CHARLEROI AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

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

MINUTES

Prior to the regular meeting, the Board met in Executive Session at 6:23 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. Keranko, Mrs. Pappasergi, Mrs. Pellegrini, Mrs. Pepper, Mr. Yakich, Mr. Wilkinson.

Mrs. Pepper, Board President, announced that the Board had been in executive session since 6:23 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, Mr. Degnan, Mrs. Hopkins, Mrs. Keranko, Mrs. Pappasergi, Mrs. Pellegrini, Mrs. Pepper, Mr. Yakich, Mr. Wilkinson.

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon motion of Mr. Wilkinson, 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 March 17, 2026.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

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

ROUTINE BUSINESS:

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

a. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of February 17, 2026

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was read at the meeting:

a. March Subsidies

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

FUNDING	AMOUNT
SOCIAL SECURITY	$180,793.79
BASIC EDUCATION FUNDING	$1,677,872.00

EDUCATION AND CURRICULUM

Upon motion of Mr. Caruso, seconded by Mr. Wilkinson, 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 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 Unified Champion Schools Bocce Memorandum of Understanding
b. Approval of 2026-2027 Middle School Course Guide
c. Approval of Middle School/High School ELL Novel, *Keeper*, by Mal Peet
d. Approval of Homebound Instruction Application
e. Approval of State System of Higher Education Pennsylvania Western University Five-Year Affiliation Agreement to provide educational experience to the university's students
f. Approval for Director of Technology to Attend Tech Talk Live.org Conference, May 4-6, 2026, at Intermediate Unit 13, Lancaster, PA

ROLL CALL:
Mr. Caruso Yes, Mr. Degnan Yes, Mrs. Hopkins Yes,
Mrs. Keranko Yes, Mrs. Pappasergi Yes, Mrs. Pellegrini Yes,
Mrs. Pepper Yes, Mr. Wilkinson Yes, Mr. Yakich 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 140 – Charter Schools
b. First Reading of Revised Policy 204 - Attendance
c. First Reading of Revised Policy 209.1 – Food Allergy Management
d. First Reading of Revised Policy 221- Dress and Grooming
e. First Reading of Revised Policy 236.1 – Threat Assessment
f. First Reading of Revised Policy 332 – Working Periods
g. First Reading of Revised Policy 619 – District Audit
h. First Reading of Revised Policy 810 – Transportation
i. Final Reading of Revised Policy 214 – Class Rank
j. Approval of Revised Administrative Regulation 122-AR-0 – Extracurricular Activities
k. Approval of Revised Administrative Regulation 122.1-AR-0 – Noncurriculum-Related, Nonschool-Sponsored, Student-Initiated Groups
l. Approval of Revised Administrative Regulation 122.1-AR-1 – Noncurriculum-Related, Nonschool-Sponsored, Student-Initiated Group Acknowledgment Form
m. Approval of Revised Administrative Regulation 122.1-AR-2 – Noncurriculum-Related, Nonschool-Sponsored, Student-Initiated Groups
n. Approval of Revised Administrative Regulation 204-AR-0 – Compulsory Attendance/Unexcused Absences
o. Approval of Revised Administrative Regulation 204-AR-3 – Truant Notification Letter
p. Approval of Revised Administrative Regulation 204-AR-4 – Habitually Truant Notice
q. Approval of Revised Administrative Regulation 204-AR-5 – School Attendance Improvement Plan
r. Approval of Revised Administrative Regulation 325-AR-2 – Identification Badges

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

PERSONNEL

Upon motion of Mr. Yakich, seconded by Mr. Degnan, 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, Kim Pavelko, effective the last day of the 2025-2026 school year
b. Accept Resignation of COLA Instructor, Gina Cotton, effective June 3, 2026
c. Accept Resignation of High School Tutor Club Sponsor, Gina Cotton, effective June 3, 2026
d. Name Varsity Girls' Basketball Head Coach, Alvin Ross
e. Name Varsity Softball Volunteer Coach, Charles McCann

f. Name 2026-2027 Athletic Physician, Scott Seifert of Preferred Primary Care Physicians, at an annual stipend of $8,000.00
g. Name InGLUEsive Club Volunteer Sponsor, Cathleen Behrendt
h. Name Extended School Year Teachers, Donna Ball and Taylor Morrison, salary per CAEA Bargaining Agreement
i. Name Extended School Year Paraprofessionals, Melissa DeMarco, Shellie Siwiak, and Kelly Fields, salary per CESPA Bargaining Agreement
j. Name Substitute Teacher: Samuel London (Emergency Permit) and Meredith Eddy (Grades PK-4), salary per CAEA Bargaining Agreement
k. Approval of Request for Uncompensated Leave of Jacob Stone, May 29, 2026

ROLL CALL:
Mrs. Hopkins Yes, Mrs. Keranko Yes, Mrs. Pappasergi Yes,
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 February 2026 as follows: General Fund, Restricted Savings Fund, Digital Revenue, Payroll, Food Service Fund, and Capital Projects Fund
b. Approval of General Fund Bill List for the Month of March 2026
c. Approval of Interim Bill List for February 2026/March 2026
d. Approval of High School, Middle School, Elementary Center and Athletic Activity Account Reports for February 2026
e. Approval of the Monthly Revenues and Expenditures Report for February 2026
f. Approval of Extra Duty Time Reports for February 2026
g. Approval to Name the Main Gymnasium Court After James “Mouse” Chacko”
h. Approval of June 30, 2025, Charleroi Area School District Financial Statements
i. Approval of Intermediate Unit 1 RWAN Internet Access Five-Year Agreement, at a monthly cost of $3,393.00
j. Approval to Apply for the Department of Community and Economic Development Public School Facility Improvement Grant
k. Approval to Purchase One 72-Passenger Bus, at an amount not to exceed $150,000.00
l. Approval of FleetPaths Bus Routing Software Two-Year Contract, with a one-time set up fee in the amount of $3,200.00, and a monthly service fee in the amount of $419.72

m. Approval of Request for Refund of Overpayment of 2025-2026 School Real Estate Taxes, in the amount of $3,555.58, for parcel number 320-010-00-00-0057-00
n. Approval of Disabled Veterans Real Property Tax Exemption, for parcel number 320-006-02-02-0011-00

ROLL CALL:
Mrs. Keranko Yes, 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 two employees went above and beyond to help a fellow employee with a medical emergency, showing kindness and caring.

Dr. Zelich informed the Board that four high school students, Regan Brown, Riley Brown, Abby Yu, and Alexandra Helinski, won first place for the high school division at the Greene County Library System's Annual Reading Competition. Teams were tasked with reading ten novels ahead of the event and then faced other high school in a round robin tournament. Dr. Zelich congratulated the students not only for their win, but also for their dedication and determination.

Dr. Zelich shared with the Board that Pennsylvania school districts must either test drinking water for lead contamination or discuss lead issues in the school facilities at a public meeting. Dr. Zelich stated that the District's water was tested free from lead.

Dr. Zelich shared with the Board that the 2026 Spring Harvest Bounty Vendor Show that was scheduled for Saturday, March 14, 2026, was cancelled due to a power outage on campus.

Upon motion of Mr. Caruso, seconded by Mr. Yakich, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.