

**KARNS CITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD ACTION**

*May 12, 2025*

**CALL TO ORDER**

--The regular meeting was called to order by Mr. Price at 8:13 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

--Approved minutes of the April 28, 2025, regular meeting, as submitted.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE**

--During the 6:00 Work Session, Senior student Liam Rodgers shared feedback regarding a Food Service survey that he participated in through his role in the Governance Committee of the High School Student Council. Mr. Rodgers garnered feedback from students regarding their experience with the food offered at the High School Cafeteria, amongst other food service related questions, this past school year, receiving a significant response rate. Through this survey, valuable feedback was shared with the Food Service Director about the students likes and dislikes. Mr. Rodgers concluded by sharing that he felt surveying the student body, in ways such as this, could provide the Administration and Board with very beneficial information across a variety of topics, and encouraged this practice to be considered for the future.

**PUBLIC TO BE HEARD**

--Ms. Kylee Stevenson address the Board regarding concerns with student driver's commuting to the Butler County Area Vocational Technical School (Vo-Tech). Ms. Stevenson does not have students who attend the Vo-Tech, but she does live on Kittanning Pike and stated that she sees students driving to Vo-Tech inappropriately. She continued on by citing her prior experience with a former student driver putting her family at risk. Specifically, Ms. Stevenson stated that she has experienced student drivers drive around a stopped bus, witnessed four students racing up Lick Hill in Butler and also passing a tractor trailer on Route 68. She felt that driving privileges should be considered being revoked. Ms. Stevenson also addressed the Board regarding concerns over funding towards Special Education, specifically from the Federal level. She shared that she was very happy with the Special Education program at Karns City. Finally, Ms. Stevenson voiced concerns regarding the handling of transportation for her son as well as issues surrounding her daughter being bullied. A separate meeting between Ms. Stevenson and the elementary Administration will be scheduled to discuss her concerns.

--Ms. Kathleen Bauer addressed the Board regarding her request to have her daughter attend Karns City Area Elementary School beginning next year for Kindergarten. Ms. Bauer has two daughters age five and two and lives near the border between the Karns City Area School District and Butler School District. Her personal residence is within the Butler School District, however, Butler does not provide a bus directly to her house, while a Karns City bus drives past her home. She is a graduate from Moniteau School District and prefers the small town schools over the larger Butler School District. As a result of the closure of Oakland Elementary, Ms. Bauer shared that her daughter would have a forty-five minute commute to her elementary school, and that Karns City Area Elementary School would be much closer.

**BOARD LIAISONS**

--No Report.

**CAFETERIA**

- Approved Cafeteria Financial Statement, as submitted.
- Approved Cafeteria Bills, as submitted.

### **ATHLETICS**

- No Report.

### **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 required clearances and forms.
  - Add - Judith Jamison - Bus Driver
  - Remove – Andy Seybert – Bus Driver

### **BUILDING & GROUNDS**

- Approved requests for Use of School Facilities, as submitted.
- Approved the three-year agreement between Karns City Area School District and Penn Power Systems for maintenance and inspections of the emergency power generation system, with a cost not to exceed \$6,350.51, as submitted.
- Approved the one-year service maintenance agreement with Combustion Service & Equipment Co. (CS&E) for maintenance on the chiller and 2 boilers with a cost of \$1,280.00 effective on July 1, 2025, as submitted.
- Retroactively approved the proposal submitted by Measure Line Services for the coring of the Karns City Jr/Sr High School track, with a cost not to exceed \$4,800.00, as submitted.
- Approved the proposal submitted by Cernica Engineering, Inc. for the drilling, sampling and related engineering services for the light towers at the Karns City Jr/Sr High School, Diehl Stadium, at a cost not to exceed \$8,821.00, as submitted.
- Awarded the Garbage Bid for the 2025-2026 through 2027-2028 school years to Schumacher Refuse with a total cost of \$62,821.50, as submitted.

### **STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

- Approved field trip(s), as submitted.

### **CURRICULUM AND TEXTBOOKS**

- Approved the second and final read of the Personal Finance, Career Education and Work Curriculum framework, which will be used for the new Financial Literacy course beginning with the 2026-2027 school year, as submitted.
- Approved the second and final read of Principles of Business, Marketing, and Finance to be utilized in Introduction to Business Course for the 2025-2026 school year, and Financial Literary course beginning 2026-2027, as submitted.
- Approved the second and final read of the Pearson English, My Perspectives High School Level textbook for a 6 year period with a classroom set, with a cost of \$80,706.00, payable over two fiscal years, as submitted.
- Approved the second and final read of the McGraw Hill Wonders curriculum for grades K through 6 beginning with the 2025-2026 school year, along with its online features and digital access, for a 5 year period, with a cost of \$154,246.73, payable over two fiscal years, as submitted.
- Approved the one-year agreement between the Karns City Area School District and LinkIt for software licensing effective July 1, 2025 at a cost not to exceed \$15,080.00, as submitted.

- Approved the Alternative Educational Services Agreement between Karns City Area School District and Adelphoi Education, Inc. for the 2025-2026 school year at the rate of \$104.22 per day for regular education students (Kittanning), \$173.45 per day for regular education students (Beaver) and \$122.52 per day for special education students (Kittanning) and \$173.45 per day for special education students (Beaver), as submitted.
- Approved the Agreement for the National Geographic Learning, Math and You curriculum, for deferred payment with 50% due by July 30, 2025 and the balance due by July 30, 2026, with a total cost not to exceed the approved price of \$155,068.50, as submitted.
- Approved the Student Assistance Program (SAP) Agreement between Karns City Area School District and Butler County Human Services Center for Community Resources for the 2025-2026 school year, as submitted.

## **POLICY**

- Approved the second and final read of the revised attachment for Policy 707, Use of School Facilities, as submitted.
- Approved the second and final read of the revised attachment for Policy 815 - Acceptable Use of Internet, Computers and Network Resources, as submitted.
- Approved the first read of Policy 317 - Conduct/Disciplinary Procedures, as submitted.
- Approved the first read of Policy 317.1 - Educator Misconduct, as submitted.
- Approved the first read of Policy 320 - Freedom of Speech by Employees, as submitted.
- Approved the first read of Policy 718 - Service Animals in Schools, as submitted.

## **FINANCE**

- Approved General Fund Bills, as submitted.
- Approved Treasurer's Report, as submitted.
- Approved Student Activity Fund Report, as submitted.
- Approved the renewal of PSBA Standard Membership Package and the Policy Maintenance Service Program at a cost of \$8,072.53, as submitted (\$58.08 increase from 2024-2025).
- Approved the purchase of Cyber Liability Insurance awarded to Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America at a cost of \$7,040.00, as submitted (Decrease of \$4,789 from 2024-2025).
- Approved General Property/Liability/Auto/School Board Error & Omissions/Umbrella/Law Enforcement Insurance Policy be awarded to CM Regent Insurance Company at a cost of \$124,127.00 for the 2025-2026 school year, as submitted (increase of \$4,156 from 2024-2025).
- Approved Worker's Compensation Insurance Policy with UPMC at a cost of \$39,041.00 for the 2025-2026 school year (Decrease of \$1,187.00 from 2024-2025).
- Approved the Resolution, as presented by Bond Counsel, authorizing the issuance of a General Obligation Note, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Unit Debt Act, for the purpose of providing funds for the capital improvements to School District facilities, as submitted.
- Authorized the Administration to rent a vehicle for the summer Driver Education Program from Baglier Buick GMC at a fee of \$400 per month for the period of May 29, 2024 to August 12, 2024, as submitted.
- Appointed of NexTier Bank as Treasurer and Depository for the school district accounts for the 2025-2026 school year and to reaffirm Act 72 agreements with said depositories.
- Authorized the administration to release a request for proposals for 400 Chromebooks devices for the 2025-2026 school year, to be funded by Title I, as submitted.
- Approved the 2025-2026 Preliminary Final Budget with estimated revenue and expenditures in the amount of \$26,698,050, as submitted.

## **PERSONNEL**

- Approved the second and final read of the updated Athletic Director job description, as submitted.
- Approved the second and final read of the updated Assistant Athletic Director job description, as submitted.
- Approved the 2025-2026 School Nutrition Association (SNA) Membership for the Karns City Area School District at a cost of \$183.00, as submitted.
- Approved an unpaid leave request for Mrs. Felicia Stimac, Paraprofessional, on June 3, 2025, as submitted.
- Approved an unpaid leave request for Ms. Brittany Conley, Cafeteria Worker, on April 23, 2025, as submitted.
- Approved travel request(s), as submitted.
- Approved the additions(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.
  - Remove: Joshua Price – Athletics
- Accepted the resignation of Ms. Cindy Heller, Cafeteria Worker, effective March 10, 2025, as submitted.
- Approved the School Police Agreement for July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2028 school years, as submitted

## **CAPITAL RESERVE**

- Approved Capital Fund Bill(s), as submitted.

## **BCAVTS REPORT**

- No Report.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

- Approved the agreement between Karns City Area School District and Mrs. Amanda Walters as the 2025 Graduation Sound Coordinator at a fee not to exceed \$600.00, as submitted.
- Approved the proposal submitted by 2 Krew Security and Surveillance to convert the current Brivo access control system at the Karns City Jr/Sr High School to Gallagher at a cost not to exceed \$43,039.00, funded by the Pennsylvania Commission of Crime and Delinquency grant, as submitted.
- Authorized the voluntary participation of students in grades 6, 8, 10, & 12 in the 2025 Pennsylvania Youth Survey (PAYS) at no cost to the District, as submitted.
- Approved the agreement between the Karns City Area School District and Independence Health Systems Orthopedics & Sports Medicine, for one Athletic Trainer to be utilized by the District for the 2025-2026, 2026-2027, & 2027-2028 school years, at a cost not to exceed \$82,000, as submitted.
- Approved non-resident student to attend Karns City Area Elementary School for the 2025-2026 school year, at the elementary paid tuition rate of \$11,607.21, as submitted.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

- The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. to Executive Session. Executive Session adjourned at 10:10 p.m.