

**KARNS CITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD ACTION**

July 20, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

--The regular meeting was called to order by Mr. Price at 8:58 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

--Approved minutes of the June 15, 2026, regular meeting, as submitted.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

--No Report.

PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

--Ms. Peggy Mourer addressed the Board regarding the Elementary Music program seeking clarification on how it was intended to be staffed and organized for the upcoming school year. She noted the District's Staff Directory on the website had some errors and did not clearly indicate who was part of the music department, and as a taxpayer, felt that she should know that information. Ms. Mourer shared that she has also been a past volunteer within the District, specifically helping in the Library. After reviewing the information on the District, Ms. Mourer wanted to confirm that the District had approximately 1,300 students, nearly evenly split amongst the two schools. She shared her concern that after not replacing Ms. Alison Carey, that Ms. Kayla Karenbauer would have all the elementary students for Music and Band. She noted that Ms. Karenbauer would be limited to three periods to cover band, one of which prior to the start of school. Ms. Mourer shared that she has always been proud of the District's athletics and band programs and does not want to see that be diminished. She had questions regarding having an appropriate planning period, possibly expanding the band program to 4-6th grade at the elementary school, or even consider a part time position. She elaborated that Band is valuable to the community, and that these students are the ones visiting churches or senior citizens to perform. She concluded by sharing that the District would benefit from young families moving in, and those families are seeking balance. A follow up opportunity with the Elementary Principal was offered to help address Ms. Mourer's concerns.

CAFETERIA

--Approved Cafeteria Financial Statement, as submitted.

--Approved Cafeteria Bills, as submitted.

--Approved breakfast and lunch prices for the 2026-2027 school year, as follows:

- Elementary & Secondary Breakfast: Free for students
- Adult Breakfast: \$3.04
- Elementary & Secondary Lunch: Free for students
- Adult Lunch: \$5.03

ATHLETICS

--Tabled the Coaches' Handbook.

TRANSPORTATION

--No Report.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

--No Report.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

--Approved the application for driving and parking permit with a student fee of \$50.00 when application is received, as submitted. (No change from 2025-2026)
--Approved field trip(s), as submitted.

CURRICULUM AND TEXTBOOKS

--Approved the Program Placement Agreement for the 2026-2027 school year between Karns City Area School District and Butler Area School District operating as Center Avenue Community School ES program, Life Skills and Autistic Support program, and Multi Disabilities Program, as submitted.
--Approved the Karns City Area Elementary Parent/Student Handbook for the 2026-2027 school year, as submitted.

POLICY

--Approved the second and final read of Policy 716 – Integrated Pest Management, as submitted.
--Approved the reviewed Policy 249 - Bullying/Cyberbullying, as submitted.
--Approved the reviewed Policy 918 – Title I Parent and Family Engagement, as submitted.

FINANCE

--Approved General Fund Bills, as submitted.
--Approved Treasurer's Report, as submitted.
--Approved Student Activity Fund Report, as submitted.
--Approved the purchase of Environmental Pollution Insurance awarded to UCPM/CM Regent at a cost not to exceed \$4,820.00, as submitted.

PERSONNEL

--Approved addition(s)/deletion(s) to supplemental position(s) for the 2026-2027 school year pending successful completion and receipt of all required clearances under Act 24, Act 34, Act 114, Act 151, & Act 168, as submitted.

- Hire: Isaiah Price – Third Assistant Boys Basketball
- Hire: Jason Hackwelder – Offensive Coordinator
- Hire: Ethan Conto – Third Assistant Football Coach
- Hire: Dalton Callihan – Fourth Assistant Football Coach
- Hire: Josh Stimac – Fifth Assistant Football Coach

--Approved the Pennsylvania Principals Association membership for Dr. Joshua Williams, Mr. Shane Spack, Dr. Michael Stimac and Mr. Jeff Wagner for the 2026-2027 school year, at a cost of \$605 per membership.

--Hired Mr. Xander Sheakley for the position of Building Custodian at a rate of \$17.09 per hour, per the current support staff collective bargaining agreement, effective July 1, 2026, pending successful completion and receipt of all required clearances under Act 24, Act 34, Act 114, Act 151, and Act 168, as submitted.

--Hired Makenna Maier for the position of Secondary Mathematics Teacher at a salary of \$52,985, BA Step 1, per the current collective bargaining agreement, effective the start of the 2026-2027 school year,

pending successful completion and receipt of all required clearances under Act 24, Act 34, Act 114, Act 151, and Act 168, as submitted.

--Approved the addition(s)/deletion(s) to the substitute list for the 2026-2027 school year pending successful completion of all required clearances under Act 24, Act 34, Act 114, Act 151, Act 168, and results of a current tuberculosis test, as submitted.

- Remove: Mr. Levi Eaker – Substitute Teacher
- Remove: Ms. Deb Dunkle – Cafeteria Substitute
- Remove: Mr. Aaron Wagner – Substitute Teacher
- Remove: Ms. Jayna Palumbo – Substitute Teacher
- Remove: Ms. Sarah Griffiths – Instructional Aide/Nurse Substitute
- Remove: Mrs. Susan Evans – Substitute Teacher
- Remove: Mr. Robert Carson – Substitute Teacher

--Authorized the administration to post/advertise for a: Seventh Assistant Football Coach.

--Approved the travel request(s), as submitted.

--Accepted the resignation of Ms. Carolyn Kelly, Autistic Support Teacher, effective August 15, 2026, as submitted.

--Approved for the Director of Business Affairs and the Assistant Business Manager, to attend required meetings as needed throughout the 2026-2027 school year, such as the Western Pennsylvania Schools Health Care Consortium meetings, Butler County and KCAS Business Managers, Butler County Tax Collection Committee meetings, and PDE/PASBO/ACCESS/MIU4 trainings, and the Director of Business Affairs in the capacity as Food Service Director to attend PDE Training, PRFSD, SNAPA as approved by the Superintendent.

--Hired Mr. Brandon Bray for the position of Custodian at a rate of \$15.23 per hour, per the current support staff collective bargaining agreement, effective July 21, 2026, pending successful completion and receipt of all required clearances under Act 24, Act 34, Act 114, Act 151, Act 168, physical and the results of a current tuberculosis test, as submitted.

--Approved setting the Support Staff Substitute Rate for the 2026-2027 school year at a rate equal to the year 1 rate of the respective position, per the current Collective Bargaining Agreement.

--Approved the Superintendent to be able to attend meetings as needed throughout 2026-2027 school year that pertain to School District business. Examples of such: the Superintendents' Advisory Council meetings at MIU IV, Butler County Area Vocational Technical School meetings, and the Western Pennsylvania Schools Health Care Consortium meetings.

--Authorized the administration to post/advertise for a: Full-Time Food Service Coordinator.

CAPITAL RESERVE

--Approved Capital Projects Bill(s), as submitted.

--Approved Capital Fund Bill(s), as submitted.

--Retroactively approved the Lighting Contractor Change Order #01 for the Karns City Jr. Sr. High School Stadium Project, with an increase of \$15,000.00, as submitted.

--Approved the Lighting Contractor Change Order #02 for the Karns City Jr. Sr. High School Stadium Project, with an increase of \$20,550.00, as submitted.

BCAVTS REPORT

--No Report.

MISCELLANEOUS

--Declared the list of items submitted by Mr. Shane Spack of no value to the District and authorize the Administration to donate or dispose of items, as submitted.

- Approved the renewal of Microsoft ESS Software licensing and maintenance from BluChip Solutions with a cost of \$12,177.00 as submitted. (increase of \$238.00 from 2025-2026)
- Approved the 2026-2027 School Wide Title I Plan, as submitted.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.