

**KARNS CITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD ACTION**

April 10, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

--The regular meeting was called to order by Mr. Price at 8:01 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

--Approved minutes of the March 13, 2023 regular meeting.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

--No Report.

PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

- Mr. Josh Smith addressed the Board concerning a baseball playing field. As a coach and former student, he expressed concern for the lack of safe local facilities. He shared concerns including that Pullman Park is deteriorating and player safety is important, there is no local group benefitting from concessions, game admission fees are increasing, scheduling is difficult and gym time is limited for practice. He stated that students returning late from games are missing opportunities with their families as well as not being well rested to excel in their education. He asked that the school district consider entering into a long term lease with Fairview Township. Mr. Smith shared that the township would be willing. He provided a schematic of what the field could look like and indicated that the turf would cost between \$1.4 - \$1.6 million.
- Mr. Denny Kelly addressed the Board in support of a local baseball field. He stated we have a football field and soccer field, but no baseball field. The coach is well liked and respected by the players and parents. He suggested help from local plants and asked the Board to consider helping.
- Ms. Amber Laux requested the Board consider changing the time of the meetings as parents and students are not able to make the meetings as they are currently scheduled. She has an ongoing issue with her son being treated differently and unfairly and the issue is not mutually resolved.

BOARD LIAISONS

CAFETERIA LIASON

--Approved Cafeteria Financial Statement, as submitted.

--Approved Cafeteria Bills, as submitted.

ATHLETICS

--Approved Slippery Rock Golf Club and Event Center as the Karns City Area School District home golf course.

TRANSPORTATION

--No Report.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

--Approved request(s) for Use of School Facilities, as submitted.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

--Approved field trip(s), as submitted.

--Approved Scholarship Recipients to be recognized at graduation, as submitted.

JOHN A. BECK-ISABEL BECK JOHNSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:

This selection is made by vote of the High School Faculty*

*(Selection made public at graduation)

CURRICULUM AND TEXTBOOKS

--Approved the Inter-Governmental Agreement between Karns City Area School District and the Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV for the Continuum of Instructional Programs/Services for the 2023-2024 school year, as submitted.

--Approved the letter of agreement between Butler Health Systems Family Services and Karns City Area School District, as submitted.

--Approved Summer Physical Education with a maximum course fee of \$200 with tentative dates of June 12 - June 29, 2023 for the 2023-2024 school year, as submitted. (same fee structure as last year).

--Approved first read of Big Ideas Math: Modeling Real Life textbooks for a pilot program for grades 7 and 8 during the 2023-2024 school year, with a pilot cost of \$2,135, as submitted.

--Approved first read of the Art Education Framework pilot for the 2023-2024 school year with a cost not to exceed \$2,697, as submitted.

--Approved summer school for the Acceleration and Credit Recovery at a cost each of half semester at \$140, full semester at \$275, as submitted.

POLICY

--Approved second and final read of revised policy 137, Home Education Programs, as submitted.

--Approved second and final read of revised policy 137.1, Extracurricular Participation by Home Education Students, as submitted.

--Approved second and final read of new policy 137.2, Participation in Cocurricular Activities and Academic Courses by Home Education Students, as submitted.

--Approved second and final read of new policy 137.3, Participation in Career and Technical Education Programs by Home Education Students, as submitted.

FINANCE

--Approved General Fund Bills, as submitted.

- Approved Treasurer's Report, as submitted.
- Approved Student Activities Fund Report, as submitted.
- Accepted the Local Audit Report for the 2021-2022 school year from Cypher & Cypher, as submitted.
- Approved the GASB 45/75 Valuation and Related Service Agreement between Karns City Area School District and Pennsylvania Trust at a cost not to exceed \$7,500, as submitted.
- Approved Volunteer Accident Insurance, with a premium of \$600 for the 2023-2024 school year, as submitted.
- Approved the Regent Solutions, United Concordia Dental Rates for the 2023-2024 school year, as submitted:
 - Employee \$28.90; Employee + Spouse \$57.80; Employee + Child(ren) \$60.70; Employee + Family \$86.70 (3% increase from 2022-2023).
- Approved a two-year agreement with CM Regent Solutions for Life, AD&D, and LTD insurance, as submitted. (no increase from 2022-2023).
- Approved the two-year agreement between Karns City Area School District and PSEA for vision benefits, as submitted.
- Approved the two-year agreement between Karns City Area School District and Vision Benefits of America (VBA) for vision benefits, as submitted.
- Approved Builders Risk Insurance provided by ACE American Insurance Company for a period of 507 days with a premium cost not to exceed \$33,846, as submitted.
- Accepted the WPSHCC Medical and Prescription rates for the 2023-2024 school year, as submitted:
 - Employee - \$713.65
 - Employee + Child(ren) - \$1,463.02
 - Employee + Spouse - \$1,634.30
 - Employee + Family - \$1,884.05

PERSONNEL

- Approved travel request(s), as submitted.
- TABLED the Substantial Volunteer List for the 2022-2023 school year, as submitted.
 - Tabled - Mr. Ethan Conto, football volunteer
 - Tabled - Ms. Melissa Conklin, band volunteer
 - Tabled - Ms. Jennifer Dolby, band volunteer
 - Tabled - Ms. Madison Feicht, gifted volunteer
- Accepted the resignation of Mrs. Susan Evans, Secondary Instructor, for the purpose of retirement at the end of the 2022-2023 school year, as submitted.
- Rescinded hiring Ms. Sara Liput to the position of Administrative Assistant.
- Rescinded hiring Ms. Anna Callander to the position of part-time Cafeteria worker.
- Accepted the resignation of Mrs. Lindsay Loheyde, School Counselor, effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school year, as submitted.
- Authorized the administration to post/advertise the position of School Counselor K-12.
- Approved an unpaid leave request for Mrs. Christine Spencer, elementary instructor, for the dates of March 23, March 24, March 27 and March 28, 2023, as submitted.

CAPITAL RESERVE

- Approved Capital Fund Bill(s), as submitted.

BCAVTS REPORT

--No Report.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Approved the agreement between Karns City Area School District and Ms. Jennifer Martin as the 2023 Graduation Sound Coordinator at a fee not to exceed \$600.00, as submitted.
- Approved the renewal of the annual movie licensing for the Karns City Area School District at a cost not to exceed \$1,436 as submitted.
- Approved second read of the Special Education Plan, as submitted.
- Approved the Federal Programs Consortium Agreement between Karns City Area School District and Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV, as submitted.
- Approved the Karns City Area School District's Flexible Instruction Days plan and its submission to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for approval, as submitted.
- Accepted the donation of \$150 from Ms. Michele Kradel to be used for school lunch deficit accounts, as submitted.
- Approved the appointment of Deputy Tax Collectors, as listed:
 - East Brady Borough - Tax Collector Kina Fink, Deputy Collector Anita Lahr
 - Brady Township - Tax Collector Kina Fink, Deputy Collector Anita Lahr
- Approved the Butler County repository sale of Parcel 150-1F55-A10G-0000 and Parcel 260-1F31-13C-0000 for delinquent taxes, as submitted.
- Authorized the District to enter into an Attorney-Client Fee Contract with the Frantz Law Group, ALPC, 402 West Broadway, Suite 860, San Diego, California, 92101, and Dillon McCandless King Coulter & Graham, LLP, 128 West Cunningham Street, Butler, Pennsylvania, 16001, and for the commencement of a legal action against the Social Media Companies (Meta, TikTok, YouTube, etc.) Said action shall be for the purpose of claiming money damages.

The Attorney-Client Fee Contract shall provide for a Contingent Fee of Twenty-Five Percent (25%) of any recovery. Expenses needed to fund the litigation shall be advanced by Frantz Law Group, APLC, and deducted from any recovery. The District shall not be responsible for any fee or cost reimbursement in the event that there is no recovery in the action.

The School Board President and/or District Superintendent are authorized to sign the Attorney-Client Fee Contract.
- Declared the list of items at Chicora Elementary School of no value to the District and authorized the Administration to donate, sale, or dispose of items, as submitted.

ADJOURNMENT

--The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

POSTING

TO: Staff

FROM: Eric D. Ritzert, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

DATE: April 11, 2023

SUBJECT: Posting of Vacancy

The Karns City School Board authorized the Administration to post the following vacancy:

- School Counselor

If you are interested in applying for this position, please do so in writing by April 30, 2023.