CHARLEROI AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting of Tuesday, April 15, 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, Mr. Hopkins, 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 6:00 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, Mr. Hopkins, Mr. Nutting, Mrs. Pappasergi, Mrs. Pellegrini, Mrs. Pepper, and Mr. Yakich. Mrs. Hopkins and Mrs. Keranko were absent.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

The Board recognized Mrs. Carla Herrnberger, Director of Special Education, as a Washington County ATHENA Award Finalist and students of the first-grade class for academic excellence and outstanding citizenship.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon motion of Mrs. Pellegrini, 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 April 15, 2025.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Student Representatives Jacob Corrin and Eva Matinko shared with the Board the upcoming events in the high school.

ROUTINE BUSINESS:

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

a. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of March 18, 2025

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

EDUCATION AND CURRICULUM

Upon motion of Mrs. Pellegrini, seconded by Mrs. Pappasergi, 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 2025-2026 Middle School Course Guide
b. Approval of Washington & Jefferson College Academic Affiliation Agreement
c. Approval of 2025-2026 New Directions Education Services Agreement, at a rate of $160.00 per day per student
d. Approval of Arc Human Services, Inc. Independent Contractor Agreement, at a rate of $175.00 per day per student, and $250.00 per day per student for one-on-one services
e. Approval of Watson Institute Social Center for Academic Achievement Agreement, in the annual amount of $59,827.00 per student
f. Approval of Watson Institute Education Center Agreement, in the annual amount of $61,368.00 per student
g. Approval of Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf Extended School Year Agreement – 01, in the amount of $2,000.00 per student
h. Approval of Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf Extended School Year Agreement – 02, in the amount of $2,000.00 per student
i. Name 2025 voting Delegates for PSBA Delegate Assembly, Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Yakich

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

POLICIES/ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

Upon motion of Mr. Hopkins, seconded by Mr. Yakich, it was resolved to approve all POLICIES/ADMINISTRTIVE REGULATIONS resolutions as presented by the Administration and subject to review by the District Solicitor as follows:

a. Final Reading of School Security Personnel Use of Force Policy
b. Final Reading of Revised Policy 103 – Discrimination/Harassment Affecting Students
c. Final Reading of Revised Policy 104 – Discrimination/Harassment Affecting Staff
d. Final Reading of Revised Policy 234 – Pregnant/Parenting/Married Students

ROLL CALL:
Mrs. Hopkins __Absent___, Mr. Hopkins __Yes___, Mrs. Keranko __Absent___,
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 Mrs. Pellegrini, 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 School Security Officer, Val Smith, retroactive to March 28, 2025
b. Accept Resignation of Paraprofessional, Ramont Small, retroactive to March 28, 2025
c. Name 2025-2026 Football Coaching Staff: Jeff Klinger – Varsity Assistant, Cary Charles – Varsity Assistant, Don Klinger – Varsity Assistant, Paul Jones – Varsity Assistant, BJ Tempest – Varsity Assistant, Mike Ciserano – Varsity Assistant, Luke Mollis – Varsity Assistant, Chris Swann – Varsity Assistant, Geno Pellegrini – Varsity Assistant , Mario Celaschi – Varsity Assistant, and Aaron Kostelansky – Middle School Head Coach
d. Name Varsity Golf Assistant Coach, Keaton Riley, at a salary of $1,500.00
e. Name School Security Officer, Donald Swank, at an hourly rate of $20.00, retroactive to March 26, 2025
f. Name School Security Officer, Ramont Small, at an hourly rate of $20.00, retroactive to March 31, 2025
g. Approval of School Security Officer Pay Increase, Jim Franks, $22.00 per hour, retroactive to March 17, 2025
h. Name Elementary Center Part-Time Secretary, Carrie Baker, retroactive to March 31, 2025, salary per CESPA Bargaining Agreement
i. Name Driver's Education Theory and Behind the Wheel Instructor, Stanley Milchovich, salary per CAEA Bargaining Agreement
j. Name First Grade Long-Term Substitute Teacher, Grace Prowitt, retroactive to April 2, 2025, through June 3, 2025

k. Approval of Request for Uncompensated Leave, Carrie Martin, March 31 through April 7, 2025
l. Name Substitute Teachers: Dylan Craig (Emergency Certification), Cassidy McCormick (Emergency Certification), and Denise Ratcliff-Kennedy (Emergency Certification), salary per CAEA Bargaining Agreement
m. Name Substitute Support: Val Smith (Van Monitor), retroactive to March 31, 2025, salary per CESPA Bargaining Agreement

ROLL CALL:
Mr. Hopkins _Yes___, Mrs. Keranko __Absent___, Mr. Nutting __Yes___,
Mrs. Pappasergi __Yes___, Mrs. Pellegrini __Yes; abstain from c – Geno Pellegrini___,
Mrs. Pepper _Yes__, Mr. Yakich _Yes_, Mr. Caruso _Yes_, Mrs. Hopkins _Absent_.

FINANCE AND SUPPORT AREAS

Upon motion of Mr. Caruso, seconded 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 March 2025 as follows: General Fund, Restricted Savings, Digital Revenue, Payroll, Food Service Fund, and Capital Projects Fund
b. Approval of General Fund and Food Service Fund Bill List for the Month of April 2025
c. Approval of Interim Bill List for March 2025/April 2025
d. Approval of High School, Middle School, Elementary Center and Athletic Activity Account Reports for March 2025
e. Approval of the Monthly Tax Collection Report for the Month of March 2025
f. Approval of the Monthly Revenues and Expenditures Report for March 2025
g. Approval of Extra Duty Time Reports for March 2025
h. Approval of Intermediate Unit 1 Lease Agreement, at a monthly rate of $1,300.00 per classroom
i. Approval of Frontline Education Payroll Agreement, with a one-time fee of $4,220.00 and annual recurring fees of $6,225.80
j. Approval of Schindler Elevator Corporation Agreement, in the amount of $13,000.00
k. Approval of CM Regent Financial Renewal for Life Insurance, Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance, Short-Term Disability Insurance, and Long-Term Disability Insurance
l. Approval of 2025-2026 Kidder Newsletter Contract of Agreement, in the amount of $3,900.00
m. Approval of 2025-2026 Kidder Postcard Contract of Agreement, in the amount of $2,600.00
n. Award Food Service Bid to The Nutrition Group

o. Award Upperclassmen Student Device Replacement Bid to CCL Technology Solutions, in the amount of $64,345.00
p. Approval of BNY Incumbency Certificate/Authorized Callbacks

ROLL CALL:
Mrs. Keranko __Absent___, Mr. Nutting __Yes___, Mrs. Pappasergi __Yes___,
Mrs. Pellegrini __Yes___, Mrs. Pepper __Yes___, Mr. Yakich __Yes___,
Mr. Caruso _Yes_, Mrs. Hopkins __Absent___, Mr. Hopkins __Yes___.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Zelich shared with the Board that Mr. Arico was the recipient of the Classsroom to Career Readiness STEAM Robotics Grant in the amount of $18,497.

Dr. Zelich informed the Board that Student Government Day will be held on April 22, 2025.

Dr. Zelich informed the Board that the Middle School Student Council will be visiting Washington, DC, May 22-24, 2025.

Dr. Zelich shared with the Board that the Baccalaureate service will be held on Sunday, June 1, 2025, at 4:00 p.m. in the Community Room.

Dr. Zelich shared with the Board that Komatsu Earth Day will be held on April 28, 2025. Employees from Komatsu donated potting soil, plants, and seeds for our middle school science students to plant on campus.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Hopkins thanked the Board for their donation in his brother-in-law's memory.

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