CHARLEROI AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting of Tuesday, November 18, 2025
7:00 PM
Charleroi Area High School Community Room

MINUTES

Prior to the regular meeting, the Board met in Executive Session at 6:10 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, Mrs. Pappasergi, Mrs. Pellegrini, Mrs. Pepper, and Mr. Yakich.

Mrs. Pepper, Board President, announced that the Board had been in executive session since 6:13 p.m. and then called the regular meeting of the Charleroi Area School District Board of School Directors to order at 7:03 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, Mrs. Pappasergi, Mrs. Pellegrini, Mrs. Pepper, and Mr. Yakich. Mrs. Keranko was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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 November 18, 2025.

ORGANIZATIONAL

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

a. Accept Resignation of Charleroi Area School District Board Member, Larry Hopkins, effective November 19, 2025
b. Accept Resignation of Charleroi Area School District Board Member, Tom Nutting, retroactive to November 12, 2025

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

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

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

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Student Representatives Jacob Corrin, Caden Carson, and Eva Matinko spoke with the Board about events in the district.

ROUTINE BUSINESS:

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

a. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of October 21, 2025

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was read at the meeting:

a. Letter of Gratitute
b. November Subsidies

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

FUNDING	AMOUNT
S D TRANSPORTATION	$74,096.00
MEDICAL ASSISTANCE - ACCESS	$724,496.58
CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM	$392.40
NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM	$145,413.76
SOCIAL SECURITY	$155,853.82

EDUCATION AND CURRICULUM

Upon motion of Mr. Hopkins seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini, 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 CDL Class A Pilot Program Partnership with Southwest Training Services and Penn Commercial
b. Approval of Wesley School Site-Based Academic Services Three-Year Agreement
c. Approval of High School Novel, *Variant* by Robison Wells
d. Approval of Request to Establish Student Activity – Cougar Crazies
e. Approval of Request to Establish Student Activity – PJAS – Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science
f. Approval of PennWest California Student Teacher Placements Spring 2026

ROLL CALL:
Mrs. Hopkins Abstain from item a; Yes, Mr. Hopkins Yes, Mrs. Keranko Absent,
Mrs. Pappasergi Yes, Mrs. Pellegrini Yes, Mrs. Pepper Yes,
Mr. Yakich Yes, Mr. Caruso Yes.

POLICIES/ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

Upon motion of Mrs. Pappasergi, 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. First Reading of Revised Policy 105.2 – Exemption from Instruction
b. First Reading of Revised Policy 122 – Extracurricular Activities
c. First Reading of Revised Policy 122.1 – Noncurriculum-Related, Nonschool-Sponsored, Student-Initiated Groups
d. First Reading of Revised Policy 816 – District Social Media
e. Approval of Revised Administrative Regulation 105.2-AR-1 – Request for Exemption from Instruction
f. Approval of Revised Administrative Regulation 105.2-AR-3 – Exemption from Dissection Activities
g. Approval of Revised Administrative Regulation 105.2-AR-4 – Notice of Dissection Activities

ROLL CALL:
Mr. Hopkins __Yes__, Mrs. Keranko__Absent__, Mrs. Pappasergi __Yes__,
Mrs. Pellegrini __Yes__, Mrs. Pepper __Yes__, Mr. Yakich __Yes__,
Mr. Caruso __Yes__, Mrs. Hopkins __Yes__.

PERSONNEL

Upon motion of Mrs. Pellegrini, 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 Varsity Track and Field Head Coach, Joe Grodz, retroactive to November 14, 2025
b. Name Varsity Boys Basketball Volunteer Coach, Kass Taylor
c. Name Assistant to the Business Manager, Melissa Koteles, retroactive to November 3, 2025, at an annual salary of $42,000.00, benefits per Administrative Assistant's Compensation Plan Agreement
d. Name Full-Time Elementary Secretary, Jessica Lehr, retroactive to November 4, 2025, salary per CESPA Bargaining Agreement
e. Name InGLUEsive Sponsor, Donna Ball
f. Name Cougar Crazies Sponsor, Eric Selva, at an annual stipend of $250.00
g. Name PJAS – Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science Sponsor, Eric Selva, at an annual stipend of $250.00
h. Name Paraprofessional, Kaylee Holmes, retroactive to November 5, 2025, salary per CESPA Bargaining Agreement
i. Name Paraprofessional, Melissa DeMarco, retroactive to November 12, 2025, salary per CESPA Bargaining Agreement
j. Name Substitute Support Personnel: Jeffrey Nicholson (Custodial), and Brian Clutter (Food Truck Driver) retroactive to October 27, 2025, salary per CAEA Bargaining Agreement

ROLL CALL:
Mrs. Keranko__Absent__, Mrs. Pappasergi __Yes__, Mrs. Pellegrini __Yes__,
Mrs. Pepper __Yes__, Mr. Yakich __Yes__, Mr. Caruso __Yes__,
Mrs. Hopkins __Yes__, Mr. Hopkins __Yes__.

FINANCE AND SUPPORT AREAS

Upon motion of Mr. Caruso, seconded by 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 October 2025 as follows: General Fund, Restrictive Savings, Digital Revenue, Payroll, Food Service Fund, and Capital Projects Fund
b. Approval of General Fund and Food Service Fund Bill Lists for the Month of November 2025
c. Approval of Interim Bill List for October 2025/November 2025
d. Approval of High School, Middle School, Elementary Center and Athletic Activity Account Reports for October 2025
e. Approval of the Tax Collection Report for the Month of October 2025 and an Additional Tax Collection Report for the Month of September 2025
f. Approval of the Monthly Revenues and Expenditures Report for October 2025
g. Approval of Extra Duty Time Reports for October 2025
h. Approval to Pay December 2025 Invoices
i. Approval to Not Increase Property Taxes Above the Index
j. Approval of 2026-2027 Allegheny Intermediate Unit 3 Joint Purchasing Program Agreement
k. Approval of ThinkBeyond EDU AI Policy Development and Implementation Agreement, in the amount of $3,000.00
l. Approval of Xerox Business Solutions Five-Year Agreement, in the monthly amount of $6,186.21

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

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Zelich shared with the Board that the District will once again be delivering Thanksgiving baskets to families on Monday, November 24, 2025.

Dr. Zelich informed the Board that he will be at the capital in Harrisburg on Monday, December8, 2025, and at the SAS Institute in Harrisburg on Tuesday, December 9, 2025, in honor of our elementary center being selected as a Blue Ribbon School by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

Dr. Zelich informed the Board that he sill be attending the Forum for Western Pennsylvania School Superintendents on December 10-12, 2025, in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mrs. Pepper wished Mr. Hopkins the best of luck on his new journey and shared that he will be missed.

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