CHARLEROI AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting of Tuesday, October 21, 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, Mrs. Hopkins, 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, Mrs. Hopkins, Mr. Hopkins, Mr. Nutting, Mrs. Pappasergi, Mrs. Pellegrini, Mrs. Pepper, and Mr. Yakich. Mrs. Keranko was absent.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon motion of Mr. Yakich, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini, it was resolved to approve the agenda for the Regular Meeting of the Charleroi Area School District Board of School Directors for October 21, 2025.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

The Board recognized students of the fifth-grade class for academic excellence and outstanding citizenship.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

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

ORGANIZATIONAL

Mrs. Pepper called for nominations for Board Secretary. Mrs. Pellegrini nominated Mrs. Kline, with a second from Mr. Yakich. All were in favor of this appointment.

ROUTINE BUSINESS:

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

a. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of September 16, 2025

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was read at the meeting:

a. Letter from Highmark Inc. – Farm-to-Family Produce Market Event
b. October Subsidies

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

FUNDING	AMOUNT
LUNCH HI/LOW	$221.37
REGULAR/NEEDY BREAKFAST	$99.96
FOOD NUTRITION SERVICE – LUNCH	$5.64
FOOD NUTRITION SERVICE – BREAKFAST – NEEDY	$3.40
LUNCH HI/LOW	$72,735.19
REGULAR/NEEDY BREAKFAST	$23,932.12
FOOD NUTRITION SERVICE – LUNCH	$2,439.92
FOOD NUTRITION SERVICE – BREAKFAST – NEEDY	$914.80
STATE BREAKFAST INITIATIVE	$2,048.20
PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PAYMENT	$561,301.42

EDUCATION AND CURRICULUM

Upon motion of Mrs. Pellegrini, seconded by Mr. Yakich, 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 Official Name Change to Charleroi Area School District
~~b. Approval of High School Novel, "Variant", by Robison Wells~~
c. Approval of PennWest California University Field Student Placements
d. Approval of Settlement Agreement and Release

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

Upon motion Mr. Nutting, seconded by Mr. Hopkins, 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. Final Reading of Revised Policy 102 – Academic Standards
b. Final Reading of Revised Policy 105 – Curriculum
c. Final Reading of Revised Policy 122 – Extracurricular Activities
d. Final Reading of Policy 122.1 – Nonschool-Sponsored Student Groups
e. Final Reading of Revised Policy 123 – Interscholastic Athletics
f. Final Reading of Revised Policy 209.2 – Diabetes Management
g. Final Reading of Revised Policy 918 – Title I Parent and Family Engagement

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 Mrs. Pappasergi, seconded by Mr. Yakich, 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 Community Based Vocational Trainer/Classroom Paraprofessional, Jane Nicholson, retroactive to September 19, 2025
b. Accept Resignation of Assistant to the Business Manager in Charge of Accounts Payable, Danielle Patterson, effective November 4, 2025
c. Accept Resignation of Marching Band Instructor, Eric Childs, retroactive to July 1, 2025
d. Approval of Teacher Increments According to Teachers Contract XIX Professional Development and Educational Improvement Article B.1, Payment Per Credit Hour: Holly Caruso – Bachelor's Plus 10, Christine Gialames – Bachelor's Plus 20, and Soni McClelland – Bachelor's Plus 20
e. Name Varsity Boys Basketball Assistant Coach, Sue Dunn, at an annual salary of $4,000.00

f. Name Homebound Teacher, Tammy Hite, salary per CAEA Bargaining Agreement
g. Name Elementary Center Yearbook Sponsors, Madison Vieck and Kendra Hartley, at an annual stipend of $600.00 each
h. Name Community Based Vocational Trainer/Classroom Paraprofessional, Karen Wagner, retroactive to October 1, 2025, salary per CESPA Bargaining Agreement
i. Name High School/Middle School Greeter, Kristen Burns, salary per CESPA Bargaining Agreement
j. Name Cook's Helper, 5.25 hours per day, Melissa DeMarco, retroactive to September 24, 2025, salary per CESPA Bargaining Agreement
k. Name Cook's Helper, 3 hours per day, Lea Fisher, retroactive to October 7, 2025, salary per CESPA Bargaining Agreement
l. Name Marching Band Instructor, Eric Gallagher, retroactive to July 1, 2025, at an annual stipend of $700.00
m. Name 2025-2026 Theatre/Musical Volunteers: Donna Angelo, Erica Angelo-Weber, Kelly Fields, Paula French, Jessica Kostelac, Betty Mazanetz, Madison Piecknick, Paige Sands, and Tanner Shepherd
n. Name Substitute Teachers: Brittany Hill (Emergency Permit) and Gena Sproul (Emergency Permit), retroactive to September 26, 2025, and Bayley Cooper (Emergency Permit), retroactive to October 17, 2025, salary per CAEA Bargaining Agreement

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

FINANCE AND SUPPORT AREAS

Upon motion of Mr. Nutting, seconded by 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 the Monthly Secretary Treasurer Reports for the Month of September 2025 as Follows: General Fund, Restrictive Savings, Digital Revenue, Payroll, Food Service Fund, and Capital Projects Fund
b. Approval of the General Fund and Athletic Fund Bill Lists for the Month of October 2025
c. Approval of the Interim Bill List for September 2025/October 2025
d. Approval of the High School, Middle School, Elementary Center, and Athletic Activity Account Reports for September 2025
e. Approval of Tax Collection Report for the Month of September 2025
f. Approval of the Monthly Revenues and Expenditures Report for September 2025

g. Approval of the Extra Duty Time Reports for September 2025
h. Approval of Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance (LERTA) Resolution
i. Approval of Quest Diagnostics Clinical Laboratories, Inc Substance Abuse Testing Services Agreement
j. Approval of Disabled Veterans Real Property Tax Exemption, for parcel number 320-007-02-01-0001-00

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___.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Zelich informed the Board that our annual Veteran's Appreciation Breakfast will be held on November 7, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. in the Alumni Room.

Dr. Zelich shared with the Board the 2025-2026 Charthene Girls of the Month.

Dr. Zelich shared with the Board the 2025-2026 Lion's Cub of the Month.

Dr. Zelich informed the Board that parent-teacher conferences will on November 10, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Dr. Zelich shared with the Board the Blue Ribbon Celebration will be held on November 7, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. in the Auditorium. He also invited our principals to attend the Blue Ribbon SAS Conference where our elementary center will be recognized for receiving this prestigious award.

Upon motion of Mr. Caruso, seconded by Mr. Hopkins, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.