

The Chatfield School
Minutes of the Board of Directors Budget Hearing
June 24, 2026 - 4:30 pm

Present at this meeting in an official capacity: Stephen Elzerman, Matt Schaller, Alex Wolfe, Kristen Ball, Bob Kurtz (co-director), Kristi Huestis (co-director)

1. **Call to Order:** 4:30 pm
2. **Roll Call:** Elzerman (present), Schaller (present), Wolfe (present), Ball (present)

3. Public Hearing on Proposed Budgets for 2026-2027:

Board President Wolfe announced that, pursuant to the Michigan School Code and all accompanying school budget acts, rules and regulations, public school boards are required to adopt a budget for the general fund and school service/lunch fund prior to July 1 of the fiscal year. This meeting serves the statutory requirement for a budget hearing, which was publicly posted June 17, 2026. The purpose of the public hearing is to allow public an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed budget for FYE 2027. The proposed budget has been provided; Chatfield School now invites public comment on the proposed budget.

Amy Swantek gave details of the proposed 26-27 budget, discussed expected expenditures in relation to anticipated funding sources, and gave comments relating this budget to the 25-26 budget. She emphasized that the budget must be balanced, that in order to do that some spending cuts are required, and that it is vital that we not rely on our fund balance as it is depleting.

4. Public Comment: None at this time.

5. **Adjournment:** Moved by Schaller, supported by Wolfe, that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes - Ball, Elzerman, Schaller, Wolfe. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm. Proposed meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Kristen Ball.