

**KARNS CITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD ACTION**

*March 10, 2025*

**CALL TO ORDER**

--The regular meeting was called to order by Mr. Price at 8:48 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

--Approved minutes of the February 10, 2025, regular meeting, and February 19, 2025, special meeting, as submitted.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE**

--No Report.

**PUBLIC TO BE HEARD**

--Mrs. MaryAnn MacKrell addressed the Board regarding the School District's playoff policy. On February 11, 2025, she indicated she had emailed regarding the District's decision to permit the Boys' Varsity Basketball team to participate in the playoffs, despite their record, noting that she did receive a response back from the Athletic Director and Superintendent. She continued by discussing her experience with the Boys' Varsity Soccer team. She is the Soccer Club President and a parent of a player and noted that the Boys' Varsity Soccer team was close to achieving a .500 record, but ultimately did not. She had asked for consideration as there would only be two other teams competing, one of which, Karns City had beaten during the season. Mrs. MacKrell noted that she was not able to find any policy regarding the matter on BoardDocs, but was disappointed to read about the decision to permit the Boys' Varsity Basketball to participate in the Explore Clarion. She posed two questions. First, she asked if there was a policy at the time of the soccer season? Second, she asked how did the boys' basketball question arrive before the Board? She concluded by stating that all teams less than a .500 record should be permitted to come before the Board, or establish a written policy on the matter, noting that she read there was a draft policy on the Agenda.

--Mr. Josh Smith addressed the Board regarding the status of the baseball field at Sugarcreek Township Park. He noted that he was aware the School District was in communication with a community member regarding next steps and was simply seeking an update. He went on to discuss the status of Historic Pullman Park and felt the situation regarding use of the field will only get worse, and could get worse mid-season. Mr. Smith shared that the baseball team's spring training trip to Myrtle Beach was upcoming and concluded by thanking the Board for their support and efforts of the baseball team through the trip as well as consideration of the field.

**BOARD LIAISONS**

--No Report.

**CAFETERIA**

--Approved Cafeteria Financial Statement, as submitted.

--Approved Cafeteria Bills, as submitted.

## **ATHLETICS**

- Approved the first read of the Karns City Area School District Playoff Policy for all High School Athletic Teams, as submitted.
- Approved the lease agreement between the Karns City Area School District and City of Butler Parks, Recreation Facilities and Grounds Authority for use of the Michelle Krill Field at Historic Pullman Park for the 2024-2025 school year at a cost not to exceed \$215.00 per game, as submitted.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

- Approved the addition(s)/deletion(s) to the bus driver list submitted by Shriver Bus Contracting Services for the 2024-2025 school year, pending successful completion and receipt of all clearances and forms.
  - Add: Brian Buerkle – Bus Driver

## **BUILDING & GROUNDS**

- Approved request for Use of School Facilities, as submitted.
- Approved the agreement between Karns City Area School District and AGX, Inc., to conduct an asbestos building material inspection of Sugarcreek Elementary School at a cost of \$8,550.00, as submitted.

## **STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

- Approved field trip(s), as submitted.

## **CURRICULUM AND TEXTBOOKS**

- Approved the second and final read of the Junior High and Senior High Curriculum Guides for the 2025-2026 school year, as submitted.
- Approved the second and final read of the Karns City Area School District Elementary Curriculum Guide for the 2025-2026 school year, as submitted.
- Approved the Letter of Agreement between Karns City Area School District and The Meadows Psychiatric Center for the 2025-2026, 2026-2027 & 2027-2028 school years, as submitted.
- Approved the Letter of Agreement between Butler Health Systems Family Services and Karns City Area School District, as submitted.
- Approved the first read of Big Ideas Math: Math & You curriculum for grades K through 6 beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, along with its online features and digital access, for a 6 year period, at a price of \$160,348.50, as submitted.
- Approved the Guidance Plan for Grades K through 12 for the Karns City Area School District, as submitted.

## **POLICY**

- Approved the first read of revised Policy 103 - Discrimination/Harassment Affecting Students, as submitted.
- Approved the first read of revised Policy 103.1 - Nondiscrimination - Qualified Students with Disabilities, as submitted.
- Approve the first read of revised Policy 104 - Discrimination/Harassment Affecting Staff, as submitted.
- Approved the first read of revised Policy 234 - Pregnant/Parenting/Married Students, as submitted.
- Approved the first read of revised Policy 247 - Hazing, as submitted.
- Approved the first read of revised Policy 249- Bullying/Cyberbullying, as submitted.
- Approved the first read of revised Policy 252 - Dating Violence, as submitted.
- Approved the first read of revised Policy 336 - Personal Necessity Leave, as submitted.

- Approved the first read of revised Policy 339 - Uncompensated Leave, as submitted.
- Approved the first read of revised Policy 824 - Maintaining Professional Adult/Student Boundaries, as submitted.

## **FINANCE**

- Approved General Fund Bills, as submitted.
- Approved Treasurer's Report, as submitted.
- Approved Student Activity Fund Report, as submitted.
- Approved the agreement between the Karns City Area School District and the PSBA Insurance Trust for participation in the Butler Unemployment Compensation System BASIC Program (BUCS Basic), commencing on July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, at a cost of \$4.50 per employee, as submitted.

## **PERSONNEL**

- Authorized the administration to post/advertise for the following positions: Secondary Social Studies Teacher.
- Approved addition(s)/deletion(s) to the Karns City Area School District's Driver List, as submitted.
  - Add: Karen Bishop – Family & Consumer Science
- Approved a per diem rate to Substitute Teachers in the amount of \$125/day, effective March 11, 2025, as submitted.
- Approved the addition(s)/deletion(s) to the volunteer list, as submitted for the 2024-2025 school year pending successful completion of all required clearances under Act 24, Act 34, Act 114, Act 151, & Act 168, as submitted.
  - Add: Cristina Black – Band
  - Add: Chad Karenbauer – Elementary
  - Remove: Michelle Rodgers – Gifted
- Approved travel request(s), as submitted.
- Approved proposed changes to the draft Athletic Director job description, as submitted.
- Approved proposed changes to the draft Assistant Athletic Director job description, as submitted.
- Approved the addition(s)/deletion(s) to the substitute list for the 2024-2025 school year pending successful completion of all required clearances under Act 24, Act 34, Act 114, Act 151, Act 168, and results of a current tuberculosis test, as submitted.
  - Add: Aaron Wagner – Substitute Teacher
  - Remove: Chance Wesner – Substitute Teacher

## **CAPITAL RESERVE**

- Approved Capital Projects Bill(s), as submitted.
- Approved Capital Fund Bill(s), as submitted.
- Approved the General Contractor Change Order 70 for the Chicora Project, with an increase of \$2,888.00, as submitted.

## **BCAVTS REPORT**

- No Report.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

- Approved the resolution of the Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV General Operating Budget for the 2025-2026 school year. Karns City Area School District's estimated share is \$12,216, which is a decrease of \$377 as compared to the 2024-2025 school year, as submitted.

- Approved the CompleteU Survey for Juniors and Seniors to help them connect with colleges, universities, work force, military opportunities, etc, as submitted.
- Declared the list of items by Mr. Sean Edwards of no value to the District and authorized the Administration to donate or dispose of items, as submitted.
- Approved the Administration to work with Tremco Construction Product Groups and Eckles Construction Services to prepare and solicit for bids for Karns City Jr/Sr High School roof replacement project.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

- The meeting adjourned to executive session at 9:01 p.m. Executive session adjourned at 10:21 p.m.