

**CHARTIERS VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting**  
**Of The**  
**Board of School Directors**  
**Administrative Offices/District Assembly Room**  
**October 22, 2019**

## **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 6:29 p.m. by Mr. Kuczinski in the District Assembly Room.

### **B) Pledge of Allegiance**

### **C) Roll Call**

#### **Present**

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

#### **Also Present**

Dr. Johannah Vanatta, Superintendent  
Mr. Scott Seltzer, Assistant Superintendent  
Mr. Don Palmer, Solicitor  
Mrs. Emily Eckman, Director of Finance  
Ms. Mikaela Duckstein, Director of Communications  
& Strategic Partnerships  
Ms. Kim Borza, Board Secretary  
Ms. Symmone Carter-Nixon, Student Rep  
Ms. Sarah Verduci, Student Rep

#### **Absent**

Mr. Tony Mazzarini  
Mrs. Julie Murphy

### **E) Recognitions**

- Board Member Recognition by PSBA. Mr. Jim Summerville from PSBA presented awards to Mr. Kearney and Mrs. Zeleznik for their 8 years of service and to Mr. Choura for his 40+ years of service.
- National Merit Scholarship Program. Three students made it to the "Commended" level in the National Merit Scholarship Program: Sam Kagle, Kelly Lau and Sarah Verduci.
- Dr. Vanatta mentioned that we received a letter of Thanks from the Friends of School Township Public Library (FOSTPL).

### **F) Public Comments – agenda items**

- There were no public comments on agenda items.

## **2.0 Executive Session**

- Mr. Kuczinski stated that there was an executive session prior to this public meeting to discuss personnel and legal matters.

## **3.0 Board Comments/Discussion Items**

- There were no additional Board discussion items.

## **4.0 Superintendent's Reports/Presentations**

- 4.1** Sara Zrimsek presented a monthly update from Nutrition.

**4.2** A presentation about the Middle School was given by Dr. Welter, Middle School Principal, and Robin Whitaker, MS Science Teacher. Mr. Myers, High School Principal, along with teachers Maria Krzeczowski, Kelly Tobias and Kristen Steen gave an update on some academics in the High School.

**4.3** Celebrate CV Presentation.

**A) Student Representatives**

- Sarah Verduci gave a report on activities at the high school.
- Symmone Carter-Nixon gave a report on Parkway and CVHS academics.

**5.0 Solicitor's Report**

- There was no solicitor's report.

**6.0 Approve Minutes**

**6.1** The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve the Board Meeting Minutes for October 8, 2019.

**Motion to approve item 6.1 listed above.**

**Moved by Mr. Choura, seconded by Mrs. Zeleznik.**

**On a voice vote, the motion passes unanimously.**

**7.0 Informational Agenda**

**A) Education Foundation**

- Mikaela Duckstein stated that there was nothing to report.

**B) Pathfinder**

- Mr. Kraemer said that they finished their lead assessment for mediation at the school, it was covered from grants they received and they want to do some bottle filling stations. They are looking for more grants and donations to cover the cost. Enrollment is steady at 80 students. The Facilities Director, who has been there for approximately 30 years, is looking to retire. Mr. Kraemer is working with the AIU to determine how they are going to cover it. The Facility Director is willing to come back on a consulting basis.

**C) Parkway**

- Mr. Choura stated that they had a short meeting. They redid the contract for their head security guy, Mr. Hall, who is great at what he does. They also did an early Act 93, they wanted to keep their team together and they really did not ask for anything. There was also an early bird negotiation for the janitors.

**D) SHASDA**

- Mrs. Zeleznik said that there was a meeting on September 26, 2019 and about 15 school districts represented at the meeting. The topic was legal updates and she has a copy of the PowerPoint to share with the Board. The next meeting is November 21<sup>st</sup> and the topic is legislative updates.

**E) Finance Committee Report**

- Mr. Kuczinski stated that the next finance committee meeting will be held prior to the next public meeting on November 5, 2019.

**8.0 Consent Agenda**

**A) Education**

**8.2** The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve the \$40,000 Safe School Targeted Grant for the Fiscal Year 2019.

**8.3** The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve the \$300 Walmart Community Grant to the Primary School.

**8.4** The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve the Baldwin Piano Donation.

**8.5** The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve the Chartiers Valley School District Comprehensive Plan for July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2023.

## **B) Athletics & Activities**

**8.6** The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve the Interact Club's Stuff-A-Bus Campaign.

## **C) Personnel**

**8.7** The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve the human resources report for October 22, 2019.

## **D) Budget & Finance**

**8.8** The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve the financial construction report for September.

**8.9** The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve the Bill List.

## **E) Policy**

**Motion to approve item 8.2 to 8.9 listed above.**

**Moved by Mr. Creamer, seconded by Mr. Choura.**

**On a voice vote, the motion passes unanimously.**

## **10.0 Public Comments ~ non-agenda items**

- Four parents spoke to the Board regarding their concerns/issues with the special education classrooms:
  - Stephanie Long, 618 Orchard Street, Carnegie, PA 15106
  - Robin Cato, 269 Orchard Spring Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15220
  - Shawn Fertitta, 1640 Critchfield Drive, Bridgeville, PA 15017
  - Kathy Jameson, 1376 Raven Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15243

## **11.0 Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:43 p.m.**

**Moved by Mr. Choura, seconded by Dr. Mariano.**

**On a voice vote, the motion passes unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,



Kim Borza  
Board Secretary