help our high school students gain authentic learning experiences by helping us build our work based learning opportunities, and expand our business and educational partnerships. A big thank you and congratulations to Mr. Stoneking and Mrs. Barkley!

Our National Honor Society students have participated in several service projects this month. The NHS students planned and participated in activities with the Nurshing Home and Assisted Living residents. They also visited all of our elementary classrooms and read to our elementary students.

DISTRICT GOAL 3 COMMUNICATION & POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS

CWHS homerooms have been having some Holiday activity fun with our "Decking the Halls" door decorating contest. Students (and teachers) really get into this competition. It's fun to walk the halls and see what creative ideas the students come up with, and to watch the progress from day-to-day, since they only get 15 minutes a day to organize, work on it, and clean-up. Mrs. Fuller of our Climate and Culture team has also planned different themed days for all of our staff to participate in.

Congratulations to Logan Stowater CWHS Rotary Student of the Month for November. Logan is a hard worker and looks to challenge himself. He has a great attitude with his peers. He is a quiet leader in the classroom, but his peers still look up to him. He loves football, basketball, baseball and farming. His peers respect his thoughts and work ethic, and often give him the final say in many important classroom decisions. He is so polite and respectful, works hard with a good attitude. Congratulations, Logan!

Reminders: Band/Vocal Holiday Concert, Monday, 12/26/24 7-8 p.m. after the school board meeting. Second semester ends 12/20/24, grades are due 1/3/25 @ 12:00 p.m.



Superintendent Report
December, 2024

Board/District Goal #1: To support and expand career opportunities with local entities, in addition to college readiness, by prioritizing/allocating resources

- CWSHS received a \$10,000 STEM Grant to expand the CAPS program for the upcoming year. Only schools who had been awarded the STEM BEST grant in the past could apply for this grant. Thanks to Mr. Stoneking and Mrs. Barkley for writing this grant.
- Cherokee CAPS Innovation Showcase is Wednesday, December 18 at 6:30 in the high school library. The Cherokee CAPS associates will showcase what they have accomplished this semester.

Board/District Goal #2: To develop problem solving skills, interpersonal skills, and team building skills for all students, while increasing implementation/alignment of Iowa Common Core, by prioritizing/allocating resources.

- A team from CWSHS and I will be meeting with WITCC in January to look to expound upon programs and opportunities that we have in Cherokee in partnership with WITCC to continue to leverage options for students.
- We have seen an uptick in our special education weighted enrollment this year from last year. We do receive additional funding to support the education of students with an IEP. Principals are monitoring teacher caseloads to assure we have what we need to meet the needs of those additional students.

Board/District Goal #3: Improve communication between all stakeholders in the district that will promote an atmosphere that encourages positive relationships.

- The Cherokee Education Foundation fundraising event is set for Saturday, March 1, at the Little Sioux Event Center.
- We have begun looking at possible summer projects for the summer of 2025. I have also explored an option to assist me with developing more of a long range plan for our overall facilities and facility planning.

SRO & Technology Update

- **School Resource Officer, Sergeant Brett Gannon**
 - Sergeant Gannon had surgery in late November and will not be back until after the winter break. Chief James has been filling in for Sergeant Gannon in his absence.
- **IT Director, Dan Bringle**
 - Tickets have been steady.
 - Camera's and FOB's have shown up and are in the process of being installed.
 - Visitor system is installed. Next is training

Nursing, Nutrition & Transportation Update

- **Director of Nursing, Rachel Doeden**
 - It's hard to believe we are approaching the end of the first half of the school year. I was a little nervous how much illness would be around for these 3 short weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas but overall it has been pretty good, less than leading into Thanksgiving break.
 - Hearing screens are being completed this week by the AEA on all TK, K, 1st, and 5th grade students.

- Not a lot more to report in the health dept world. Merry Christmas!
- **Food Service Director, Cara Jacobson**
 - Everything is GREAT in the Food Service department. Numbers continue to stay between 800-900 kids fed daily for lunch and 270-320 for breakfast daily.
 - We want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New year! Thank you for all you do for the CCSD school district!!!
- **Transportation Director, Rachel Mallory**
 - Expedition will go to Waldoch soon and have the 3rd seat put in. It will hopefully be done before the end of the year.
 - Field trips, sports, and activities are keeping the drivers busy, they are ready for a rest over the holidays.

Activities, Building, Grounds, & Capital Projects Update

- **Maintenance Director, Mike Fiedler & Grounds Director, Jamie Hodgdon**
 - CWSHS gym HVAC is complete.
 - North hallway classrooms at CWSHS is completed. New heaters are installed in each classroom and are up and running. Teachers are very happy with the more consistent temperatures. Air conditioning for those classrooms will be installed this spring.
 - Concrete work will be done for the greenhouse this week. Most of the utilities are in or will be installed once concrete work is done.
 - Concession stand remodel is complete. A six-gallon water heater was recently installed to finish that project.
- **Activities Director, Jason Spooner**
 - Winter sports have started and all teams are off to good starts. We have hosted several girl/boy basketball games and 1 wrestling dual that have had some great environments. Cherokee hosts Storm Lake on Tuesday for our first home conference game and also has the Paul Fuhrman Wrestling Invite on Saturday Dec 21.
 - Conference realignment is continuing to be updated and school boards in the Siouxland Conference are voting to accept the agreements or not. AD's met in
 - Sheldon and developed models of what each sport could look like potentially.
 - The pep band has been playing at the home basketball games and brings a great atmosphere to the gym.
 - Mr. Spooner worked with the CAPS class and reorganized the trophy case area starting with the fall sports all the way down to the summer sports.
 - All Cherokee gyms and facilities will be closed during winter break from Dec 22-28.