CHARLEROI AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting of Tuesday, January 20, 2026
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, Mr. Degnan, Mrs. Hopkins, Mrs. Pappasergi, Mrs. Pellegrini, Mrs. Pepper, Mr. Wilkinson, 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 7:11 p.m. in the High School Community Room, 100 Fecsen Drive, Charleroi PA 15022.

Upon roll call, members present were: Mr. Caruso, Mr. Degnan, Mrs. Hopkins, Mrs. Pappasergi, Mrs. Pellegrini, Mrs. Pepper, Mr. Wilkinson, and Mr. Yakich. Mrs. Keranko was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

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 January 20, 2026.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Dr. Zelich acknowledged the Board of Directors and thanked them for their unending dedication and time given to the District.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

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

ROUTINE BUSINESS:

Upon motion of Mr. Wilkinson, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini, with all in favor, it was resolved to approve the following routine business items for the month of January 2026:

a. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of November 18, 2025
b. Approval of the Minutes for the Reorganization Meeting of December 2, 2025

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was read at the meeting:

a. December Subsidies
b. January Subsidies

The following Federal and State Funds have been or will be received for the months of December 2025 and January 2026:

DECEMBER AND JANUARY FUNDING	AMOUNT
FEDERAL PROGRAM	$587,803.28
BASIC EDUCATION FUNDING	$3,301,686.25
TRANSPORTATION	$148,192.00
SOCIAL SECURITY	$180,309.07
SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING	$243,654.00
RENTAL SUBSIDY	$58,010.80
RURAL AND LOW-INCOME SCHOOLS	$3,560.92
RETIREMENT	$773,127.84
CAFETERIA	$201,428.02

EDUCATION AND CURRICULUM

Upon motion of Mr. Yakich, seconded by Mr. Caruso, 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 for Superintendent to Attend 2026 PARSS Conference, April 29 – May 1, 2026
b. Approval for Athletic Director to Attend PSADA Conference, March 17-20, 2026
c. Approval of Intermediate Unit 1 Board of Directors Nomination Resolution

ROLL CALL:
Mr. Caruso __Yes___, Mr. Degnan __Yes___, Mrs. Hopkins __Yes___,
Mrs. Keranko _Absent_, Mrs. Pappasergi _Yes; abstain from b_, Mrs. Pellegrini _Yes__,
Mrs. Pepper __Yes___, Mr. Wilkinson __Yes___, Mr. Yakich __Yes___.

POLICIES/ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

Upon motion of Mr. Wilkinson, seconded by Mrs. Pappasergi, 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 218.1 – Weapons
b. First Reading of Revised Policy 610 – Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation
c. First Reading of Revised Policy 611 – Purchases Budgeted
d. First Reading of Revised Policy 805 – Emergency Preparedness and Response
e. First Reading of Revised Policy 805.1 – Relations With Law Enforcement Agencies
f. First Reading of Revised Policy 805.2 – School Security Personnel
g. Final Reading of Revised Policy 105.2 – Exemption Instruction
h. Final Reading of Revised Policy 122 – Extracurricular Activities
i. Final Reading of Revised Policy 122.1 – Noncurriculum-Related, Nonschool-Sponsored, Student-Initiated Groups
j. Final Reading of Revised Policy 816 – District Social Media
k. Approval of Revised Administrative Regulation 201-AR-1 – Early Admission to Kindergarten Procedure
l. Approval of Administrative Regulation 218.1-AR-0 – Weapons Notifications to Appropriate Population of School Community
m. Approval of Revised Administrative Regulation 805.2-AR-0 – School Security Personnel Training
n. Approval of Revised Attachment 626 – Procurement
o. Approval of Revised Attachment 805 – Safe2Say Something Procedures

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

PERSONNEL

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

a. Denial of Charleroi Area Education Association Grievance 2025-26:01
b. Accept Resignation of Middle School Volleyball Head Coach, Lea Short, retroactive to January 7, 2026
c. Name Middle School Volleyball Head Coach, Tom Kurtz, retroactive to January 8, 2026, at annual salary of $2,100.00
d. Name 2025-2026 Spring Athletic Coaches
   Baseball:
   Head Varsity – Luke Mollis
   Varsity Assistant – Brian Corrin
   Varsity Assistant – Luke Glasser
   Varsity Volunteer – Bruno Pappasergi
   Varsity Volunteer – David Sink
   Varsity Volunteer – Kevin Mollis
   Middle School Head – Dan Degnan
   Middle School Assistant – Chris Szaly
   Middle School Volunteer – Pan Manna
   Middle School Volunteer – Russ Carpenter
   Track:
   Head Varsity – Nathan Fiala
   Varsity Assistant – Amanda Bashioum
   Varsity Assistant – Ramont Small
   Varsity Assistant – Mike Milchovich
   Varsity Assistant – Erin Wilkerson
   Varsity Volunteer – Kelly Weaver
   Middle School Head – Jessica Hefferan
   Middle School Assistant – Beth Noble
   Softball:
   Varsity Head – Lloyd Tilghman
   Varsity Assistant – Natalie Sheppick
   Varsity Assistant – Jennifer McCann
   Varsity Volunteer – Chris Sheppick
   Varsity Volunteer – Bre Painter
   Varsity Volunteer – Anjie Bench
   Middle School Girls Basketball:

Middle School Head – Alvin Ross
Middle School Assistant – Danielle Spano

e. Approval of Sabbatical Leave for Restoration of Health for Middle School Special Education Teacher, January 21, 2026 – June 3, 2026
f. Name Long-Term Substitute for Middle School Special Education Teacher, Taylor Morrison, retroactive to January 14, 2026, salary per CAEA Bargaining Agreement
g. Name Full-Time Bus Driver, James Bongiorno, retroactive to December 11, 2025, salary per Bus Driver Bargaining Agreement
h. Name Cook's Helper, 5.25 hours per day, Lea Fisher, retroactive to October 8, 2025, salary per CESPA Bargaining Agreement
i. Name Cook's Helper, 3 hours per day, Alex Mathers, salary per CESPA Bargaining Agreement, salary per CESPA Bargaining Agreement
j. Name Musical Volunteer, Onilee Gray
k. Name Substitute Teachers: Whitney Minyon (Grades PK-4, Library Science PK-12, All Subjects Grades 4-6, English Language Arts and Reading Grades 7-8, Social Studies Grades 7-8, English Grades 7-12), Rebecca Singer (Emergency Permit), Sarah Zundel (Grades PK-4), and Taylor Morrison (Special Education PK-8, Grades PK-4, Grades 5-6), salary per CAEA Bargaining Agreement
l. Name Substitute Support Personnel: Frank Pantaleo (Van Monitor), and Karen Wagner (Van Driver) retroactive to December 5, 2025, salary per CESPA Bargaining Agreement

ROLL CALL:
Mrs. Hopkins __Yes___, Mrs. Keranko __Absent___, Mrs. Pappasergi __Yes; abstain from d – Bruno Pappasergi___, Mrs. Pellegrini __Yes___, Mrs. Pepper __Yes___,
Mr. Wilkinson __Yes___, Mr. Yakich __Yes___, Mr. Caruso __Yes___,
Mr. Degnan __Yes; abstain from d – Dan Degnan___.

FINANCE AND SUPPORT AREAS

Upon motion of Mr. Wilkinson, 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 Monthly Secretary-Treasurer Reports for the Month of November 2025 and December 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 December 2025/January 2026
c. Approval of Interim Bill List for November 2025/January 2026

d. Approval of High School, Middle School, Elementary Center and Athletic Activity Account Reports for November 2025 and December 2025
e. Approval of the Tax Collection Report for the Month of November 2025 and December 2025
f. Approval of the Monthly Revenues and Expenditures Report for November 2025/December 2025
g. Approval of Extra Duty Time Reports for November 2025 and December 2025
h. Name Fallowfield Township Deputy Tax Collector, Jennifer Codeluppi
i. Approval to Set Tax Collector's Bonds at 40% of Tax Duplicate Amount
j. Approval of Districtwide Appraisal Agreement Proposal from Industrial Appraisal Company, in the amount of $12,590.00
k. Approval of Request for Refund for Overpayment of 2025 School Taxes for Parcel Number 500-002-00-01-0023-00, in the amount of $406.29
l. Approval to Purchase District Plow Truck and Salt Spreader through COSTARS from C. Harper, in the amount of $104,735.00
m. Approval of Quote from Morocco Electric Inc., for main gymnasium wireless alarm system, in the amount of $6,495.00

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

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Zelich shared with the Board that he will be hosting an AI Policy Committee meeting during the two-hour late start on Wednesday, January 28, 2026.

Upon motion of Mr. Caruso, seconded by Mr. Yakich, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.