CHARLEROI AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting of Wednesday, January 21, 2025
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. Pellegrini, Mrs. Pepper, and Mr. Yakich.

Mrs. Pepper, Board President, announced that the Board had been in executive session since 6:01 p.m. and then called the regular meeting of the Charleroi Area School District Board of School Directors to order at 7:05 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. Pellegrini, Mrs. Pepper, and Mr. Yakich.

Mrs. Pepper announced that item 9.j – Approval of Application for Tax Exemption (LERTA) For Drilling Tools International, was deleted from the agenda.

Upon motion of Mr. Yakich, seconded by Mr. Nutting, with all in favor, 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 January 21, 2025.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon motion of Mrs. Pellegrini, seconded by Mr. Caruso, it was resolved to approve the agenda for the Regular Meeting of the Charleroi Area School District Board of School Directors for January 21, 2025.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

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

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Student Representatives Jacob Corrin, Caden Carson, and Eva Matinko spoke with the Board about events in the high school.

ROUTINE BUSINESS:

Upon motion of Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Mrs. Keranko, with all in favor, it was resolved to approve the following routine business items for the month of January 2025:

a. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of November 19, 2024
b. Approval of the Minutes for the Reorganization Meeting of December 3, 2024

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 2024 and January 2025:

DECEMBER AND JANUARY FUNDING	AMOUNT
READY TO LEARN – FOUNDATION	$321,336.00
READY TO LEARN – ADEQUACY SUPPLEMENT	$860,006.71
SOCIAL SECURITY	$152,330.44
S D SPECIAL EDUCATION	$242,870.00
NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM	$109,533.42
NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM	$5,912.06
RETIREMENT	$737,630.66
EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	$28,046.20
BASIC EDUCATION FUNDING	$1,634,622.55
S D TRANSPORTATION	$128,749.00
N P TRANSPORTATION	$5,775.00
NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM	$79,879.98
NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM	$4,413.39

EDUCATION AND CURRICULUM

Upon motion of Mrs. Keranko, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini, 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 Superintendent to Attend 2025 PARSS Conference, April 30 – May 2, 2025
b. Approval of Clinical Practicum Student from Slippery Rock University
c. Approval of Sunday Facility Request for the Ski Club on January 26, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

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

POLICIES/ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

Upon motion of Mrs. Pappasergi, 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. First Reading of Revised Policy 005 – Organization
b. First Reading of Revised Policy 308 – Employment Contract/Board Resolution
c. First Reading of Revised Policy 823 – Opioid Antagonist
d. Approval of Revised Administrative Regulation 308-AR-1 – Employee Resignations
e. Approval of Revised Administrative Regulation 308-AR-2 – Form for Acceptance of Resignations

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

PERSONNEL

Upon motion of Mr. Nutting, 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 Retirement of Full-Time Custodian, Patricia Axton, effective February 7, 2025

b. Name 2024-2025 Spring Athletic Coaches

Baseball:
Head Varsity – Luke Mollis - $6,695.00
Varsity Assistant – Brian Corrin - $2,652.00
Varsity Assistant – Luke Glasser - $2,652.00
Varsity Volunteer – Bruno Pappasergi
Varsity Volunteer – David Sink
Varsity Volunteer – Keaton Riley
Middle School Head – Scott DeUnger - $2,318.00
Middle School Assistant – Jeff Klinger - $1,803.00
Middle School Volunteer – Bill Henderson
Middle School Volunteer – Paul Jones

Track:
Head Varsity – Joe Grodz - $7,025.00
Varsity Assistant – Amanda Bashioum - $2,122.00
Varsity Assistant – Ramont Small - $2,122.00
Varsity Assistant – Nathan Fiala - $2,122.00
Varsity Assistant – Erin Wilkerson - $2,122.00
Varsity Volunteer – Jonah Ruschak
Varsity Volunteer – Samantha Fleming
Middle School Head – Jessica Fritch - $2,228.00
Middle School Assistant – Beth Noble - $1,804.00

Softball:
Varsity Head – Lloyd Tilghman - $6,695.00
Varsity Assistant – Natalie Sheppick - $2,500.00
Varsity Volunteer – Jennifer McCann
Varsity Volunteer – Chris Sheppick
Varsity Volunteer – Bre Painter
Varsity Volunteer – Casey Powell
Varsity Volunteer – Anjie Bench

Middle School Volleyball:
Middle School Head – Samantha Fleming - $2,100.00
Middle School Assistant – Lea Short - $1,500.00

Middle School Girls Basketball:
Middle School Head – Shawn Lee - $2,388.00
Middle School Assistant – Alvin Ross - $1,645.00

c. Name Homebound Instructor, Donna Jo Ball, salary per CAEA Bargaining Agreement

d. Approval of Sabbatical Leave for Middle School Teacher January 21, 2025 – June 3, 2025

e. Approval of Request for Uncompensated Leave for Sara Speicher, January 21 – March 27, 2025
f. Name Substitute Teachers: Sophia Brand (Emergency Permit, retroactive to January 8, 2025, Samuel London (Emergency Permit), Diana Smith (Emergency Permit), and Dan Degnan (Emergency Permit)
g. Name Substitute Support Personnel: Christi Hepple (Custodian), retroactive to December 19, 2024, Carrie Martin (Custodian), retroactive to December 19, 2024, Cody Package (Custodian), retroactive to December 19, 2024, Renee Paluso-Thorne (Custodian), retroactive to December 19, 2024, Stacy Shuback (Custodian), retroactive to December 19, 2024, and Rebecca Mathers (Custodian)

ROLL CALL:
Mr. Hopkins Yes, Mrs. Keranko Yes, Mr. Nutting Yes,
Mrs. Pappasergi Yes; abstain from b – Mr. Pappasergi, Mrs. Pellegrini Yes,
Mrs. Pepper Yes, Mr. Yakich Yes; abstain from g – Mr. Package,
Mr. Caruso Yes, Mrs. Hopkins Yes.

FINANCE AND SUPPORT AREAS

Upon motion of Mrs. Pellegrini, seconded by Mrs. Caruso, 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 November 2024 and December 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 December 2024 and January 2025
c. Approval of Interim Bill List for November 2024/December 2024 and December 2024/January 2025
d. Approval of High School, Middle School, Elementary Center and Athletic Activity Account Reports for November 2024 and December 2024
e. Approval of the Tax Collection Report for the Month of November 2024 and December 2024
f. Approval of the Lien Report for the Month of October 2024
g. Approval of the Monthly Revenues and Expenditures Report for November 2024 and December 2024
h. Approval of Extra Duty Time Reports for November 2024 and December 2024
i. Approval of Disabled Veterans Real Property Tax Exemption for parcel number 320-011-00-00-0003-05

~~j. Approval of Application for Tax Exemption (LERTA) For Drilling Tools International~~

k. Approval of School Real Estate Tax Penalty Refund for Parcel Numbers 320-009-00-00-0055-07, 320-011-00-00-0037-07, and 320-010-02-02-0029-00, in the amount of $435.67

l. Approval of Districtwide Appraisal Agreement Proposal from Industrial Appraisal Company, in the amount of $12,590.00

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Keranko Yes, Mr. Nutting Yes, Mrs. Pappasergi Yes,
Mrs. Pellegrini Yes, Mrs. Pepper Yes, Mr. Yakich Yes,
Mr. Caruso Yes, Mrs. Hopkins Yes, Mr. Hopkins Yes.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Zelich shared with the Board that Mr. Selva received a Pennsylvania Association of Rural and Small Schools grant in the amount of $3,486.00 to purchase six high-tech microscopes.

Dr. Zelich shared with the Board that Mr. Bruno received a grant from Washington County Community Foundation for equipment and materials.

Dr. Zelich shared with the Board that Mr. Arico and Dr. Mason presented an LSA Proposal to obtain funding for our STEAM and Robotics programs.

Dr. Zelich shared with the Board a document entitled, “Understanding Tuberculosis”; noting that there are no active tuberculosis cases in our District.

Upon motion of Mr. Caruso, seconded by Mr. Yakich, the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.