CHARLEROI AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting of Tuesday, February 17, 2026
7:00 PM
Charleroi Area High School Community Room

MINUTES

Prior to the regular meeting, the Board met in Executive Session at 6:07 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 6:03 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. Degnan, Mrs. Hopkins, Mrs. Pellegrini, Mrs. Pepper, Mr. Wilkinson, and Mr. Yakich. Mrs. Keranko and Mrs. Pappasergi were absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

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 February 17, 2026.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

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

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

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

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

ROUTINE BUSINESS:

Upon motion of Mr. Yakich, seconded by Mr. Degnan, with all in favor, it was resolved to approve the following routine business items for the month of February 2026:

a. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of January 20, 2026

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was read at the meeting:

a. February Subsidies

The following Federal and State Funds have been or will be received for the month of February 2026:

DECEMBER AND JANUARY FUNDING	AMOUNT
S D TRANSPORTATION	$185,240.00
N P TRANSPORTATION	$13,090.00
S D SPECIAL EDUCATION	$243,654.00
READY TO LEARN ADEQUACY SUPPLEMENT	$859,958.80
LUNCH HI/LOW	$51,055.29
REG/NDY BREAKFAST	$15,583.26
FOOD NUTRITION SERVICE – LUNCH	$1,650.74
FOOD NUTRITION SERVICE – BREAKFAST – NEEDY	$575.40
STATE BREAKFAST INITIATIVE	$1,333.50
READY TO LEARN – FOUNDATION	$1,181,342.71
LUNCH HI/LOW	$51,345.90
REG/NDY BREAKFAST	$18,215.28
FOOD NUTRITION SERVICE – LUNCH	$1,660.12
FOOD NUTRITION SERVICE – BREAKFAST – NEEDY	$672.70
STATE BREAKFAST INITIATIVE	$1,562.10
SOCIAL SECURITY	$180,793.79

EDUCATION AND CURRICULUM

Upon motion of Mr. Wilkinson, 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 2026-2027 School Calendar
b. Approval of 2026-2027 High School Course Guide
c. Approval of Point Park University Student Teacher Placement for Fall Semester 2026
d. Approval of Intermediate Unit 1 IDEA-B Funding for 2026-2027 School Year
e. Approval of Settlement Agreement and Release: Resolved, That the proper officers of the Board of Public Education of the Charleroi Area School District are authorized to settle that certain special education claim involving student No. 4204 under the terms and conditions acceptable to the Solicitor and to authorize the execution of an appropriate Settlement Agreement

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

POLICIES/ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

Upon motion of Mr. Caruso, 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. First Reading of Revised Policy 214 – Class Rank
b. Approval of Revised Administrative Regulation 214-AR-0 – Class Rank and Percentage Point Average
c. Final Reading of Revised Policy 218.1 – Weapons
d. Final Reading of Revised Policy 610 – Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation
e. Final Reading of Revised Policy 611 – Purchases Budgeted
f. Final Reading of Revised Policy 805 – Emergency Preparedness and Response
g. Final Reading of Revised Policy 805.1 – Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies
h. Final Reading of Revised Policy 805.2 – School Security Personnel

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

PERSONNEL

Upon motion of Mr. Yakich, seconded by Mr. Wilkinson, 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 Retirement of Elementary Teacher 01, Kim Gilmore, effective June 3, 2026
b. Accept Retirement of Elementary Teacher 02, Shelly Jones, effective June 3, 2026
c. Accept Retirement of High School Counselor, Gina Cotton, effective November 30, 2026
d. Accept Resignation of Varsity Girls Basketball Head Coach, Shawn Lee, effective immediately
e. Accept Resignation of Long-Term Substitute Teacher, Taylor Morrison, effective February 27, 2026
f. Accept Resignation of InGLUEsive Sponsor, Michelle Paul, retroactive to February 9, 2026
g. Name Long-Term Substitute for Middle School Special Education Teacher, Kelly Fields, beginning March 2, 2026, salary per CAEA Bargaining Agreement
h. Name Varsity Track Assistant Coach, Erick Bess, salary per Athletic Coaching Scale
i. Approval of Athletic Director's Contract
j. Name 2026 Spring Musical Volunteers: Catherine Bender, Brandi Christie, Jamie Koerner, Heather McElhone, Jill Scavincky, Michael Strack, and Lesa Trunzo
k. Name Substitute Support: Jane Nicholson (Copy Room Aide, Maintenance, Special Education Aide), and James Manges (Van Driver), salary per CESPA Bargaining Agreement

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

FINANCE AND SUPPORT AREAS

Upon motion of Mrs. Pellegrini, 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 January 2026 as follows: General Fund, Restrictive Savings, Digital Revenue, Payroll, Food Service Fund, and Capital Projects Fund
b. Approval of General Fund, Food Service Fund, and Athletic Fund Bill Lists for the Month of February 2026
c. Approval of Interim Bill List for January 2026/February 2026
d. Approval of High School, Middle School, Elementary Center and Athletic Activity Account Reports for January 2026
e. Approval of the Tax Collection Report for the Month of January 2026
f. Approval of the Monthly Revenues and Expenditures Report for January 2026
g. Approval of Extra Duty Time Reports for January 2026

h. Approval of Twisted Computing Managed Services Quote for Main Gymnasium PA System, in the amount of $47,167.00, which is grant-funded
i. Approval of Intermediate Unit 1 2026-2027 Annual Operational Budget with Charleroi Area School District's Contribution of $10,886.11
j. Approval of ABM Building Solutions Quote for Replacement of Air Handling Unit, in the amount of $15,175.00
k. Approval of 2026 Spring Repository Sale Consent Form
l. Appointment of Twilight Borough Deputy Tax Collector, Toni L. Fedeli

ROLL CALL:
Mrs. Keranko Absent, Mrs. Pappasergi Absent, 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 the Winter Newsletter that is sent out to everyone in the community.

Dr. Zelich informed the Board that Kindergarten Registration will take place on Thursday, March 19, 2026.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Yakich informed the Board that the Mon Valley Career & Technology Center will be hosting an open house with a job fair on Thursday, March 5, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. All are invited to attend.

Upon motion of Mr. Caruso, seconded by Mr. Degnan, the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.