

CHARTIERS VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Board of School Directors
January 24, 2023

1.0 Meeting Opening

A) Call to Order

- The Regular Board Meeting of the Chartiers Valley Board of School Directors was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Dr. Mariano in the District Assembly Room.

B) Pledge of Allegiance

C) Roll Call

Present

Mr. Jeff Choura
Mr. Robert Kearney
Mr. Mitchell Montani
Mr. Herbert Ohliger
Mrs. Meghan Sexton
Dr. Sonja Svihla
Mrs. Lisa Trainor
Mrs. Sandy Zeleznik, Vice President
Dr. Darren Mariano, President

Also Present

Dr. Johannah Vanatta, Superintendent
Mrs. Julie Franczyk, Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Don Palmer, Solicitor
Mrs. Pat Connolly, Director of Finance & Operations
Mrs. Angela Conigliaro, Director of Communications
& Strategic Partnerships
Mrs. Kim Borza, Board Secretary

E) Recognitions

- Dr. Vanatta recognized the Board of School Directors.

F) Public Comments – Agenda Items

- There were no public comments on agenda items.

2.0 Executive Session

- Dr. Mariano stated that there was an executive session prior to this public meeting to discuss personnel, legal and safety matters.

3.0 Superintendent's Reports/Presentations

- 3.1** Sophia Vitale & Brady Baranowski gave reports on academics, activities and athletics at Chartiers Valley.
- 3.2** Family & Consumer Science needs assessment presentation by Amanda Stabile & Jessica Thomas.
- 3.3** Jen Heffley presented the needs assessment for Social Studies.
- 3.4** Needs assessment for Applied Engineering Technology was presented by Mark McAleer.

4.0 Solicitor's Report

- There was no solicitor report.

5.0 Informational Agenda

- A) Pathfinder:** Mr. Ohliger said they reorganized: George Honchar from Carlynton, President; Herb is Vice-President; Valerie Fleisher from Mt Lebanon, Treasurer. Various activities happening – Bocce, Bowling, Basketball. Air handlers are really bad, they will be replaced in phases, and total cost approximately \$345,000, first phase cost is \$114,000 of which CV's cost will be \$20,700.

- B) Parkway:** Mr. Choura stated that the 2023-24 budget was brought to the Board for vote and passed; CV's Reece Creely is culinary arts student of the month; the bricklayers and craftworkers local union 9 were approved for the bricklayers building; another diesel instructor was hired; a competitive equipment grant for \$38,000 was received.
- C) SHASDA:** Dr. Vanatta stated that they had a Superintendent SHASDA meeting the previous week. Student Forums and annual student summit have not happened since covid but info will be coming out about them soon; there will be a legal update in the spring.
- D) AIU:** Mrs. Trainor said that they approved Tisha Thomas from South Allegheny to fill the opening on the Board; since PA Educator has been upgraded, they have 96 schools that are involved with it.
- E) Finance Committee Report:** Mrs. Connolly gave an update on the 2021-22 Year End Fiscal Budget; 2022-23 Projection and 2023-24 Preliminary Budget.

Board President, Dr. Mariano, read the following statement after the Finance Committee Report:

Chartiers Valley is facing extraordinary financial challenges. We recognize that these challenges must be met with extraordinary solutions. Taxing our way out of this situation is not possible. We must review all aspects of our district's program and operations.

The current capital improvements, including the gymnasium, stadium, swimming pool, and auditorium rigging, are required upgrades to ensure our students have access to safe and compliant facilities. These facilities are safe now but must be addressed and repaired so this vital part of a student's education can continue.

Some may want to ignore the financial situation at hand, but we, as a board, must look at all of our options. Dr. Vanatta, please research all ways the District can make adjustments to meet the extraordinary financial challenges we are facing and present your findings to the Board this May.

6.0 Consent Agenda

- 6.2** The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve the Board Meeting Minutes for January 10, 2023.
- 6.3** The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve AIU Alternative Education Program for 2022-2023 school year.
- 6.4** The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve the Human Resources Report for January 24, 2023.
- 6.5** The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve the January 24, 2023 driver list for A.J. Myers and Sons, Inc.
- 6.6** The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve the \$2000 grant for participation in the United Way Kindergarten Transition Program.
- 6.7** The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve Learning Beyond Borders Afghan Refugees School Impact Support to Schools (ARSI S2S) Grant in the amount of \$75, 000.
- 6.8** The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve the following payments from December 1 to 31, 2022, in the amount of \$6,384,778.59
Fund Amount General Fund: \$3,637,785.37; Payroll Fund: \$2,740,843.99; High School Activity Fund: \$5,649.23; Middle School Activity Fund: \$500.00.

**Motion to approve items 6.2 to 6.8 listed above.
Moved by Mr. Kearney, seconded by Mr. Ohliger.
On a voice vote, the motion passes unanimously.**

7.0 Action/Discussion

- 7.1** The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve the 2023-2024 High School Program of Studies.

**Motion to approve item 7.1 listed above.
Moved by Mrs. Trainer, seconded by Mr. Choura.
On a voice vote, the motion passes unanimously.**

7.2 The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve the Parkway West General Operating Budget for the 2023-2024 school year of \$8,168,903 with Chartiers Valley School District's share being \$886,708.74.

**Motion to approve item 7.2 listed above.
 Moved by Mr. Choura, seconded by Mr. Montani.
 On a roll call vote, the motion passes unanimously.**

7.3 Motion to approve the Parkway West Jointure Budget for the 2023-2024 school year of \$800,925 with Chartiers Valley School District's share being \$69,553.61.

**Motion to approve item 7.3 listed above.
 Moved by Mrs. Zeleznik, seconded by Mr. Choura.
 On a roll call vote, the motion passes unanimously.**

7.4 Finance Committee Presentation (*presented during the Informational Agenda part of the meeting, see 5.0 above*).

7.5 I so move to approve the Act 1 Resolution for the 2023-2024 School Year which certifies that the Chartiers Valley School District will not raise taxes for the 2023-2024 school year at a rate that exceeds the school districts Act 1 index of 4.1% as calculated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

**Motion to approve item 7.5 listed above.
 Moved by Mr. Kearney, seconded by Mrs. Zeleznik.
 On a voice vote, the motion passes with 8-yes and 1-no.**

- 7.8** The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve the second reading of Policy 203 - Immunizations and Communicable Diseases.
- 7.9** The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve the second reading of Policy 204 - Attendance.
- 7.10** The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve the second reading of Policy 218 - Student Discipline, Policy 218.1 - Weapons and Policy 218.2 - Terroristic Threats/Acts.
- 7.11** The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve the second reading of Policy 220 - Student Expression/Distribution and Posting of Materials.
- 7.12** The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve the second reading of Policy 222 - Tobacco Usage and Policy 227 - Drugs and Alcohol.
- 7.13** The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve the second reading of Policy 236.1 - Threat Assessment.
- 7.14** The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve the second reading of Policy 247 - Hazing and Policy 249 - Bullying/Cyber Bullying.
- 7.15** The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve the first reading of Policy 610 - Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation.

**Motion to approve items 7.8 through 7.15 listed above.
 Moved by Mr. Choura, seconded by Mr. Montani.
 On a roll call vote, the motion passes unanimously.**

8.0 Public Comments ~ non-agenda items


- There were no public comments on non-agenda items.

Board Member Roll Call Votes Parkway West CTC 2023-2024 Budget		
Name	General Operating Budget	Jointure Budget
Mr. Choura	Yes	Yes
Mr. Kearney	Yes	Yes
Mr. Montani	Yes	Yes
Mr. Ohliger	Yes	Yes
Mrs. Sexton	Yes	Yes
Dr. Svihla	Yes	Yes
Mrs. Trainor	Yes	Yes
Mrs. Zeleznik	Yes	Yes
Dr. Mariano	Yes	Yes

9.0 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:52 p.m.
Moved by Mr. Montani, seconded by Mr. Choura.
On a voice vote, the motion passes unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Kim Borza
Board Secretary