CHARLEROI AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting of Tuesday, October 27, 2026
7:00 PM
Charleroi Area High School Community Room

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. Hritz, Mrs. Pappasergi, Mrs. Pellegrini, 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 High School Community Room, 100 Fecsen Drive, Charleroi PA 15022.

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

Mrs. Pappasergi announced that item 8.m - Name Middle School Boys Basketball Assistant Coach, was added to the agenda.

Upon motion of Mrs. Pellegrini, seconded by Mr. Hritz, with all in favor, it was resolved to approved the amendment to the agenda for the Regular Meeting of the Charleroi Area School District Board of School Directors for October 27, 2026.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon motion of Mr. Hritz, 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 October 27, 2026.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Student Representatives Eva Matinko and Abby Yu spoke with the Board about events in the high school.

ROUTINE BUSINESS:

Upon motion of Mr. Wilkinson, seconded by Mr. Yakich, with all in favor, it was resolved to approve the following routine business items for the month of October2026:

a. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of September 15, 2026

CORRESPONDENCE

a. October Subsidies
b. Thank You Note

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

FUNDING	AMOUNT
S D SPECIAL EDUCATION	$253,021.00
RETIREMENT	$862,073.38

EDUCATION AND CURRICULUM

Upon motion of Mr. Yakich, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini, 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 Sunday Facility Request, Spring Musical, all Sundays in January and February, 2027, 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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

POLICIES

Upon motion of Mr. Wilkinson, 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. Final Reading of Revised Policy 102 – Academic Standards

b. Final Reading of Revised Policy 105 – Curriculum
c. Final Reading of Policy 204.1 – Virtual Attendance and Wellness Checks
d. Final Reading of Revised Policy 209 - Health Examinations/Screenings
e. Final Reading of Revised Policy 246 – School Wellness
f. Final Reading of Revised Policy 249 – Bullying/Cyberbullying
g. Final Reading of Revised Policy 704 – Maintenance
h. Final Reading of Revised Policy 803 – School Calendar
i. Final Reading of Revised Policy 805.2 – School Security Personnel
j. Final Reading of Revised Policy 822 – Automated External Defibrillators (AED)/Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)

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

PERSONNEL

Upon motion of Mr. Yakich, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini, 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 High School Teacher, Tawni Wilson, effective November 2, 2026
b. Name Business, Computer, and Information Technology Teacher, Natalie Puette, beginning October 30, 2026
c. Name Middle School Boys Basketball Head Coach, Jaisean Blackman
d. Name Homebound Instructor, Donna Jo Ball, retroactive to October 13, 2026
e. Approval of Transfer of Sick Days, Bill Hughes, 25 Days
f. Name Elementary Center Co-Yearbook Sponsor, Mia Woytovich, at an annual stipend of $600.00
g. Name Musical Backdrop Supervisor, Mylie French, at an annual stipend of $800.00
h. Approval of Application for Sabbatical Leave for Restoration of Health for elementary teacher, beginning second semester of 2026-2027 school year through first semester of 2027-2028 school year
i. Approval of Request for Uncompensated Leave – 01, RaeAnn Youdell, September 21, 2026, through January 15, 2027
j. Approval of Request for Uncompensated Leave – 02, Melissa Hines, September 29, 2026, through November 9, 2026
k. Name Substitute Teachers: Naomi Lusk (Emergency Permit), retroactive to September 30, 2026; Angelina Battistone (Grades PK-4); Emma Valla (Nurse), retroactive to September 30, 2026, Chad Behrendt (Emergency Permit), Robert Andrey (Emergency Permit), Ava

Kondratowicz (Emergency Permit), and Ethan Kefover (PreK-4), salary per CAEA Bargaining Agreement

l. Name Substitute Personnel: Paul McClain (Bus Driver, Van Driver, Custodian), retroactive to September 28, 2026, salary per CESPA Bargaining Agreement

m. Name Middle School Boys Basketball Assistant Coach, Chad Kovalchuk

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Hopkins Absent, Mr. Hritz Yes, Mrs. Pappasergi Yes,
Mrs. Pellegrini Yes, Mrs. Pepper Absent, Mr. Wilkinson Yes,
Mr. Yakich Yes, Mr. Caruso Yes, Mr. Degnan Absent.

FINANCE AND SUPPORT AREAS

Upon motion of Mr. Hritz, seconded by Mr. Wilkinson, 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 the Monthly Secretary Treasurer Reports for the Month of September 2026 as Follows: General Fund, Restrictive Savings, Digital Revenue, Payroll, Food Service Fund, and Capital Projects Fund

b. Approval of the General Fund, Food Service Fund, and Athletic Fund Bill Lists for the Month of September 2026

c. Approval of the Interim Bill List for September 2026/October 2026

d. Approval of the High School, Middle School, Elementary Center, and Athletic Activity Account Reports for September 2026

e. Approval of Tax Collection Report for the Month of September 2026

f. Approval of the Monthly Revenues and Expenditures Report for September 2026

g. Approval of the Extra Duty Time Reports for September 2026

h. Approval of Agreement of Land Purchase and Sale Subject to Solicitor Final Approval

i. Approval of IES Quotation to replace Bosch burglar alarm and fire dialer damaged during the March 13, 2026 storm, in the amount of $5,148.00

j. Approval of Mlaker LLC Agreement for the Transportation of School Pupils

k. Approval of 2027-2028 Allegheny Intermediate Unit 3 Joint Purchasing Program Agreement

l. Approval of ABM Building Solutions, LLC Quote to replace middle school/high school compressor, in the amount of $9,465.00

m. Approval of ABM Building Solutions LLC Quote for auxiliary gymnasium blower section replacement, in the amount of $10,043.00

n. Approval of Disabled Veterans Real Property Tax Exemption, for parcel number 610-018-00-01-0007-00

ROLL CALL:
Mr. Hritz Yes, Mrs. Pappasergi Yes, Mrs. Pellegrini Yes,
Mrs. Pepper Absent, 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 Pepper, the District's therapy dog, was thriving, and the student adore him. The Washington County Retired Teachers Association donated $100 towards the upkeep of Pepper.

Dr. Zelich shared that the District will be conducting a practice safety drill on Wednesday, October 28, 2026, as required by PDE.

Dr. Zelich announced that elementary Halloween parties will be held on Friday, October 30, 2026, and the first nine weeks of school will end on Thursday, October 29, 2026.

Solicitor Elizabeth Sattler commended the Board on their decision to ban cell phone beginning this school year, and congratulated them on being ahead of the curve.

Upon motion of Mr. Caruso, seconded by Mr. Yakich, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Upon motion of Mr. Hritz, seconded by Mrs. Pellegrini, the meeting reconvened, as Elizabeth Vail questioned the policy for when a child in struck by another child and the parent was not notified by the District. Dr. Zelich and Mrs. Sattler discussed the matter with Ms. Vail.

Upon motion of Mr. Caruso, seconded by Mr. Yakich, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.