CHARLEROI AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting of Tuesday, May 19, 2026
7:00 PM
Charleroi Area High School Community Room

MINUTES

Prior to the regular meeting, the Board met in Executive Session at 6:01 p.m. in the High School Community Room, 100 Fecsen Drive, Charleroi PA 15022 to discuss personnel matters. Persons present were: Mr. Caruso, 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 6:01 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, Mrs. Hopkins, Mrs. Pappasergi, Mrs. Pellegrini, Mrs. Pepper, Mr. Wilkinson, and Mr. Yakich. Mr. Degnan and Mrs. Keranko were absent.

Mrs. Pepper made the announcement that at this time the meeting will be open for public comments limited to items listed on the agenda. There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon motion of Mrs. Pappasergii, seconded by Mrs. Pappasergi, it was resolved to approve the agenda for the Regular Meeting of the Charleroi Area School District Board of School Directors for May 19, 2026.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

The Board recognized the 2026 retirees: Mrs. Dooley, Ms. Franks, Mrs. Gilmore, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Pavelko, and Mrs. Smith.

The Board recognized kindergarten students for Academic Excellence and Outstanding Citizenship.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

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

ROUTINE BUSINESS:

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

a. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of April 21, 2026

CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was read at the meeting:
a. May Subsidies

The following Federal and State Funds have been or will be received for the month of May 2025:

FUNDING	AMOUNT
BASIC EDUCATION FUNDING	$1,677,872.00
NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM	$106,293.49

EDUCATION AND CURRICULUM

Upon motion of Mrs. Pellegrini, 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 of 2026 Charleroi Area High School Graduates, contingent upon the student's satisfaction of the prescribed courses of instruction for the 2025-2026 school year
b. Approval of 2026-2027 K-6 Cyber Handbook
c. Approval of Middle School and High School Credit Recovery
d. Approval to Purchase Wilson Language Training "Science of Reading" Materials for Grades K-3, in the amount of $78,644.00
e. Approval of 2026-2027 Intermediate Unit 1 Education Services Agreement
f. Approval of 2026-2027 Intermediate Unit 1 Access Reimbursement Service Agreement – Administrative Support Only
g. Approval of 2026-2027 Intermediate Unit 1 Access Reimbursement Service Agreement – IU1-Based Staff
h. Approval of 2026-2027 Intermediate Unit 1 Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth Agreement
i. Approval of 2026-2027 Intermediate Unit 1 ESL Agreement

j. Approval of 2026-2027 Intermediate Unit 1 Partial Hospitalization Program Services Agreement
k. Approval of 2026-2027 Allegheny Intermediate Unit Comprehensive Services Agreement
l. Approval of Pennsylvania's Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness Program
m. Approval of Amended Memorandum of Understanding between the Charleroi Area School District and the Charleroi Regional Police Department, with final approval of language by the Solicitor
n. Approval of Amended Memorandum of Understanding between the Charleroi Area School District and the Pennsylvania State Police, with final approval of language by the Solicitor
o. Approval of Amended Memorandum of Understanding between the Charleroi Area School District and the R.E.S.A. Police Department, with final approval of language by the Solicitor
p. Approval of Tuition Agreement – Nonresident Students

ROLL CALL:
Mr. Caruso Yes, Mr. Degnan Absent, Mrs. Hopkins Yes,
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. Wilkinson, 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 716 – Integrated Pest Management
b. Final Reading of Policy 237.1 – Personal Electronic Devices (Bell-to-Bell)

ROLL CALL:
Mr. Degnan Absent, 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 Mr. Caruso, seconded by Mrs. Pappasergi, it was resolved to approve all PERSONNEL resolutions as presented by the Administration and subject to review by the District Solicitor as follows:

a. Approval to Rescind Retirement of Bus Driver, Dennis Caldwell
b. Name 2026-2027 Fall Coaches

Football: Varsity Head – Scott DeUnger, Varsity Assistants – Jeff Klinger, Cary Charles, Don Klinger, Paul Jones, Mike Ciserano, Luke Mollis, Geno Pellegrini, ~~Dave Grillo~~, Tyler Porter, Dakota Romantino, Ramont Small, Middle School Head – Aaron Kostelansky, Middle School Assistants – Scott Cramer, Justin Koerner, Joseph Horvath, Todd Thomas
Boys' Soccer: Varsity Head – Tim Laskey, Varsity Assistants – Jake Laskey Nick Goodwin, Nick Laskey, Middle School Head – Julianne Childs, Middle School Assistant – Matt Pringle
Girls' Soccer: Varsity Head – Tom Cameron, Varsity Assistants – Brooke Ramsdell, Jonathan Ducoli
Golf: Varsity Head – Brian Corrin, Varsity Assistant – Joe Bruno
Cheerleading: Varsity Co-Head – Becky Kline, Christine Gialames, Middle School Co-Head – Becky Kline, Christine Gialames

c. Name Elementary Reading Specialist, Kari Heffernan, beginning 2026-2027 school year, salary per CAEA Bargaining Agreement
d. Name Grades K-2 Learning Support Teacher Amanda Cooke, Step 2 Master's, beginning 2026-2027 school year, salary per CAEA Bargaining Agreement
e. Name Grades 6-8 Learning Support Math Teacher Taylor Morrison, Step 9 Master's plus 20, beginning 2026-2027 school year, salary per CAEA Bargaining Agreement
f. Name Instruction in the Home Teacher, Donna Ball, beginning 2026-2027 school year, at a salary of $30.00 per hour
g. Name Extended School Year Paraprofessionals, Payton Koontz, Susan White, Hannah Kline, and Destiny Kline, salary per CESPA Bargaining Agreement
h. Approval of Unpaid Medical Leave, Rae Ann Youdell, retroactive to March 20, 2026, to June 3, 2026
i. Name Substitute Teachers: Lyda Maffei (PreK-4), retroactive to May 15, 2026, and Angelina Battistone (PreK-4), retroactive to May 15, 2026, salary per CAEA Bargaining Agreement

ROLL CALL:
Mrs. Hopkins Yes, Mrs. Keranko Absent, Mrs. Pappasergi Yes,
Mrs. Pellegrini Yes; abstain from item b, Mrs. Pepper Yes, Mr. Wilkinson Yes,
Mr. Yakich Yes, Mr. Caruso Yes, Mr. Degnan Absent.

FINANCE AND SUPPORT AREAS

Upon motion of Mr. Wilkinson, seconded 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 April 2026 as follows: General Fund, Restricted Savings, Digital Revenue, Payroll, Food Service Fund, and Capital Projects Fund

b. Approval of General Fund and Cafeteria Fund Bill List for the Month of May 2026
c. Approval of Interim Bill List for April 2026/May 2026
d. Approval of High School, Middle School, Elementary Center and Athletic Activity Account Reports for April 2026
e. Approval of the Monthly Tax Collection Report for the Month of April 2026
f. Approval of the Monthly Revenues and Expenditures Report for April 2026
g. Approval of Extra Duty Time Reports for April 2026
h. Approval of 2026-2027 Proposed Preliminary Budget, in the amount of $33,600,000.00, with no tax increase
i. Approval of ABM Quote to Replace High School Hot Water Tank, in the amount of $89,866.00
j. Approval of TriMark SS Kemp Quote to Purchase and Install Kitchen Equipment for High School Cafeteria, in the amount of $168,405.00
k. Approval of TriMark SS Kemp Quote to Purchase and Install Dishwasher for the High School Cafeteria, in the amount of $80,639.50
l. Approval of TriMark SS Kemp Quote to Purchase and Install Kitchen Equipment for the Elementary Center Cafeteria, in the amount of $18,612.00
m. Approval of Panhandle Cleaning & Restoration Property Guardian Program Agreement
n. Approval of Sapphire Software License and Services Agreement
o. Approval of Sapphire Software Four-Year Subscription Order, at an annual cost of $32,223.00
p. Approval of Athens Painting & Masonry LLC Quote, in the amount of $10,975.00
q. Approval of Xerox IT Solutions Quote for 200 Chromebooks and Google Chrome OS Management Consoles, in the amount of $63,200.00

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 Yes.

ORGANIZATIONAL

Nominations for Board Treasurer: Mr. Yakich nominated Mr. Caruso as Treasurer, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini. Voice Vote: 7-0

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Zelich announced that Salute to Scholars will be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2026.

Dr. Zelich shared with the Board that the Washington County Opiate Trust Advisory Committee, when Dr. Zelich is a member of, received a large settlement. This money will be distributed to different organizations within the county to help with the opiate crisis.

Dr. Zelich announced to the Board that the District will be hosting a Free Farmer's Market for the community on Monday, June 2, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Dee's Event Center. This event is sponsored by Highmark Wholecare, and is open to everyone. The District's Life Skills class will be helping to set up this event.

Dr. Zelich shared with the Board that three seniors from our District received scholarships from the Lion's Club at their recent awards dinner. Also recognized were three middle school students and three elementary students who received awards for art posters they created for the Lion's Club contests.

Dr. Zelich shared with the Board the end-of-the-year students and teachers' schedule.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Mrs. Hopkins announced to the Board that Serenity Club, which is a drug and alcohol recovery center, received a $1,000,000 grant to expand their services to include hot meals, showers, a laundry service, and hygiene products for homeless individuals.

Upon motion of Mr. Caruso, seconded by Mr. Yakich, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.