

**CHARTIERS VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting**  
**Of The**  
**Board of School Directors**  
**Administrative Offices/District Assembly Room**  
**February 25, 2020**

## **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 7:00 p.m. by Mr. Robert Kearney in the District Assembly Room.

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

### **C) Roll Call**

#### **Present**

Mr. Robert Kearney, Vice President  
Mr. Jeff Choura  
Mrs. Beth Eckenrode  
Mr. Brian Kopec  
Mr. Eric Kraemer  
Dr. Darren Mariano  
Mr. Tony Mazzarini  
Mrs. Julie Murphy  
Mrs. Sandy Zeleznik

#### **Also Present**

Dr. Johannah Vanatta, Superintendent  
Mr. Scott Seltzer, Assistant Superintendent  
Dr. Misty Slavic, 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

### **1.2 Election of Temporary President**

Mrs. Zeleznik was nominated and elected as Temporary President.

### **1.4 Nomination and Election of Board President**

Mrs. Zeleznik opened the floor for nominations for Board President.  
Mr. Mazzarini nominated Mr. Robert Kearney,  
Mrs. Zeleznik asked if there were any other nominations,  
Motion to close the nominations, moved by Mr. Choura,  
Motion to approve Mr. Kearney as President,  
It was declared unanimously to elect Mr. Kearney as Board President.

### **1.5 Nomination and Election of Board Vice-President**

Mr. Kearney opened the floor for nominations for Board Vice President,  
Mrs. Murphy nominated Dr. Mariano,  
Motion was made to declare the nominations closed, moved by Mrs. Murphy,  
Motion to approve Dr. Mariano as Vice President,  
Moved by Mrs. Zeleznik, Seconded by Mr. Kraemer,  
It was declared unanimously to elect Dr. Mariano as Board Vice President.

### **E) Recognitions**

- Wesley Madge, selected as a finalist in the Pittsburgh Public Theatre Shakespeare Monologue contest, performed his rendition of a scene from *A Midsummers Night's Dream*.

### **F) Public Comments – Agenda Items**

- There were no public comments on agenda items.

## **2.0 Executive Session**

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

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

- There were no board comments.

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

### **4.1 Student Rep Report**

- There were no student reports

### **4.2 A Nutrition Report was present by Mrs. Zrimsek and Mr. Van Bibber.**

### **4.3 Celebrate Excellence Presentation**

## **5.0 Solicitor's Report**

- ### **5.1** 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 February 11, 2020.

**Motion to approve item 6.1 as listed above,  
Moved by Mr. Choura, seconded by Dr. Mariano,  
On a voice vote, the motion passes unanimously.**

## **7.0 Informational Agenda**

### **A) Pathfinder**

- Mr. Kraemer said they are in the process of their audit being conducted, they are going to try and have the first draft of their budget for their next meeting and then it will be sent to the districts for approval. The Facilities Director is retiring and they are in the process of drafting an agreement to hire him to consult. They now have approximately 85 students and 60 AIU staff members that are there on a daily basis.

### **B) Parkway**

- Mr. Choura stated that they had career exploration day with over 600 students attending, it was a great success. They have 25 students going to Hershey for the Skills USA state contest. Open house is March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 p.m. They had 211 students make the honor roll. The culinary arts program was reaccredited, there are 19 Vo-tech schools in the state and only 5 received the top status award and Parkway is one of them. The Board voted to redo the restaurant which has not been remodeled since 1977. They received some grant money to help fund the remodel.

### **C) SHASDA**

- Mrs. Zeleznik said that the student forum is scheduled for Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. It showcases South Hills schools, it is at South Park High School and there is time for everyone to walk around to see what the other schools are doing.

### **D) Finance Committee Report**

- There was no finance committee report as it was presented before the Board meeting.

## **8.0 Consent Agenda**

### **A) Education**

- ### **8.2** The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve on behalf of Our Lady of Grace Elementary School, Step by Step Learning Agreement to use its share of the non-

public school allocation of Title II federal funds for the purpose of professional development.

## **B) Athletics & Activities**

## **C) Personnel**

**8.3** The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve the Human Resources Report for February 25, 2020.

## **D) Budget & Finance**

**8.4** The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve the budget transfers as attached.

**8.5** The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve the bill list.

**Motion to approve items 8.2 through 8.5 listed above,  
Moved by Mr. Choura, seconded by Dr. Mariano,  
On a voice vote, the motion passes unanimously.**

## **9.0 Action/Discussion**

**9.1** The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve the Second Reading of Policy # 913 – Nonschool Organizations/Groups/Individuals.

- Mr. Kopec questioned one of the statements in the policy regarding Board approval of scholarships or awards. It was decided to table the second reading until the next meeting provided wording is changed in the policy.

**Motion to table item 9.1 listed above,  
Moved by Mr. Choura, seconded by Dr. Mariano,  
On a voice vote, the motion passes unanimously.**

**9.2** The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve the Pay Apps for January 2020.

**Motion to approve item 9.2 listed above.  
Moved by Mr. Kraemer, seconded by Mr. Mazzarini,  
On a voice vote, the motion passes unanimously.**

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

- Sally Shollenberger, 41 Mitchell Drive, Carnegie, PA, 15106, addressed the Board about the upcoming vacancies in the music department due to retirements.

## **11.0 Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:45 p.m.,  
Moved by Mr. Kearney, seconded by Dr. Mariano,  
On a voice vote, the motion passes unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

  
Kim Borza  
Board Secretary