CHARLEROI AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting of Tuesday, October 15, 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, Mr. Hopkins, Mrs. Keranko, Mr. Nutting, Mrs. Pappasergi, Mrs. Pepper, and Mr. Yakich.

Mrs. Pepper, 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. Hopkins, Mr. Hopkins, Mrs. Keranko, Mr. Nutting, Mrs. Pappasergi, Mrs. Pepper, and Mr. Yakich. Mrs. Pellegrini was absent.

Judge Michael Lucas swore in newly elected Board Member, Mr. Larry Hopkins.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon motion of Mrs. Keranio, 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 October 15, 2024.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

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

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Student Representatives Jacob Corrin and Caden Carson shared with the Board events in the high school.

ROUTINE BUSINESS:

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

a. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of September 17, 2024

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was read at the meeting:

a. October Subsidies

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

FUNDING	AMOUNT
S D SPECIAL EDUCATION	$242,870.00
PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PAYMENT	$487,501.86

EDUCATION AND CURRICULUM

Upon motion of Mr. Nutting, seconded by Mr. Caruso, 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 for PIMS Assistant to Attend 2025 PDE Data Summit
b. Approval for Director of Technology to Attend Cybersecurity Risk Awareness Conference, November 19, 2024
c. Approval of Sunday Facility Request 01 – Charleroi Youth Basketball Association Registration, October 20, 2024, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. in the Alumni Room
d. Approval of Sunday Facility Request 02 – High School Baseball Camp, February 2, 9, 16, 23 and March 2, 2025, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. in the High School Gym
e. Approval of Sunday Facility Request 03 – Charleroi Midget Football League Senior Night Pizza Party, retroactive to October 6, 2024, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. in the Alumni Room

ROLL CALL:
Mr. Caruso Yes, Mrs. Hopkins Yes, Mr. Hopkins Yes,
Mrs. Keranko Yes, Mr. Nutting Yes, Mrs. Pappasergi Yes,

Mrs. Pellegrini _Absent_, Mrs. Pepper _Yes_, Mr. Yakich _Yes_.

POLICIES/ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

Upon motion of Mr. Caruso, seconded by Mrs. Keranko, 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 Revised Policy 103 – Discrimination/Harassment Affecting Students
b. Final Reading of Revised Policy 103.1 – Nondiscrimination – Qualified Students with Disabilities
c. Final Reading of Revised Policy104 – Discrimination/Harassment Affecting Staff
d. Final Reading of Revised Policy 146.1 – Trauma-Informed Approach
e. Final Reading of Revised Policy 218 – Student Discipline
f. Final Reading of Revised Policy 218.1 - Weapons
g. Final Reading of Revised Policy 218.2 – Terroristic Threats
h. Final Reading of Revised Policy 234 – Pregnant/Parenting/Married Students
i. Final Reading of Revised Policy 247 - Hazing
j. Final Reading of Revised Policy 249 – Bullying/Cyberbullying
k. Final Reading of Revised Policy 252 – Dating Violence
l. Final Reading of Revised Policy 317.1 – Educator Misconduct
m. Final Reading of Revised Policy – 336 -Personal Necessity Leave
n. Final Reading of Revised Policy 339 – Uncompensated Leave
o. Final Reading of Revised Policy 801 – Public Records
p. Final Reading of Revised Policy 803 – School Calendar
q. Final Reading of Revised Policy 805 – Emergency Preparedness and Response
r. Final Reading of Revised Policy 805.1 – Relations With Law Enforcement Agencies
s. Final Reading of Revised Policy 805.2 – School Security Personnel
t. Final Reading of Revised Policy 806 – Child Abuse
u. Final Reading of Revised Policy 807 – Opening Exercises/Moment of Silence/Flag Displays
v. Final Reading of Revised Policy 824 – Maintaining Professional Adult/Student Boundaries
w. Final Reading of Revised Policy – 904 – Public Attendance at School Events
x. Final Reading of Revised Policy 909 – Municipal Government Relations
y. Final Reading of Revised Policy 918 – Title I Parent and Family Engagement
z. Approval of Revised Administrative Regulation 202-AR-0 – Nonresident Students
aa. Approval of Revised Administrative Regulation 202-AR-3 – Information to Substantiate Sworn Statement By Resident
bb. Approval of Revised Administrative Regulation 607-AR-0 – Nonresident Tuition
cc. Approval of Revised Administrative Regulation 607-AR-1 – Notice of Tuition Past Due

dd. First Reading of Revised Policy 113.1 – Discipline of Students With Disabilities
ee. First Reading of Revised Policy 113.2 – Behavior Support
ff. First Reading of Revised Policy 202 – Eligibility of Nonresident Students
gg. First Reading of Revised Policy 236.1 – Threat Assessment
hh. First Reading of Revised Policy 254 – Educational Opportunity for Military Children
ii. First Reading of Revised Policy 607 – Tuition Income
jj. First Reading of Revised Policy 805.2 – School Security Personnel

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

PERSONNEL

Upon motion of Mrs. Pappasergi, seconded by Mr. Hopkins, 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 Speech Therapist, Megan Kasimirsky, effective November 22, 2024
b. Approval of Teacher Increments According to Teachers Contract XIX Professional Development and Educational Improvement Article B.1, Payment Per Credit Hour: Bethany Baker - Step 5, Master's Plus 10; Tina Coldren – Step 15 Master's Plus 40; Rachel Devenney – Master's, Jessica Fritch – Step 15 Master's Plus 40, Christine Gialames – Step 4, Bachelor's Plus 10
c. Name Cook's Helper, 5.25 hours per day, Lisa Dooley, retroactive to September 27, 2024, salary per CESPA Bargaining Agreement
d. Name 2024-2025 Theatre/Musical Volunteers: Donna Angelo, Erica Angelo, Eric Childs, Paula French, Jessie Kostelac, Melissa Lancy, and Madison Piecknick
e. Name Substitute Teachers: Gracie Welch (Emergency Permit) and Brooke Bogol (Emergency Permit), salary per CAEA Bargaining Agreement
f. Name Substitute Support: Lisa Dooley – (Cafeteria), retroactive to September 27, 2024, Shannon Hostovich (Cafeteria), Bryan Clutter (Custodian), and Matt Cook (Food Truck Driver), retroactive to October 10, 2024, salary per CESPA Bargaining Agreement
g. Approval to Increase Substitute Support Pay Rate to $15.00 per hour and Custodial/Maintenance to $20.00 per hour

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

FINANCE AND SUPPORT AREAS

Upon motion of Mr. Nutting, seconded by Mr. Yakich, 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 September 2024 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 Month of October 2024
c. Approval of Interim Bill List for September 2024/October 2024
d. Approval of High School, Middle School, Elementary Center and Athletic Activity Account Reports for September 2024
e. Approval of the Tax Collection Report for the Month of September 2024
f. Approval of the Monthly Revenues and Expenditures Report for September 2024
g. Approval of Extra Duty Time Reports for September 2024
h. Approval to Purchase ILA Translation Devices from Translate Live, in the amount of $29,887.00, to be paid by an anonymous donor
i. Approval of Disaster Response Service Agreement from Firewater Response 365
j. Approval to Purchase Carry All Club Car Cart for Director of Buildings and Grounds, in the amount of $11,200.00
k. Approval of Chem-Aqua Water Treatment Program, in the amount of $4,900.00
l. Approval of Snow Plow Quote from Push-n-Pull, in the amount of $8,348.00
m. Approval of Intermediate Unit 5 Transportation Contract
n. Approval to Purchase 17 HD Dual Lens Stop-Arm Camera Kits from Pro Vision, in the amount of $10,115.00

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

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Zelich informed the Board that the Free Farmer's Market that was sponsored by Highmark and held in Charleroi was very successful. Approximately 80,000 pounds of fresh produce was distributed to residents in our community. Dr. Zelich commended the Life Skills students for helping with this project.

Dr. Zelich informed the Board that senior class interviews will be held on November 1, 2024.

Dr. Zelich informed the Board that students visiting from Italy will once again be on our campus this week.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mrs. Hopkins informed the Board that Hello Neighbor, an organization that works to improve the lives of recently resettled refugee and immigrant families, will be at the Methodist Church in Charleroi on Thursday, October 17, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. to help with our community members. This event is free of charge.

Mrs. Hopkins shared with the Board that Ms. Coleen Krenichen, Director of Technology for the Charleroi Area School District, will be conducting a cybersecurity workshop at the library located in downtown Charleroi on October 21, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Upon motion of Mr. Caruso, seconded by Mr. Yakich, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.