CHARLEROI AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting of Wednesday, January 24, 2024
7:00 PM
Charleroi Area High School Community Room

MINUTES

Prior to the regular meeting, the Board met in Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Community Room, 100 Fecsen Drive, Charleroi PA 15022 to discuss personnel matters. Persons present were: Mr. Caruso, Mrs. Hopkins, Mrs. Keranko, Mr. Nutting, Mrs. Pappasergi, Mrs. Pellegrini, and Mr. Yakich.

Mrs. Hopkins, Board Vice President, announced that the Board had been in executive session since 6:04 p.m. and then called the regular meeting of the Charleroi Area School District Board of School Directors to order at 7:07 p.m. in the High School Community Room, 100 Fecsen Drive, Charleroi PA 15022.

Upon roll call, members present were: Mr. Caruso, Mrs. Hopkins, Mrs. Keranko, Mr. Nutting, Mrs. Pappasergi, Mrs. Pellegrini, and Mr. Yakich. Mrs. Pepper and Mr. Wiltz were absent.

Mrs. Hopkins announced that item 9.i – Approval of Request for Refund of 2022 School Real Estate Taxes, was deleted from the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon motion of Mrs. Pappasergi, seconded by Mr. Nutting, it was resolved to approve the agenda for the Regular Meeting of the Charleroi Area School District Board of School Directors for January 24, 2024.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Dr. Zelich acknowledged the Board of Directors and thanked them for their unending dedication and time given to the District.

The Board recognized John Sugar for receiving the "Junior Firefighter of the Year Award" for Charleroi Borough, and Christian Popelas for receiving the "Junior Firefighter of the Year Award" for Fallowfield Township.

The Board recognized students of the third-grade class for academic excellence and outstanding citizenship.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Student Representatives Bella Carroto and Jacob Corrin spoke with the Board about events in the high school.

Mrs. Keranko excused herself from the meeting.

ROUTINE BUSINESS:

Upon motion of Mr. Caruso, seconded by Mrs. Pappasergi, with all in favor, it was resolved to approve the following routine business items for the month of January 2024:

a. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of November 20, 2023
b. Approval of the Minutes for the Reorganization Meeting of December 5, 2023

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was read at the meeting:

a. December Subsidies
b. January Subsidies

The following Federal and State Funds have been or will be received for the months of December 2023 and January 2023:

DECEMBER FUNDING	AMOUNT
NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM	$25,057.54
REN SUBSIDY	$973,302.35
SOCIAL SECURITY	$149,651.74
S D SPECIAL EDUCATION	$160,485.97
NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM	$87,066.59
NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM	$72,571.47
NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM	$11,705.44
SUPPLY CHAIN ASSISTANCE	$36,789.68
RETIREMENT	$737,029.59
CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM	$8,176.45
N P TRANSPORTATION	$5,005.00

S D TRANSPORTATION	$98,256.00
READY TO LEARN BLOCK GRANT	$321,336.00
BASIC EDUCATION FUNDING	$1,596,899.33

JANUARY FUNDING	AMOUNT
NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM	$73,555.11
TITLE I IMPROVING BASIC PROGRAMS	$100,682.14
TITLE II IMPROVING TEACHER QUALITY	$8,619.28
TITLE IV – STUDENT SUPPORT AND ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT	$7,162.28
TITLE IV – STUDENT SUPPORT AND ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT	$22.00

EDUCATION AND CURRICULUM

Upon motion of Mr. Nutting, seconded by Mr. Yakich, it was resolved to approve all EDUCATION AND CURRICULUM resolutions as presented by the Administration and subject to review by the District Solicitor as follows:

a. Approval of Additional Spring 2024 Student Teacher Placements
b. Approval of Technology Director to Attend Pennsylvania Educational Technology Expo and Conference (Pete and C), February 4-7, 2024
c. Approval of Paid Internship Agreement with Pennsylvania Western University of Pennsylvania for District Employee, Dalton Smitley, January 22, 2024, through May 3, 2024
d. Approval of Sunday Facility Request, Charleroi Girls Softball Association, Sunday's beginning January 21 – March 24, 2024, 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in the Auxiliary Gym
e. Approval of The Princeton Review Education, LLC Master Services Agreement, in the amount of $14,750.00

ROLL CALL:
Mr. Caruso Yes, Mrs. Hopkins Yes, Mrs. Keranko Absent,
Mr. Nutting Yes, Mrs. Pappasergi Yes, Mrs. Pellegrini Yes,
Mrs. Pepper Absent, Mr. Yakich Yes, Mr. Wiltz Absent.

POLICIES/ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

Upon motion of Mrs. Pellegrini, seconded by Mr. Nutting, it was resolved to approve all POLICIES/ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS resolutions as presented by the Administration and subject to review by the District Solicitor as follows:

a. Final Reading of Policy 113.5 – Surrogate Parents
b. Final Reading of Revised Policy 815 – Acceptable Use of Internet, Computers and Network Resources
c. Final Reading of Policy 819 – Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response
d. Approval of Policy 626 Attachment – Procurement - Federal Programs
e. First Reading of Revised Policy 610 – Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation
f. First Reading of Revised Policy 611 – Purchases Budgeted
g. First Reading of Revised Policy 709 – District Security

ROLL CALL:
Mr. Caruso Yes, Mrs. Hopkins Yes, Mrs. Keranko Absent,
Mr. Nutting Yes, Mrs. Pappasergi Yes, Mrs. Pellegrini Yes,
Mrs. Pepper Absent, Mr. Yakich Yes, Mr. Wiltz Absent.

PERSONNEL

Upon motion of Mrs. Pappasergi, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini, it was resolved to approve all PERSONNEL resolutions as presented by the Administration and subject to review by the District Solicitor as follows:

a. Accept Resignation of Middle School Life Skills Teacher, Justin Roycroft, effective January 26, 2024
b. Accept Resignation of Middle School/High School Metal Detector/Security Duty, Marianne Bassi, retroactive to December 4, 2023
c. Accept Resignation of Food Truck Driver, Glenn Sanders, retroactive to December 22, 2023
d. Name 2023-2024 Spring Athletic Coaches
   Baseball:
   Head Varsity – Luke Mollis - $6,500.00
   Varsity Assistant – Brian Corrin - $2,575.00
   Varsity Assistant – Luke Glasser - $2,500.00
   Varsity Volunteer – Bruno Pappasergi
   Varsity Volunteer – David Sink
   Middle School Head – Scott DeUnger - $2,250.00
   Middle School Assistant – Jeff Klinger - $1,750.00
   Middle School Volunteer – Bill Henderson
   Track:
   Head Varsity – Joe Grodz - $6,820.00
   Varsity Assistant – Amanda Bashioum - $2,060.00
   Varsity Assistant – Ramont Small - $2,060.00
   Varsity Assistant – Nathan Fiala - $2,060.00
   Varsity Assistant – Erin Wilkerson - $2,060.00

Varsity Volunteer – Joe Caruso
Middle School Head – Jessica Fritch - $2,163.00
Middle School Assistant – Beth Noble - $1,75100
Softball:
Varsity Head – Lloyd Tilghman - $6,500.00
Varsity Assistant – Anjela Bench - $2,575.00
Varsity Volunteer – Jennifer Tilghman
Varsity Volunteer – Morgan Riley
Varsity Volunteer – Bre Painter
Varsity Volunteer – Adrianna Gottheld
Middle School Volleyball:
Head – Ashley Abbott - $2,163.00
Middle School Assistant – Samantha Fleming - $1,545.00
Middle School Girls Basketball:
Middle School Head – Shawn Lee - $2,318.00
Middle School Assistant – Alvin Ross - $1,597

e. Name 2023-2024 School Physician, Dr. Umberto DeRienzo, at an annual fee of $8,000.00, retroactive to July 1, 2023
f. Name Middle School Life Skills Teacher, Michelle Paul, beginning 2024-2025 school year
g. Name Middle School/High School Metal Detector/Security Duty, Janet Toth, retroactive to December 5, 2023, at an annual stipend of $900.00, prorated
h. Name Food Truck Driver, Danny Cooper, retroactive to January 4, 2024, salary per CESPA Bargaining Agreement
i. Approval of Sabbatical Leave for Elementary Teacher, effective September 8, 2023, through February 2, 2024
j. Name 2024 Spring Musical Volunteers, pending receipt of all clearances:
Donna Angelo, Jaime Cook, Maria Degnan, Alison Ducoli, Kimberly Dzurinko, Lenzie Fereza, Paula French, Jacqui Gray, Onilee Gray, Mindy Harris, Deena Headley, Tracy Hermann, Jessica Kostelac, Melissa Lancy, Michael Lancy, Jessica Lipari, Renee Marconyak, Shannon McCloy, Ben McDonald, Madison Piecknick, Amanda Pozzi, Christine Pringle, Rachel Rotolo, Paige Sands, Tanner Sheppard, Nellie Snyder, Susan White, Chelsea Wiley, Rae Ann Youdell, and Jane Zelinsky
k. Name Volunteer Reading Teacher, Maureen Andrews, pending receipt of all clearances
l. Name Substitute Teachers: Justin Spangler (Emergency Permit), Jena King (Special Education – PK-12), retroactive to January 10, 2024, Sara Juba (Emergency Permit), and Lauren Lober (Special Education – PK-12), retroactive to January 4, 2024, salary per CAEA Bargaining Agreement
m. Name Substitute Support: Frank Strangis – Bus Driver and Van Driver, retroactive to December 19, 2023, Jesse Smitley – Van Driver, salary per CESPA Bargaining Agreement

ROLL CALL:
Mrs. Hopkins Yes, Mrs. Keranko Absent, Mr. Nutting Yes,
Mrs. Pappasergi Yes, Mrs. Pellegrini Yes, Mrs. Pepper Absent,
Mr. Yakich Yes, Mr. Wiltz Absent, Mr. Caruso Yes.

FINANCE AND SUPPORT AREAS

Upon motion of Mr. Caruso, seconded by Mr. Nutting, it was resolved to approve all FINANCE AND SUPPORT AREA RESOLUTIONS as presented by the Administration and subject to review by the District Solicitor as follows:

a. Approval of Monthly Secretary Treasurer Reports for the Months of November 2023 and December 2023 as follows: General Fund, Restrictive Savings, Digital Revenue, Payroll, Food Service Fund, and Capital Projects Fund
b. Approval of General Fund, Food Service Fund, and Athletic Fund Bill Lists for the Months of December 2023 and January 2024
c. Approval of Interim Bill List for November 2023/December 2023 and December 2023/January 2024
d. Approval of High School, Middle School, Elementary Center and Athletic Activity Account Reports for November 2023 and December 2023
e. Approval of the Tax Collection Report for the Months of November 2023 and December 2023
f. Approval of the Lien Report for the Months of February 2023 and November 2023
g. Approval of the Monthly Revenues and Expenditures Report for November 2023 and December 2023
h. Approval of Extra Duty Time Reports for November 2023 and December 2023
~~i. Approval of Request for Refund of 2022 School Real Estate Taxes, in the amount of $28,418.29, due to KOZ exemption~~
j. Approval of Intermediate Unit 1 IDEA-B Funding for 2023-2024 school year

ROLL CALL:
Mrs. Keranko Absent, Mr. Nutting Yes, Mrs. Pappasergi Yes,
Mrs. Pellegrini Yes, Mrs. Pepper Absent, Mr. Yakich Yes; abstain from item 3,
Mr. Wiltz Absent, Mr. Caruso Yes, Mrs. Hopkins Yes.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Zelich shared with the Board that the owner of Fourth Street Foods has donated funds to the District to help with the musical, Harvest Bounty, and the high school fall ball. Dr. Zelich thanked the company for their generous donation.

Dr. Zelich shared with the Board the 2024 kindergarten registration postcard that will be sent out to the community.

AUDIENCE REQUESTS

Brandy Crevda spoke with the Board regarding the amount of time her son's bus ride is in the morning.

Upon motion of Mr. Yakich, seconded by Mr. Caruso, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.