

CHARTIERS VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Of The
Board of School Directors
Administrative Offices/District Assembly Room
September 25, 2018

1.0 Meeting Opening

A) Call to Order

The Regular Board Meeting of the Charters Valley Board of School Directors was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Mr. Mazzarini in the District Assembly Room.

B) Pledge of Allegiance

C) Roll Call

Present

Mr. Tony Mazzarini, President
Mr. Mark Kuczinski, Vice President
Mr. Jeff Choura
Mr. Eric Kraemer
Mr. Robert Kearney
Mrs. Sandy Zeleznik
Mr. Darren Mariano
Mr. Brian Kopec

Also Present

Dr. Johannah Vanatta, Superintendent
Mr. Scott Seltzer, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Don Palmer, Solicitor
Ms. Mikaela Duckstein, Director of Communications
& Strategic Partnerships
Ms. Kim Borza, Board Secretary

Absent

Mrs. Julie Murphy

D) Recognitions

Dr. Vanatta stated that there are no recognitions this evening.

E) Public Comments

There were no public comments.

2.0 Executive Session

Mr. Mazzarini stated that there was an executive session prior to our public meeting tonight to discuss personnel matters.

3.0 Superintendent's Reports/Presentations

Dr. Vanatta stated that we have two of our students with us this evening, they are our student representatives and they are volunteering their time. Dr. Vanatta asked teachers, counselors and principals at the high school if they had students who they felt could represent our district

and speak monthly to the board. Madison Mulligan and Lewis Colabine will provide the board with a monthly report based on academics, athletics, and activities.

3.1 Student Representative Reports

Maddie stated that she is president of student council and proceeded to give a report about the activities that have been happening at the high school:

They started with Hello Week, which was generated from the Sandy Hook Promise and it is about how to include people who feel alone, to make sure everyone feels included and that no one feels depressed.

Homecoming is planned for October 6th and the theme this year is red carpet. The students nominated for homecoming court are: Abby Alauzen, Nina DiBacco, Jada Khalil, Katie Staroschuck, Abby Trybus, Connor Barrett, Hunter Curran, Troy Donofrio, James Lang and Andrew Windsheimer.

Two weeks ago SADD had their first meeting of the year, with their new advisor Ms. Doherty. At the meeting they discussed their newest challenge of showing teens that vaping and e-cigarettes are just as bad as regular ones.

Fall Drama auditions were on the 11th of September and it was announced that Sam Kagle would be taking the role of Willy Wonka.

On the second Friday of the month, Interact Club had their first meeting where they set up their annual chili cook off.

Thespians met and decided that they are going to a conference to perform a 1 act show, and they also decided that this year they are going to get Intermediate and Primary Schools involved in their own show.

On October 6th, National Honors Society is going to be involved with "Making strides Against Breast Cancer".

All clubs are also getting ready for the Homecoming Carnival on October 3rd, for all of them it raises a huge portion of their revenue. This month CV's band performed at a band festival and was nominated for KDKA Best band of the week.

Lewis reported that he is currently enrolled in the Public Safety Program at Parkway West. Parkway is a trade school and a great opportunity to help students learn what they want to do in life. Lewis stated that Parkway is a great opportunity to help students learn what they really want to do in life and it teaches them valuable life, and people skills.

In Parkway students can learn a plethora of different trade skills, and earn multiple certifications that are relevant to the courses they attend. Besides the fact that parkway is a wonderful opportunity for students, given to them by their home schools, Parkway can offer many different outlets and possibilities.

One thing is the co-op, which is an activity that students can take their senior year. Co-op is where you can get a paid internship at a job related to the trade they are learning instead of going to school. So instead of going to Parkway they would go to their job for the first half of the day.

For those that do not want to do co-op, there are more controlled jobs that provide a service to the public; cosmetology has a salon, culinary arts runs a restaurant, auto body and auto tech run a mechanics shop, and Vet-Tec has a Doggie (and other pet) Daycare, and all of this is open to the public.

Occasionally an opportunity of a lifetime happens, and CCAC or other local community colleges will host a class at Parkway. One is currently happening, and it focuses on Medical Terminology and a human body course. The only way to get into these courses is to be handpicked by your instructor. It is being hosted by CCAC and students were taken from Sports Medicine, Health Assistant, and Public Safety classes. If the student passes this particular CCAC course they will receive three transferable credits. Lewis stated that he was

lucky enough to be picked to join this CCAC course and thinks that it is a wonderful chance to expand his knowledge of the field he is learning and will be a part of in the future.

On a broader spectrum, in early September the auto tech guys were gifted with an '86 Cadillac to fix, and over the past week there was a blood drive with a large number of donors.

Dr. Vanatta presented a monthly update and stated that it is on the website under News and it is also under Celebrating Excellence. Dr. Vanatta stated that we received a nice shout out from Pittsburgh magazine with a nice ranking in their suburban school districts; we are tied for 6th place based upon our AP data.

We hosted an opioid epidemic summit in the Middle School with guest speakers, doctors and parents. It was a nice turn out and a good discussion on a tragic topic. We are also taking part in Hello Week district wide.

Dr. Vanatta stated that she has been asked to speak with Remake Learning and Chevron regarding our Project Lead the Way classes. These are special classes that we have at the Middle School and High School level.

Dr. Vanatta also stated that our custodian, Jack Vermeulen, offers free guitar lessons to our Middle School students. He even bought 3 guitars for the students to use.

We had a parent who wrote a note praising our SRO Duckworth.

The Intermediate School had their open house; we have some 3rd graders studying weather and meteorology. They studied WPXI's Doppler radar maps. We also looked at Forces in Motion in the 5th grade; they helped create a parachute that would soften the effects of gravity without cracking an egg.

Our Middle School also had their open house. Principal, Adrienne Floro, and Curriculum Leader, Dina Roberts, were asked to speak at the AMLE National Conference. Our Middle School Art Teacher, Shana Colwes, was featured in Delish.com. We have our Middle School in the News; they have started to make their own morning announcements and audio videos. This is on the website and great to watch as well. We have Middle Students who were given a grocery list and had to shop within a budget. We celebrated International Peace Day and Middle School students constructed a Peace Pole.

Our wrestling teams helped raise money for "Rock the Quarry". The STEAM club students participated in a Lighting Challenge through the Energy Innovation Center. They worked with students from South Fayette and Parkway West to recreate exterior façade lighting. They have to present their research to Duquesne Light to explain why their project works. Our Robotics Team showed their robot at the KDKA STEM Fest at The Mall at Robinson. We had some shout outs from students who studied abroad this past summer. We had students that toured South Korea for a scholarship program. Students organized an "Orange Out" last Friday to raise money for their classmate, Jacob Manalo, who is battling leukemia. There was youth night at the stadium and some 9th grade students received vocational training at TGI Fridays.

We had media shout out about our Mindfulness program at the Primary School, new faces and some athletic mentions.

4.0 Solicitor's Report

Mr. Palmer stated that Scott Seltzer will be sworn in on Monday, October 1, 2018 at 11:30 a.m. Mr. Palmer will send an email to invite everyone to attend. Scott Seltzer's dad will be attending.

5.0 Approve Minutes

5.1 The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve the Board Meeting minutes for August 14, 2018 and August 28, 2018.

**Motion to approve items 5.1 listed above.
MOVED by Mrs. Zeleznik, seconded by Mr. Choura.
On a voice vote, the motion passes unanimously.**

6.0 Informational Agenda

A) Education Foundation

Mikaela stated that they are meeting this week, and at the committee meeting they are going to try and nail down dates for a full meeting. Mikaela also stated that they had a record number of applications for the fall Give Grant. They award two a year, one in the fall and in the spring. Teachers can apply and they had 17 applicants for the fall. The winner will be announced in October.

B) Pathfinder

Mr. Kraemer said that last week, they had their monthly meeting. They were able to vote on the roof replacement, which passed 4-1 to proceed without the use of an architect. The next step is to have Garland, the roof manufacturer, begin writing their scope and directing the process to get everything bid. The annual spaghetti dinner is on Friday, October 12th from 4 p.m. – 7 p.m., at the school. Our Middle School hockey team will be helping again this year.

C) Parkway

Mr. Choura stated that we received a \$30,000 grant that will hopefully be put toward the new healthcare academy. We hired a welding instructor, Josh Scott, and we are in the process of starting a diesel technology program. Enrollment far exceeded last year, we are up to 852 and every one of our Parkway West programs are now NCAA accredited.

D) SHASDA

Mrs. Zeleznik said that she received the schedule of meetings for Thursday evenings, which are typically board members and superintendents. There are 3 regularly scheduled meetings this school year; September, November and January. The student forum meets in March and the SHASDA conference is in April. The first meeting is Thursday, 9/27/18. The topic of discussion is Act 44, School Violence, School Safety.

E) Finance Committee Report

There was no formal meeting, the district is currently reconciling the fiscal year ending 2018, it should be finalized soon.

7.0 Consent Agenda

7.1 PDE determination letter regarding LEA compliance.

A) Education

7.2 The Superintendent recommends, and I so move to approve The Heinz Endowments \$5000 Grant to support a BrainHub Teen Brain Mini Grant to develop social emotional learning (SEL) competencies at the Middle School.

7.3 The Superintendent approves and I recommend approval of two tuition contracts with The Watson Institute.

7.4 The Superintendent approves and I recommend the contract between Wesley Spectrum Services and Chartiers Valley School District for the 2018-2019 school year at a rate not to exceed \$17000 per semester.

7.5 The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve the agreement between the Chartiers Valley School District and the University of Pittsburgh, Institute for Learning for the 2018-19 school year.

B) Personnel

7.6 The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve the list of drivers for the 2018-2019 school year as attached.

7.7 The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve the human resources report.

C) Budget & Finance

7.8 The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve the financial summary and bill list.

7.9 The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve the termination of the agreement between the District and The Nutrition Group to manage the athletic concession stand effective September 10, 2018, as requested by The Nutrition Group under section 2 of the agreement.

7.10 The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve the renewal contract with Eidex.

D) Policy

7.11 The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve the first reading of Policy #918, 918.1 (PS); 918.2 (IS) and Title I.

Mr. Mazzarini stated that our consent agenda consists of items 7.1 through 7.11 and asked if there are any questions or comments concerning the consent agenda. Mr. Kuczinski asked for more information on item 7.9 regarding the concession stand. Dr. Vanatta stated that as you recall last month we went into an agreement with The Nutrition Group regarding the concession stands at the stadium. They were going to work the soccer games and football games. The football games were fine but staffing became complicated throughout the week for the soccer games. We had some negotiation and terminated that contract. They are still going to help out with football and our athletic department will figure something out for the other games.

Motion to approve items 7.1 through 7.11 listed above.

MOVED by Mr. Kearney, seconded by Mrs. Zeleznik.

On a voice vote, the motion passes unanimously.

8.0 Action/Discussion

8.1 The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve the proposal with Jamf.com for Jamf Pro mobile device management software.

Dr. Vanatta stated that Jamf is a MDM (mobile device management) and our students at the Primary School have access to iPads and we need to be able to control the curricular and apps on those, this program will help control the applications.

8.2 The Superintendent recommends and I so move to recommend and nominate PSBA Candidates.

Mrs. Zeleznik stated that we need to vote for the candidates or abstain. It was decided to vote for all of the candidates with the equal number of seats and to abstain from the Forum Steering Committee with three candidates and two seats.

8.3 The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve the PA-ETEP Agreement.

Dr. Vanatta explained that the PA-Etap agreement is a digital observation tool that the district can utilize. We have state reporting that we have to report based upon our teacher observations that we do annually. We can use it for observations and evaluations and use it for data that we need to go through and having it digitally will be beneficial.

Motion to approve items 8.1 through 8.3 listed above.

MOVED by Mr. Mariano, seconded by Mr. Kuczinski.

On a voice vote, the motion passes unanimously.

9.0 Public Comments

Lewis Colabine stepped up to the mic and stated that he forgot to mention that Chartiers Valley comprises half of the course offered through CCAC that he spoke about earlier.

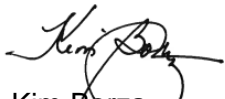
10.0 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:04 p.m.

MOVED by Mr. Kuczinski, seconded by Mr. Kraemer.

On a voice vote, the motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Kim Borza
Board Secretary
