CHARLEROI AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting of Tuesday, June 17, 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. Also, in Executive Session, due to Officer Brand's injury, Dr. Zelich presented the 2024-2025 School Safety and Security Report to the Board of Directors. Persons present were: Mr. Caruso, Mr. Hopkins, Mr. Nutting, Mrs. Pappasergi, 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 7:02 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. Pepper, and Mr. Yakich. Mrs. Hopkins, Mrs. Keranko, and Mrs. Pellegrini were absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon motion of Mr. Yakich, seconded by Mr. Hopkins, it was resolved to approve the agenda for the Regular Meeting of the Charleroi Area School District Board of School Directors for June 17, 2025.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

The Board recognized the 2025 retirees: Ms. Patricia Axton, Mrs, Diana Byham, and Mrs. Tyra Savarese.

ROUTINE BUSINESS:

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

a. Approval of the Minutes of the Special Budget and Voting Meeting of May 13, 2025
b. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of May 20, 2025

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was read at the meeting:

a. June Subsidies

The following Federal and State Funds have been or will be received for the month of June 2025:

FUNDING	AMOUNT
CAFETERIA	$96,323.01
SOCIAL SECURITY	$168,431.71
CHARTER/CYBER TRANSITION	$41,619.26
SPECIAL EDUCATION	$416,578.74
BASIC EDUCATION FUNDING	$2,783,005.19
RETIREMENT	$763,982.92

EDUCATION AND CURRICULUM

Upon motion of Mrs. Pappasergi, seconded by Mr. Nutting, 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 Tuition Rates for Non-Resident Students: Grades K-6 - $12,493.22 and Grades 7-12 - $13,693.80
b. Approval of 2025-2026 Allegheny Intermediate Unit Comprehensive Services Agreement and Special Education Addendum
c. Approval of Administration of the Pennsylvania Youth Survey (PAYS) for all 6th, 8th, 10th, and 12th Graders During the Fall of 2025 School Year
d. Approval of Vector Solutions/Safe Schools Professional Development Act 48 Training, in the amount of $4,305.00
e. Approval of Bi-Annual Memorandum of Understanding with Charleroi Regional Police Department, Pennsylvania State Police, and R.E.S.A. Police Department
f. Approval of Tuition Agreement – Nonresident Students

ROLL CALL:
Mr. Caruso _Yes_, Mrs. Hopkins __Absent__, Mr. Hopkins _Yes__,

Mrs. Keranko Absent, Mr. Nutting Yes, Mrs. Pappasergi Yes,
Mrs. Pellegrini Absent, 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/ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS resolutions as presented by the Administration and subject to review by the District Solicitor as follows:

a. Review of Policy 918 – Title I Parent and Family Engagement
b. Final Reading of Revised Policy 317 – Conduct/Disciplinary Procedures
c. Final Reading of Revised Policy 317.1 – Educator Misconduct
d. Final Reading of Revised Policy 320 – Freedom of Speech by Employees
e. Final Reading of Revised Policy 325 – Dress and Grooming
f. Final Reading of Revised Policy 718 – Service Animals in Schools

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

PERSONNEL

Upon motion of Mr. Yakich, seconded by Mr. Nutting, it was resolved to approve all PERSONNEL resolutions as presented by the Administration and subject to review by the District Solicitor as follows:

a. Approval of Resignation of Middle School Special Education Teacher, Jena King, effective immediately
b. Approval to Rescind Motion to Name Middle School Softball Assistant Coach, Casey Powell
c. Name Middle School Softball Assistant Coach, Bre Painter, at a salary of $1,750.00
d. Approval of Tenure: Bethany Baker, Angela Bench, Christine Gialames, Elizabeth LaCarte, Soni McClelland, Alaina Millick, Katrina Papantonakis, Michelle Paul, Kristopher Vatter, Mia Woytovich
e. Name High School Social Studies Teacher, Michael Milchovich, Master's Step 6, beginning 2025-2026 school year, salary and benefits per CAEA Bargaining Agreement
f. Name Grades 6-12 Summer Credit Recovery Teachers, Jessica Hefferan and Sara Pappasergi, salary per CAEA Bargaining Agreement
g. Name 2025-2026 Charleroi Area School District Graphic Designer, Brennen Shannon, at an annual salary of $15,000.00

h. Approval of District Homeless Coordinator 2025-2026 School Year Stipend, at an annual rate of $1,500.00
i. Approval of PIMS Co-Coordinator 2025-2026 School Year Stipend, at an annual rate of $5,000.00
j. Approval of PIMS Co-Coordinator 2025-2026 School Year Stipend, at an annual rate of $5,000.00
k. Approval of English Language Learner Supervisor 2025-2026 School Year Stipend, at an annual rate of $1,500.00
l. Approval of Title I Federal Programs Coordinator 2025-2026 School Year Stipend, at an annual rate of $3,500.00
m. Approval of Charleroi Online Learning Academy (COLA) Supervisor – Grades 7-12 2025-2026 School Year Stipend, at an annual rate of $2,500.00
n. Approval of Charleroi Online Learning Academy (COLA) Supervisor – Grades K-6 2025-2026 School Year Stipend, at an annual rate of $2,500.00
o. Approval of Student Registrar 2025-2026 School Year Stipend, at an annual rate of $5,000.00
p. Approval of Health Savings Account and Tax Shelter Annuity Coordinator 2025-2026 School Year Stipend, at an annual rate of $5,000.00
q. Approval of Assistant to the Athletic Director 2025-2026 School Year Stipends, at an annual rate of $2,500.00 each
r. Approval of Summer Mechanic Internship, Javier Wade, at an hourly rate of $15.00

ROLL CALL:
Mr. Hopkins Yes, Mrs. Keranko Absent, Mr. Nutting Yes,
Mrs. Pappasergi Yes; abstain from f – Sara Pappasergi, Mrs. Pellegrini Absent,
Mrs. Pepper Yes, Mr. Yakich Yes, Mr. Caruso Yes, Mrs. Hopkins Absent.

FINANCE AND SUPPORT AREAS

Upon motion of Mr. Caruso, seconded Mr. Nutting, 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 May 2025 as follows: General Fund, Restrictive Savings Fund, Digital Revenue Fund, Payroll Fund, Food Service Fund, and Capital Projects Fund
b. Approval of General Fund Month of June 2025
c. Approval of Interim Bill List for May 2025/June 2025
d. Approval of High School, Middle School, Elementary Center and Athletic Activity Account Reports for May 2025

e. Approval of the Tax Collection Report for the Month of May 2025
f. Approval of the Monthly Revenues and Expenditures Report for May 2025
g. Approval of Extra Duty Time Reports for May 2025
h. Approval of the 2025-2026 Final Budget, as Posted and Advertised in the amount of $32,500,000.00 and Approve the Imposition of School Real Estate Tax at 19.6278 Mills
i. Approval of 2025-2026 Homestead/Farmstead Exclusion
j. Approval of Cafeteria Prices for the 2025-2026 School Year
k. Approval to Authorize the Selection of ABM Building Solutions, LLC for the implementation of a project through Cooperative Purchasing Provisions of the Sourcewell Contract No. 080824-ABL: HVAC Systems and Related Products and Services, in the amount of $5,098,514.00
l. Approval of Reimbursement Resolution whereas the school district hereby declares, pursuant to the Reimbursement Regulations, its official intent to reimburse itself from the proceeds of Obligations an amount not to exceed $2,000,000.00 for the purpose of Capital Expenditures for the ABM Building Solutions, LLC Project which may occur prior to the issuance of the same
m. Approval of Piper Sandler Underwriter Engagement Letter for the purpose of new money and/or restructuring of the Bonds
n. Approval of LinkIt! Software License Agreement, in the amount of $12,227.75
o. Approval of Vasco Asphalt Company Asphalt Repair and Sealing Contract: seal coat on high school big lot, high school small lot and roads, elementary lot, auxiliary gym lot, restripe double yellow dividing line on Fecsen Drive, and mill and pave bus lot, in the amount of $223,595.00
p. Approval of Reconstruction of District Sign at Front Entrance of the Campus by Camut LLC Welding & Fabrication, in the amount of $9,568.00
q. Approval to Dispose of Capital Assets
r. Approval of Disabled Veterans Real Property Tax Exemption – 01, for parcel number 320-006-02-01-0028-00
s. Approval of Disabled Veterans Real Property Tax Exemption – 02, for parcel number 250-013-00-01-0010-01
t. Approval of Penn Highlands Healthcare Orthopedic & Sports Medicine Athletic Training Professional Services Agreement, in the amount of $55,000.00

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Keranko Absent, Mr. Nutting Yes, Mrs. Pappasergi Yes,
Mrs. Pellegrini Absent, 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 the 2024-2025 Chronic Absenteeism Report, noting that our chronic absenteeism has consistently dropped over the last four years.

Dr. Zelich shared with the Board a donation for our Harvest Bounty Program in the amount of $6,000.00 from the Roscoe Presbyterian Church, which has recently closed.

Dr. Zelich informed the Board Highmark will be hosting a free farmer's market at Dee's Event Center on September 30, 2025, from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Dr. Zelich shared with the Board our 2025 Summer Newsletter.

Upon motion of Mr. Caruso, seconded by Mr. Yakich, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.