CHARLEROI AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting of Tuesday, April 21, 2026
7:00 PM
Charleroi Area School District Auditorium

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. 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 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium, 100 Fecsen Drive, Charleroi PA 15022.

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

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

The Board recognized Abby Yu, Scholastic Art & Writing Award Recipient.

The Board recognized students of the second grade and first grade classes for academic excellence and outstanding citizenship.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon motion of Mrs. Pappasergi, 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 April 21, 2026.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

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

ROUTINE BUSINESS:

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was read at the meeting:

a. April Subsidies

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

FUNDING	AMOUNT
RETIREMENT	$818,458.69
NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM	$102,709.74
FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS FUND	$2,501.24
S D SPECIAL EDUCATION	$243,654.00
BASIC EDUCATION FUNDING	$1,677,872.00
S D TRANSPORTATION	$185,241.00

EDUCATION AND CURRICULUM

Upon motion of Mrs. Pellegrini, seconded by Mrs. Pappasergi, 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 to Adopt Intermediate Unit 1 Policies and Procedures and Use of Funds to Fulfill the Requirements of 22 PA Code Chapter 14 and the Regulatory Requirements Under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act – Part B
b. Approval of House Bill 41 Interscholastic Athletics Support Resolution that would establish a mechanism for the PIAA to create separate playoffs for boundary and non-boundary schools in post-season games
c. Approval of 2026-2027 Bradley Center Agreement for Educational Services
d. Approval of Center for Community Resources 2026-2027 Student Assistance Program Agreement, at no cost to the District

e. Approval of Programs of Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf 2026 Extended School Year Agreement – 01, at a cost of $2,000.00
f. Approval of Programs of Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf 2026 Extended School Year Agreement – 02, at a cost of $2,000.00
g. Approval of 2026-2027 New Directions Agreement for Educational Services, at a rate of $170.00 per day per student
h. Approval of 2026-2027 Adelphoi Education Services Agreement
i. Approval of 2026-2027 Merakey Pennsylvania Agreement
j. Approval of Arc Human Services, Inc. Independent Contractor Agreement, at a rate of $183.00 per day per student
~~k. Name 2026 Voting Delegates _____ and _____ for PSBA Delegate Assembly~~

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

POLICIES/ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

Upon motion of Mr. Yakich, seconded by Mr. Wilkinson, it was resolved to approve all POLICIES/ADMINISTRTIVE REGULATIONS resolutions as presented by the Administration and subject to review by the District Solicitor as follows:

a. First Reading of Policy 237.1 – Personal Electronic Devices (Bell-to-Bell)
b. Final Reading of Revised Policy 140 – Charter Schools
c. Final Reading of Revised Policy 204 - Attendance
d. Final Reading of Revised Policy 209.1 – Food Allergy Management
e. Final Reading of Revised Policy 221- Dress and Grooming
f. Final Reading of Revised Policy 236.1 – Threat Assessment
g. Final Reading of Revised Policy 332 – Working Periods
h. Final Reading of Revised Policy 619 – District Audit
i. Final Reading of Revised Policy 810 – Transportation

ROLL CALL:
Mr. Degnan __Absent___, Mrs. Hopkins __Absent___, 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 Mr. Wilkinson, 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 Retirement of Bus Driver, Dennis Caldwell, effective June 3, 2026
b. Accept Retirement of Cook's Helper, Lisa Dooley, effective June 4, 2026
c. Accept Resignation of Middle School Special Education Learning Support ELA Teacher, Madison Boone, retroactive to April 20, 2026
d. Accept Resignation of Varsity Boys Basketball Head Coach, Joe Dunn, effective immediately
e. Name Varsity Boys Basketball Head Coach, Michael Dunn, salary per Athletic Pay Scale
f. Name Spring Athletics Student Support Aide, Karen Wagner, at a rate of $19.50 per hour, retroactive to March 23, 2026
g. Permission to Advertise for Additional Elementary Reading Specialist
h. Name Kindergarten Teacher, Jenna Budd, beginning August 24, 2026, salary per CAEA Bargaining Agreement
i. Name First Grade Teacher, Sara Speicher, beginning August 24, 2026, salary per CAEA Bargaining Agreement
j. Approval to Increase Metal Detector Duty Stipend to $1,800.00, prorated and employees will be permitted to leave at student dismissal one day a week
k. Approval of Act 93 Compensation Plan – July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2031
l. Approval of Administrative Assistant's Compensation Plan – July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2031
m. Approval of Nurse's Assistant Employment Agreement – July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2031
n. Name Substitute Support Personnel: Robin DiPietrantonio (Cafeteria), salary per CESPA Bargaining Agreement

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

FINANCE AND SUPPORT AREAS

Upon motion of Mr. Yakich, seconded Mrs. Pellegrini, 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 March 2026 as follows: General Fund, Restricted Savings, Digital Revenue, Payroll, Food Service Fund, and Capital Projects Fund
b. Approval of General Fund and Food Service Fund Bill List for the Month of April 2026
c. Approval of Interim Bill List for March 2026/April 2026
d. Approval of High School, Middle School, Elementary Center and Athletic Activity Account Reports for March 2026
e. Approval of the Monthly Revenues and Expenditures Report for March 2026
f. Approval of Extra Duty Time Reports for March 2026
g. Approval of Intermediate Unit 1 Lease Agreement, at a monthly rate of $1,400.00 per classroom
h. Approval of Centegix Safety Platform with Crisis Alert Contract, in the amount of $139,080.00
i. Approval of NuGerm Lockable Phone Case Quote, in the amount of $20,800.00
j. Approval of Food Service Management Company Renewal Agreement for the 2026-2027 School Year
k. Approval of Athens Painting & Masonry LLC Quote for the Elementary Center, in the amount of $12,475.00
l. Approval to Purchase Main Gymnasium Scoreboard
m. Approval to Purchase Main Gymnasium Shot Clocks
n. Approval of Vasco Asphalt Company Quote to seal coat bus lot, in the amount of $7,930.00, amphitheater tree root in asphalt repair, in the amount of $9,710.00, and amphitheater seal coat, in the amount of $3,554.00

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 __Absent___, Mrs. Hopkins __Absent___.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Zelich shared with the Board that Ms. Winnett was awarded a grant in the amount of $750 from the Washington County Chapter of School Retirees.

Dr. Zelich shared with the Board the spring 2026 newsletter.

Dr. Zelich informed the Board that Highmark Wholecare will be hosting a free Farmer's Market on June 2, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Dee's Event Center. All are welcome to attend.

Dr. Zelich shared with the Board that Charleroi Student Government Day will take place on April 28, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

AUDIENCE REQUESTS

Ms. Abigail Siwiak, President of the Charleroi Bible Club, thanked the Board for approving the creating of the club. The club stated with 5 students and has grown to 60 students.

Mr. Dave Carson, Sponsor of the Charleroi Bible Club, thanked the Board for their support with creating the club.

Upon motion of Mr. Caruso, seconded by Mr. Yakich, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.