CHARLEROI AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting of Tuesday, April 16, 2024
7:00 PM
Charleroi Area High School Community Room

MINUTES

Prior to the regular meeting, the Board met in Executive Session at 6:14 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, and Mrs. Pepper.

Mrs. Hopkins, Board Vice President, announced that the Board had been in executive session since 6:14 p.m. and then called the regular meeting of the Charleroi Area School District Board of School Directors to order at 7: 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, and Mrs. Pepper. Mrs. Pellegrini, Mr. Wiltz, and Mr. Yakich were absent.

Mrs. Hopkins asked for a motion to amend the agenda, adding Item 9.m – Approval of eServices Technology Hosted Services Agreement and the deletion of Item 6.e – Name 2024 Voting Delegates for PSBA Delegate Assembly and the deletion of Item 9.i – Approval of Penn Highlands Healthcare Sports First Aid Professional Services Agreement. Upon motion of Mrs. Pepper, seconded by Mrs. Keranko, with all in favor, it was resolved to approve the amended agenda for the month of April 2024.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

The Board recognized students of the kindergarten class for academic excellence and outstanding citizenship.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Meccala Woods addressed the Board regarding flex periods.
Brian Corrin addressed the Board regarding flex periods.
Caden Carson addressed the Board regarding drafting 3 and 4 being removed as an elective class.
Amy Clark addressed the Board regarding a bus incident.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon motion of Mr. Nutting, seconded by Mrs. Pepper, it was resolved to approve the agenda for the Regular Meeting of the Charleroi Area School District Board of School Directors for April 16, 2024.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Student Representatives Bella Carotto and Jacob Corrin shared with the Board the upcoming events in the high school.

ROUTINE BUSINESS:

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

a. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of March 19, 2024

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was read at the meeting:
a. April Subsidies

The following Federal and State Funds have been or will be received for the month of April 2024:

FUNDING	AMOUNT
TRANSPORTATION	$95,511.29
S D SPECIAL EDUCATION	$225,287.00
NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM	$97,431.06
NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM	$6,505.61

EDUCATION AND CURRICULUM

Upon motion of Mrs. Pappasergi, seconded by Mrs. Pepper, 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 2024-2025 Middle School Course Guide
b. Approval of High School Flex Period During 2024-2025 School Year
c. Approval of Request to Establish Student Activity, The Imagineers, Charleroi Elementary Center STEAM Club
d. Approval of Application for Diploma for Eligible Veterans, Glenn R. Alton, Army Air Corps
~~e. Name 2024 Voting Delegates for PSBA Delegate Assembly~~

ROLL CALL:
Mr. Caruso __Yes___, Mrs. Hopkins __Yes___, Mrs. Keranko __Yes___,
Mr. Nutting __Yes___, Mrs. Pappasergi __Yes___, Mrs. Pellegrini __Absent__,
Mrs. Pepper __Yes___, Mr. Yakich __Absent___, Mr. Wiltz __Absent__.

POLICIES/ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

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

a. Approval of Administrative Regulation 707-AR-0 – Use of School Facilities

ROLL CALL:
Mrs. Hopkins __Yes___, Mrs. Keranko __Yes___, Mr. Nutting __Yes___,
Mrs. Pappasergi __Yes___, Mrs. Pellegrini __Absent__, Mrs. Pepper __Yes___,
Mr. Yakich __Absent___, Mr. Wiltz __Absent__, Mr. Caruso __Yes___.

PERSONNEL

Upon motion of Mr. Nutting, seconded by Mr. Caruso, 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 High School Lunch Detention Duty, Michelle Paul, effective May 31, 2024
b. Name Varsity Boys Soccer Head Coach, Tim Laskey, at a salary of $6,500.00
c. Name Varsity Boys Soccer Assistant Coach, Jake Laskey, at a salary of $2,500.00
d. Name Varsity Boys Soccer Volunteer Coach, Nick Laskey
e. Name Varsity Boys Soccer Volunteer Coach, Nick Goodwin
f. Name Varsity Girls Basketball Head Coach, Shawn Lee, at a salary of $7,500.00
g. Name PIMS Assistant for the 2023-2024 school year, Coleen Krenichen, at a stipend of $5,000.00, prorated
h. Name District Registrar for the 2023-2024 school year, Virginia Hamilton, at a stipend of $5,000.00, prorated
i. Name Multilingual Cultural Liaison/School District Interpreter, Richard Momplaisir, at a rate of $20.00 per hour, retroactive to March 18, 2024
j. Name Middle School/High School Metal Detector/Security, Laurie Lash, retroactive to April 2, 2024
k. Approval of Request for Uncompensated Leave – 01 – Laura Shipley, April 3, 2024

l. Name Substitute Teachers: Carina Cervone (Emergency Certification), Elizabeth Muchesko (Emergency Certification), and Eden Carpenter (Emergency Certification), salary per CAEA Bargaining Agreement
m. Name Substitute Support: Richard Momplaisir (Van Driver), retroactive to April 9, 2024, and Samuel Zehel (Van Driver), retroactive to April 10, 2024, salary per CESPA Bargaining Agreement

ROLL CALL:
Mrs. Keranko __Yes___, Mr. Nutting __Yes___, Mrs. Pappasergi __Yes___,
Mrs. Pellegrini __Absent__, Mrs. Pepper __Yes___, Mr. Yakich __Absent___,
Mr. Wiltz __Absent__, Mr. Caruso __Yes___, Mrs. Hopkins __Yes___.

FINANCE AND SUPPORT AREAS

Upon motion of Mrs. Keranko, seconded Mrs. Pappasergi, 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 Month of March 2024 as follows: General Fund, Restricted Savings, Digital Revenue, Payroll, Food Service Fund, PCCD Grant Fund and Bond Fund
b. Approval of General Fund, Food Service Fund, and Athletic Fund Bill List for the Month of April 2024
c. Approval of Interim Bill List for March 2024/April 2024
d. Approval of High School, Middle School, Elementary Center and Athletic Activity Account Reports for March 2024
e. Approval of the Monthly Tax Collection Report for the Month of March 2024
f. Approval of the Monthly Revenues and Expenditures Report for March 2024
g. Approval of Extra Duty Time Reports for March 2024
h. Approval of Charleroi Area Education Support Professionals Association Collective Bargaining Agreement, July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2029
~~i. Approval of Penn Highlands Healthcare Sports First Aid Professional Services Agreement, in the amount of $55,000.00~~
j. Approval of Disabled Veterans Real Property Tax Exemption Certification for Gary J. Dulaney, parcel number 320-007-03-01-0006-00
k. Approval of American Fidelity Master Employer Services Agreement, at no cost to the District
l. Approval of Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Program
m. Approval of eServices Technology Hosted Services Agreement

ROLL CALL:
Mr. Nutting __Yes___, Mrs. Pappasergi __Yes___, Mrs. Pellegrini __Absent__,

Mrs. Pepper __Yes___, Mr. Yakich __Absent___, Mr. Wiltz __Absent__,
Mr. Caruso ___Yes___, Mrs. Hopkins __Yes___, Mrs. Keranko __Yes___.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Zelich shared with the Board the Supreme Court ruling that states cannot constitutionally deny students a free public education because of their immigration status.

Dr. Zelich shared with the Board the McKinney-Vento Act definition of homeless students, noting that the Act requires immediate enrollment, even if students cannot produce immunization or other medical records, recognizing that families and youth who are homeless are frequently unable to obtain and keep copies of records.

Dr. Zelich informed the Committee that the high school will incorporate a flex period into student scheduled beginning with the 2024-2025 school year.

AUDIENCE REQUESTS

Ashley Hazy stated to the Board the following comments:

- The immigrant students receive special privileges.
- The 3rd grade and 5th grade field trips were cancelled because there was not an interpreter to attend.
- A student kicked a teacher and the student was not disciplined.
- A large number of students are being withdrawn from the District because of the immigrant students.

The Board went into Executive Session at 9:36 p.m. to discuss personnel matters. The Board came out of Executive Session at 10:21 p.m.

Upon motion of Mr. Caruso, seconded by Mrs. Pepper, the meeting was adjourned at 10:22 p.m.