CHARLEROI AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting of Tuesday, May 20, 2025
7:00 PM
Charleroi Area High School Community Room

MINUTES

Prior to the regular meeting, the Board met in Executive Session at 6:15 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, Mrs. 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 6:15 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, Mrs. Hopkins, Mr. Nutting, Mrs. Pappasergi, Mrs. Pellegrini, Mrs. Pepper, and Mr. Yakich. Mrs. Keranko was absent.

Mrs. Pepper made the announcement that at this time the meeting will be open for public comments limited to items listed on the agenda. There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon motion of Mrs. Pellegrini, 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 May 20, 2025.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

The Board recognized CASD PTA members Chelsey Fleming, Kelly Weaver, Danielle Spano, and Lisa Conger for their efforts during Teacher/Employee Appreciation Week.

The Board recognized Braedin Lunger on his WPIAL/PIAA track achievements.

The Board recognized kindergarten students for Academic Excellence and Outstanding Citizenship.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Student Representatives Jacob Corrin and Caden Carson shared with the Board the upcoming events in the high school.

ROUTINE BUSINESS:

Upon motion of Mr. Yakich, seconded by Mrs. Pappasergi, with all in favor, it was resolved to approve the following routine business items for the month of May 2025:

a. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of April 15, 2025

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was read at the meeting:
a. May Subsidies

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

FUNDING	AMOUNT
EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	$3,560.92
CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM	$137.17
NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM	$103,876.25
BASIC EDUCATION FUNDING	$1,645,950.46

EDUCATION AND CURRICULUM

Upon motion of Mr. Nutting, 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 Charleroi Area High School Graduates, contingent upon the student's satisfaction of the prescribed courses of instruction for the 2024-2025 school year
b. Approval of Middle School/High School Virtual Summer School Credit Recovery, June 23 – August 1, 2025
c. Approval of PennWest California Student Teacher Placements for Fall 2025
d. Approval of 2025-2026 Intermediate Unit 1 Education Services Agreement
e. Approval of 2025-2026 Intermediate Unit 1 Access Reimbursement Service Agreement – Administrative Support Only
f. Approval of 2025-2026 Intermediate Unit 1 Access Reimbursement Service Agreement – IU1-Based Staff
g. Approval of 2025-2026 Intermediate Unit 1 Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth Agreement
h. Approval of 2025-2026 Intermediate Unit 1 ESL Agreement

i. Approval of 2024-2025 Intermediate Unit 1 Partial Hospitalization Program Services Agreement
j. Approval of 2024-2025 Merakey Pennsylvania Agreement, retroactive to August 1, 2024
k. Approval of 2025-2026 Merakey Pennsylvania Agreement
l. Approval of Merakey Pennsylvania Collaborative Agreement
m. Approval of 2025-2026 Adelphoi Education Services Agreement
n. Approval of The Watson Institute Extended School Year Program Agreement, in the amount of $4,000.00 per student
o. Approval of 2025-2026 Southwest Behavioral Care, Inc. Outreach Coordinator Agreement, in the amount of $63,500.00 for High School Coordinator and $66,850.00 for Elementary Coordinator
p. Approval of 2025-2026 Pennsylvania Association of Rural and Small Schools (PARSS) Membership, in the amount of $975.00
q. Approval for Director of Technology to Participate in "Developing cybersecurity Resiliency for Everyone" Course
r. Approval of Request to Close Student Activity - Team Cougars
s. Approval of Request to Establish Student Activity – Unashamed – The High School Bible Club
t. Approval of Field Trip Request for Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science Students, Penn State University, May 18-20, 2025

ROLL CALL:
Mr. Caruso Yes , Mrs. Hopkins Yes , 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. Yakich, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini, 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. Approval of Revised Administrative Regulation 004-BOG-2 – Board of School Directors Vacancy Application Form
b. Approval of Revised Administrative Regulation 121-AR-0 – Field Trips
c. Approval of Revised Administrative Regulation 317-AR-1 – Disciplinary Procedures
d. Approval of Revised Administrative Regulation 317-AR-2 – Arrest or Conviction Report
e. Approval of Revised Administrative Regulation 325-AR-0 – Dress and Grooming
f. Approval of Revised Administrative Regulation 325-AR-1 – Unacceptable Attire for Employees

g. Approval of Revised Administrative Regulation 718-AR-0 – Service Animals in Schools
h. Approval of Revised Administrative Regulation 718-AR-1 – Evaluation of Requests by Students and Employees
i. Approval to Retire Administrative Regulation 317-AR-0 – Employee Conduct Standards
j. Approval to Retire Administrative Regulation 317-AR-3 – Educator Misconduct Complaint
k. First Reading of Revised Policy 317 – Conduct/Disciplinary Procedures
l. First Reading of Revised Policy 317.1 – Educator Misconduct
m. First Reading of Revised Policy 320 – Freedom of Speech by Employees
n. First Reading of Revised Policy 325 – Dress and Grooming
o. First Reading of Revised Policy 719 – Service Animals in Schools

ROLL CALL:
Mrs. Hopkins Yes, 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. Hopkins, 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. Accept Resignation of Elementary Part-Time Secretary, Carrie Baker, retroactive to April 23, 2025
b. Accept Resignation of Full-Time Custodian, Shawn Delaini, retroactive to May 2, 2025
c. Name 2025-2026 Fall Coaches
   Boys Soccer: Varsity Head – Tim Laskey - $6,500.00, Varsity Assistant – Jake Laskey - $3,000.00, Middle School Head – Julianne Childs - $2,450.00, Middle School Assistant – Matt Pringle - $1,650.00, Volunteer – Nick Goodwin, Volunteer – Nick Laskey, Volunteer – Eric Childs
   Girls Soccer: Varsity Head – Tom Cameron - $6,695.00, Varsity Assistant – Brooke Ramsdell - $2,575.00
   Golf: Varsity Head – Brian Corrin - $3,730.00, Varsity Assistant – Keaton Riley - $1,670.00
   Girls Softball: Middle School Head – Trey Tilghman - $2,394.00, Middle School Assistant – Casey Powell - $1,862.00, Middle School Volunteer – Morgan Riley, Middle School Volunteer – Jamie Pellegrini, Middle School Volunteer – Chris Sheppick
   Cheerleading: Varsity Co-Head – Becky Kline - $4,721.00, Varsity Co-Head – Christine Gialames - $4,721.00, Middle School Co-Head – Becky Kline - $2,029.00, Middle School Co-Head – Christine Gialames - $2,029.00
d. Name Elementary Part-Time Secretary, Holly Chrobak, beginning August 18, 2025, salary per CESPA Bargaining Agreement

e. Name Full-Time Custodian, Kenneth Savko, retroactive to May 15, 2025, salary per CESPA Bargaining Agreement
f. Name Summer Driver's Education Theory and Behind the Wheel Instructor, Stanley Milchovich, salary per CAEA Bargaining Agreement
g. Name Substitute Support: James Gardner (Cafeteria, Custodial, Van Driver), and Kelly Fields (Clerical), salary per CESPA Bargaining Agreement

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

FINANCE AND SUPPORT AREAS

Upon motion of Mrs. Pellegrini, seconded Mrs. Pappasergi, 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 April 2025 as follows: General Fund, Restricted Savings, Digital Revenue, Payroll, Food Service Fund, and Capital Projects Fund
b. Approval of General Fund Bill List for the Month of May 2025
c. Approval of Interim Bill List for April 2025/May 2025
d. Approval of High School, Middle School, Elementary Center and Athletic Activity Account Reports for April 2025
e. Approval of the Monthly Tax Collection Report for the Month of April 2025
f. Approval of the Monthly Revenues and Expenditures Report for April 2025
g. Approval of Extra Duty Time Reports for April 2025
h. Approval of 2025-2026 Mon Valley Career & Technology Center Proposed General Fund Budget
i. Approval of Republic Services Trash Removal Proposal, at a monthly rate of $2,300.00 for elementary school, $2,215.00 for high school, and $230.00 for football field
j. Approval of Patriot Training and Consulting Proposal, in the amount of $1,750.00
k. Approval of Disabled Veterans Real Property Tax Exemption for Parcel Number 320-007-01-01-0017-00

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 Yes, Mr. Hopkins Yes.

ORGANIZATIONAL

Mrs. Pepper called for nominations for Board Treasurer: Mrs. Pellegrini nominated Mr. Nutting and Mr. Caruso as Co-Treasures, seconded by Mrs. Pappasergi. Voice Vote: __8-0___

Nominations for Board Assistant Treasurer: n/a

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Zelich shared with the Board that under Act 39 of 2018, schools may, but are not required to, test for lead leavels annually in the drinking water of any facility where children attend school. Our water was tested in September 2023, and the results were within the normal range. Dr. Zelich has reached out to West Virginia University to schedule another testing.

Upon motion of Mr. Yakich, seconded by Mr. Caruso, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.