

# Charter School for Applied Technologies

## Board Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2025



### Public Comments (5 minutes)

#### Minutes (5 minutes)

- Minutes from 03.11.2025
  - Motion to approve – Bryan Carlo
  - Second – Kevin Cornacchio
  - Minutes approved.

#### Presentation: (20 minutes)

- Athletics – Mr. Burzynski presented on all things athletics, including CSAT branding and the vision for the future of sports and leagues at CSAT, current champion athletes, intramurals (Saturday program).
  - Vision – dynamic and inclusive athletics program
  - Sports – **Fall:** volleyball, soccer, cross country, **Winter:** basketball, wrestling, cheerleading, indoor track, **Spring:** baseball, softball, outdoor track
  - Budget – suggested increase in budget to \$715, 439 (+3.6%) – due to updated NYS law requiring updated AEDs, with the largest expenses comprised of payroll, transportation, coaching stipends, league dues, trainer, and officials
  - Challenges – coaching turnover, competition with other charters – especially those with football teams, the league, schools without boundaries, and transportation
  - Future – Football 2026-2027 – potentially fully funded
  - Board members asked about flag football. Mr. Burzynski discussed a PTO inquiry/survey regarding a potential football team for CSAT through social media, and there was much interest in not only a football program, but also flag football.
  - Some discussion about the definition of “school without boundaries”

#### Administrative Reports (10 minutes)

- **Administrative Report** – Mr. Lyle
  - Mr. Lyle reported that the NYS ed dept is continuing to follow NYS and the civil rights laws and CSAT is following NYS.
  - NYS testing system had issues with starting today, but the problems appear to have been fixed according to the state testing department.

#### Permanent Board Committees

- **QA - None**
- **Finance - None**
- **Career Readiness – None**

#### Ad Hoc Board Committees

- Appeals – Mr. Donnelly
  - No appeals

#### Old Business

##### Transportation (*ongoing*) – Mr. Lyle (5 minutes)

- Email from Ms. Cuppola – agreement with First Student on 3/9 – we are on the agenda for tomorrow’s meeting. Discussion of 3-year vs 5 and Mr. Lyle requested the 5-year contract.

#### New Business

- **2025-2026 School Calendars (vote)**
  - Motion to approve – Bryan Carlo
  - Second – John Cinquino
  - Motion approved.
- **Enrollment/Lottery Results** – Mr. Loveria (5 minutes)

- We lost some students, but we are not accepting any new students from now through the end of year since the lottery has taken place
- Mr. Loveria discussed the lottery results and the collective recruitment efforts of various parties at CSAT – need to convert applicants to enrolling here at CSAT. Will have an update for next board meeting. Some discussion about the lower end of applications (K-3). Did we get students from the charter school that closed? We got a few but not many.
- **Personnel report – Mr. Lyle (10 minutes)**
  - Mr. Lyle discussed two new hires, position changes in custodian position, a couple of people returned from leave
    - Motion to approve – John Cinquino
    - Second – Bryan Carlo
    - Motion approved.

## **Board entered Executive Session, 5:27pm**

### **Agenda Setting**

Next meeting is **May 13, 2025**

- - Motion to end the meeting:
- - Second:

**Attendance in person:** Kevin Cornacchio, Lisa Smith, Gina Gentry, Steve Kottakis, Terrell Chambers, Bryan Carlo, Jason Campbell, John Cinquino

**Others:** Andy Lyle, Garrick Loveria, Tanya Moore, Bob Shannon, Patrick Heyden, Ann Morgante, Dara Seeley, Brett Lutterbein, Sarah Monaco, Sue Jurewicz, Chris Bigouette, Lindsay Gress, Tara Jefferson, Chris Burzynski, Shane Lynch, Nicole Killion, Tara Puff, Keith Banas, Katelyn Ventry, Dan Scholze