CHARLEROI AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting of Thursday, June 20, 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. Also, in Executive Session, Officer Brand presented the 2023-2024 School Safety and Security Report to the Board of Directors. Persons present were: Mr. Caruso, Mrs. Keranko – virtually, Mr. Nutting, Mrs. Pellegrini, Mrs. Pepper, Mr. Wiltz and Mr. Yakich.

Mr. Wiltz, Board President, announced that the Board had been in executive session since 6:00 p.m. and then called the regular meeting of the Charleroi Area School District Board of School Directors to order at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Community Room, 100 Fecsen Drive, Charleroi PA 15022.

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

Mr. Wiltz announced that Item 8.l – Name Paraprofessional, has been deleted from the agenda.

Upon motion of Mr. Yakich, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini, it was resolved to approve the amendments to the agenda for the Regular Meeting of the Charleroi Area School District Board of School Directors for June 20, 2024.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Leanna Spada addressed the Board regarding Item 8.u – Approval of Resolution to Censure Board Member, Adele Hopkins.

Ms. Kristin Calcek addressed the Board regarding Item 8.u – Approval of Resolution to Censure Board Member, Adele Hopkins.

Ms. Emma Clish addressed the Board regarding Item 8.u – Approval of Resolution to Censure Board Member, Adele Hopkins.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon motion of Mr. Nutting, seconded by Mr. Yakich, it was resolved to approve the agenda for the Regular Meeting of the Charleroi Area School District Board of School Directors for June 20, 2024.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

The Board recognized the 2024 retirees: Ms. Eva Harris, Ms. Joy Daviduk, Ms. Jacqueline Mineweaser, and Mr. Paul Simpson.

ROUTINE BUSINESS:

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

a. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of May 21, 2024

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was read at the meeting:

a. June Subsidies

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

FUNDING	AMOUNT
CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM	$1,518.03
SOCIAL SECURITY	$166,357.03
SPECIAL EDUCATION	$375,397.79
BASIC EDUCATION FUNDING	$2,594,638.63
NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM	$108,266.25
RETIREMENT	$788,108.60
CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM	$949.90
TRANSPORTATION	$120,761.43

EDUCATION AND CURRICULUM

Upon motion of Mr. Caruso, seconded by Mr. Nutting, 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 High School Student Handbook
b. Approval of 2024-2025 Middle School Student Handbook
c. Approval of 2024-2025 Elementary Center Student Handbook
d. Approval of 2024-2025 Grades K-6 Cyber Student Handbook
e. Approval of 2024-2025 Grades 7-12 Cyber Student Handbook
f. Approval of High School ATSI School Plan
g. Approval of Middle school ATSI School Plan
h. Approval of 2024-2025 Tuition Rates for Non-Resident Students: Grades K-6 - $11,854.97 and Grades 7-12 - $13,389.62
i. Approval of Marching Band/Show Choir Field Trip Request for April 9-14, 2025, to Orlando, Florida
j. Approval of Health and Physical Education Graduation Requirements, beginning 2024-2025 school year
k. Approval of Additional PennWest California Student Teacher Placement Fall 2024
l. Approval of 2024-2025 Southwest Behavioral Care, Inc. High School Outreach Coordinator Agreement, in the amount of $57,050.00
m. Approval of 2024-2025 Southwest Behavioral Care, Inc. Elementary Center Outreach Coordinator Agreement, in the amount of $62,050.00
n. Approval of Washington County Children and Youth Services Memorandum of Understanding
o. Approval for Director of Technology to Attend Sapphire Summer 2024 Conference, July 16, 2024, at no cost to the District
p. Approval of PDE Cybersecurity Letter of Support

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

POLICIES/ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

Upon motion of Mrs. Pellegrini, seconded by Mr. Yakich, 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 Electronic Searches Policy
b. Approval of Administrative Regulation 222-AR-0 – Tobacco and Vaping Products
c. Approval of Administrative Regulation 222-AR-1 – Tobacco and Vaping Product Violation Parental Notification
d. Approval of Administrative Regulation 227-AR-0 – Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia
e. Approval of Administrative Regulation 351-AR-0 – Drug-Free Workplace Notice
f. Approval of Administrative Regulation 351-AR-1 – Record of Reasonable Suspicion of Controlled Substance Abuse
g. Approval of Administrative Regulation 707-AR-1 – Rules for Use of School Facilities

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

PERSONNEL

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

a. Approval of 2023-2024 Superintendent Evaluation
b. Name Varsity Girls Volleyball Head Coach, Samantha Fleming, at an annual salary of $5,000.00
c. Name Varsity Girls Volleyball Assistant Coach, Chuck Harrison, at an annual salary of $2,000.00
d. Name 2024-2025 School Physician, Dr. Umberto DeRienzo, at an annual fee of $8,000.00
e. Name 2024-2025 Athletic Physician, Dr. Scott Seifert, at an annual fee of $8,000.00
f. Name 2024-2025 School Dentist, Smile Dental, at no cost to the District
g. Approval to Create an Additional Assistant Coaching Position for Varsity Boys and Girls Basketball, as Recommended by the Athletic Committee
h. Name Third Grade Teacher, Jenna Budd, Step 2 Masters, beginning 2024-2025 school year, salary and benefits per CAEA Bargaining Agreement
i. Name Eighth Grade ELA Teacher, Rachel Anderson, Step 1 Bachelors, beginning 2024-2025 school year, salary and benefits per CAEA Bargaining Agreement
j. Name Grades 4-12 Instrumental Music Teacher/Band Director, Daniel Geffrey, Step 1 Bachelors, beginning 2024-2025 school year, salary and benefits per CAEA Bargaining Agreement
k. Name Elementary Summer STEAM Camp Teachers, Kendra Hartley and Kristopher Vatter, salary per CAEA Bargaining Agreement

~~l. Name Paraprofessional~~

m. Approval of District Homeless Coordinator 2024-2025 School Year Stipend, at an annual rate of $1,500.00

n. Approval of PIMS Coordinator 2024-2025 School Year Stipend, at an annual rate of $5,000.00

o. Approval of PIMS Assistant 2024-2025 School Year Stipend, at an annual rate of $5,000.00

p. Approval of English Language Learner Supervisor 2024-2025 School Year Stipend, at an annual rate of $1,500.00

q. Approval of Title I Federal Programs Coordinator 2024-2025 School Year Stipend, at an annual rate of $3,500.00

r. Approval of Charleroi Online Learning Academy (COLA) Supervisor – Grades 7-12 2024-2025 School Year Stipend, at an annual rate of $2,500.00

s. Approval of Charleroi Online Learning Academy (COLA) Supervisor – Grades K-6 2024-2025 School Year Stipend, at an annual rate of $2,500.00

t. Approval of Student Registrar 2024-2025 School Year Stipend, at an annual rate of $5,000.00

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

Upon motion of Mr. Yakich, 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. Approval of Resolution to Censure Board Member

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

FINANCE AND SUPPORT AREAS

Upon motion of Mr. Nutting, seconded Mrs. Pepper, 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 May 2024 as follows: General Fund, Restrictive Savings Fund, Digital Revenue Fund, Payroll Fund, Food Service Fund, and Capital Projects Fund
b. Approval of General Fund Month of June 2024
c. Approval of Interim Bill List for May 2024/June 2024
d. Approval of High School, Middle School, Elementary Center and Athletic Activity Account Reports for May 2024
e. Approval of the Tax Collection Report for the Month of May 2024
f. Approval of the Monthly Revenues and Expenditures Report for May 2024
g. Approval of Extra Duty Time Reports for May 2024
h. Approval of the 2024-2025 Final Budget, as Posted and Advertised in the amount of $30,697,510.00, a 0.5831 Mill Increase and Approve the Imposition of School Real Estate Tax at 19.243 Mills
i. Approval of 2024-2025 Homestead/Farmstead Exclusion
j. Approval of Cafeteria Prices for the 2024-2025 School Year
k. Approval of 2024-2025 Intermediate Unit 1 Lease Agreement, two rooms, at a monthly fee of $1,200.00 per room
l. Approval of Cafeteria Windows, High School Security Entrance, and High School/Middle School Door Window Wraps, in the amount of $4,806.00
m. Approval of Elementary Center Office and Library Window Wraps, in the amount of $2,465.00
n. Approval of Stadium Track Renovations Change Order, in the amount of $846,857.20
o. Name Twilight Borough Tax Collector, Ashley Brand
p. Approval of Three-Year Agreement, beginning July 1, 2024, with the Charleroi Regional Police Department for a School Resource Officer with Terms and Conditions Approved by the Solicitor
q. Approval of ABM Control Valve Replacement Quote for Room 246, in the amount of $3,675.00
r. Approval of ABM Control Valve Replacement Quote for Room 208, in the amount of $3,675.00
s. Approval of Athens Painting & Masonry LLC Exterior Masonry Pointing and Caulking Repairs Quote for the Swimming Pool Brick Areas, in the amount of $35,950.00
t. Approval of A.G. Mauro Company Door Replacements Quote, in the amount of $6,785.00, to be paid for by the PCCD Security Grant
u. Approval of Hite Enterprise LLC Tree Removal and Grading Quote for the Middle School Outdoor Café Project, in the amount of $2,400.00, to be paid for by the Cafeteria Account
v. Approval of Hite Enterprise LLC Tree Removal and Grading Quote for the Elementary Center, in the amount of $2,535.00, to be paid for by the PCCD Security Grant
w. Approval to Purchase Litterkat Synthetic Turf Sweeper, in an amount not to exceed $10,000.00

x. Approval to Purchase Box Truck, in an amount not to exceed $68,000.00

y. Approval to Assign Funds of General Fund Balance as follows: $1,000,000.00 for future Capital Project renovations, repairs, and maintenance payments, and $726,306.00 for athletic facilities renovations and repairs

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Zelich announced to the Board that our Driver's Education Program, that consists of 30 hours of classroom time and 10 hours of driving time, has over 20 students enrolled. Dr. Zelich thanked Davies Ford for donating a car to use for this program.

Dr. Zelich shared with the Board that our Elementary STEAM Camp is in full swing with 116 students from grades K-2 and 64 students from grades 3-5 participating.

Dr. Zelich informed the Board that the stadium track and field renovation is underway. The turf has been laid and the first layer of the track has been installed.

Dr. Zelich shared with the Board that the District has secured a $50,000 Job Training and Education Programs Grant with the help of Senator Bartalotta. This grant will help defray the cost of tuition for teachers to obtain an ELL Certification.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Nutting announced that the annual Stuff The Bus fundraiser will take place at the River House, on July 25, 2024, with 10% of all food sales going towards this cause.

Upon motion of Mr. Caruso, seconded by Mr. Yakich, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Rebecca D. Kline, Board Secretary

Kenneth J. Wiltz, Board President

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS OF THE CHARLEROI AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT AUTHORIZING THE CENSURE OF BOARD MEMBER ADELE HOPKINS FOR HER ACTIONS AT COMMENCEMENT ON MAY 31, 2024.

WHEREAS, at the commencement ceremony for the District on May 31, 2024, Board Director Adele Hopkins refused to congratulate a graduating senior; and

WHEREAS, the Board asserts that such behavior does not represent the interests of the Board and that such actions were in her role as a School Director; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to express its disagreement with such behavior; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that it has no direct control over individual Board Members' communications or conduct and the Board lacks legal authority to remove a Board Member; and

WHEREAS, despite the Board's limited recourse, the Board will not allow Director Hopkins' actions and behavior at commencement to be attributed to the Charleroi Area School District nor the Board; and

WHEREAS, by adopting the within Resolution, the Board intends to reaffirm its commitment to appropriate and fair behavior towards students;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved and it is hereby resolved as follows:

1. The Board publicly censures Adele Hopkins for her behavior at commencement on May 31, 2024 as that behavior does not reflect the values of the Board nor the District.

2. The Board expresses its strong disagreement with said behavior.

3. The Board directs this Resolution be read in full at a public meeting.

4. The Board directs that a copy of this Resolution be provided to Adele Hopkins and further that the complete resolution appear in the Minutes of this meeting.

5. The Board of School Directors hereby directs that Adele Hopkins and all members of the Charleroi Board of School Directors reaffirm their commitment to fair and respectful treatment of all students as part of the Districts core values.

ATTEST:

Secretary

CHARLEROI AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

By: _____
President