

CHARTIERS VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of the Workshop Meeting
Board of School Directors
January 28, 2025

1.0 Meeting Opening

A) Call to Order

- The Workshop Board Meeting of the Charters Valley Board of School Directors was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Dr. Mariano in the Intermediate School Auditorium.

B) Pledge of Allegiance

C) Roll Call

Present

Mr. Ed Brosky
Mr. Jeff Choura
Mrs. Kate Drury
Mr. Herbert Ohliger
Mr. Mitchell Montani
Mrs. Megan Sexton
Mrs. Lisa Trainor
Ms. Huehn, Vice President
Dr. Darren Mariano, President

Also Present

Dr. Daniel R. Castagna, Superintendent
Dr. Michael E. Sable, Asst Superintendent
Dr. Joseph Dimperio, Interim Superintendent
Mr. Matthew Racunas, Solicitor
Mrs. Beth Wright, Director of Finance & Operations
Mrs. Kelly Irvine, Board Secretary

2.0 Announcements and Recognitions:

- Jason McKenna gave a STEM presentation, Tammie Burnaford gave a curriculum analysis presentation and Beth Wright gave a presentation on the preliminary budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

3.0 Public Comments on Agenda items:

Name	Address	Municipality	Topic
Matt Zwier	4003 Coast Circle	Collier	Questions regarding school calendar and ERI.
Ashley Murphy	157 Orchard Spring	Scott	Questions regarding calendar and Curvepoint.

4.0 Executive Session

- Dr. Mariano announced that there was an Executive Session prior to this public meeting to discuss personnel, legal, and safety matters.

5.0 Superintendent's Report:

- Student Representative Layla Asbury gave an update on the following: The Thespian Group traveled to West Chester University from January 2nd to January 4th joining other thespian troops around the state. On January 11th the theater program participated in the High School drama awards and received 9 nominations. The CV choir will be having its annual Soundwave recital on February 3rd.
- Student Representative Brady Baranowski gave an update on Athletics. CV Dance Troupe is going to Orlando, FL, for the UDA Nationals Competition. Gave an update on boys and girls basketball, as well as the swimming/diving team.

6.0 Solicitor's Report

- Nothing to report

7.0 Informational Agenda

A) South Hills Area School Districts Association (SHASDA)

6.1 Consortium of school districts interacting to improve public education in the South Hills. Board Representative: Megan Sexton

- Nothing to report

B) The Pathfinder School

6.2 The Pathfinder School serves 5 to 21-year-old special education students within CVSD. Board Representative: Herb Ohliger.

- Mr. Ohliger reported that Pathfinder had their reorganization meeting.

C) Allegheny Intermediate Unit#3

6.3 Regional public education agency supporting school districts in Allegheny County. Board Representative: Lisa Trainor

- Mrs. Trainor reported that there was a meeting on January 27th where there was a presentation on MTSS and positive behavior intervention and support. These are programs that encourage positive behavior and define expectations. 72 schools from the AIU were recognized in Hershey for their contributions and work in the school districts. If applicable, refund checks should be received soon by districts.

D) Parkway West Career and Technology Center

6.4 An extension of 12 school districts in Allegheny County providing 16 different programs aimed to prepare students for college or future careers. Board Representative: Jeff Choura

- Mr. Choura reported that administrator Mr. Snedeker was able to obtain an \$80,000 grant in December and a \$450,000 grant in January. Parkway West hired Howard Hanna Commercial Real Estate to keep them updated on PTC technical school in Oakdale that's for sale. Chartiers Valley had 34 students on the honor roll during the first quarter of the year.

E) Finance Committee

- Nothing to report

8.0 Board Meeting Minutes

8.1 Motion to approve the Board Meeting minutes for January 14, 2025.

**Motion to approve item 8.1,
Moved by Mr. Choura, seconded by Ms. Huehn,
On a voice vote, the motion passes unanimously.**

9.0 Education

9.1 Motion to approve the UPMC Care Mobile contract.

**Motion to approve item 9.1,
Moved by Ms. Huehn, seconded by Mr. Choura,
On a voice vote, the motion passes unanimously.**

10.0 Athletics and Activities

11.0 Personnel

11.1 Motion to approve the Human Resources Report for January 28, 2025.

Motion to approve item 11.1,

**Moved by Ms. Huehn, seconded by Mr. Choura,
On a voice vote, the motion passes unanimously.**

11.2 Motion to approve Matthew Racunas as District Solicitor for the Chartiers Valley School District. Terms as stipulated in the engagement letter from Matthew Racunas of the Racunas Law Group, LLC, dated January 14, 2025 and effective January 15, 2025.

**Motion to approve item 11.2,
Moved by Ms. Huehn, seconded by Mr. Choura,
On a voice vote, the motion passes unanimously.**

12.0 Policy

12.1 Motion to approve the second reading of policy 908.1 – Relations with parents/guardians – Chain of Command.

**Motion to approve item 12.1,
Moved by Ms. Huehn, seconded by Mrs. Trainor,
On a voice vote, the motion passes unanimously.**

12.2 Motion to approve the first read of policy 810 – Transportation, an update to the current policy language to conform to state guidance.

**Motion to approve item 12.2,
Moved by Ms. Huehn, seconded by Mr. Brosky,
On a voice vote, the motion passes unanimously.**

12.3 Motion to approve the organization chart for the 2024-2025 school year.

**Motion to approve item 12.3,
Moved by Mr. Montani, seconded by Mr. Choura,
On a voice vote, the motion passes unanimously.**

13.0 Action/Discussion

A) Education

13.1 13.1 Motion to approve the 2025-2026 School District Calendar (pending modification by Dr. Sable).

**Motion to approve item 13.1,
Moved by Mr. Montani, seconded by Ms. Huehn,
On a voice vote, the motion passes unanimously.**

B) Budget and Finance

13.2 Motion to approve the Early Retirement Incentive for the teachers union (CVFT) (pending union approval).

**Motion to approve item 13.2,
Moved by Mr. Montani, seconded by Mr. Brosky,
On a voice vote, the motion passes unanimously.**

13.3 Motion to approve Erika Pierce to travel to the 2025 NAFME All Eastern Music festival from April 23 through April 27, 2025.

**Motion to approve item 13.3,
Moved by Mr. Montani, seconded by Mr. Choura,**

On a voice vote, the motion passes unanimously.

13.4 Motion to accept the PDE ready to learn tax equity supplement in the amount of \$303,975.

**Motion to approve item 13.4,
Moved by Ms. Huehn, seconded by Mr. Brosky,
On a voice vote, the motion passes unanimously.**

13.5 Motion to approve payment of the construction invoice in the amount of \$2,501.96.

**Motion to approve item 13.5,
Moved by Ms. Heuhn, seconded by Mr. Choura,
On a voice vote, the motion passes unanimously.**

13.6 Motion to approve Peter Schintz to travel to the Austin Convention Center to attend the South by Southwest conference from March 2 through March 6, 2025.

**Motion to approve item 13.6,
Moved by Mrs. Trainor, seconded by Mrs. Sexton,
On a voice vote, the motion passes unanimously.**

13.7 Motion to approve the CurvePoint Pilot proposal which outlines the plan to deliver a pilot project in two phases for a real-time spatial monitoring system and analytics platform. The project aims to provide actionable insights into personnel and student behavior and enable data-driven decision-making.

**Motion to approve item 13.7,
Moved by Mr. Montani, seconded by Mr. Choura,
On a voice vote, the motion passes unanimously.**

13.8 Motion to approve the parkway west jointure budget for the 2025-2026 school year of \$1,079,716 with Chartiers Valley School District's share being \$80,308.31.

**Motion to approve item 13.8,
Moved by Ms. Huehn, seconded by Mr. Choura,
On a voice vote, the motion passes unanimously.**

13.9 Motion to approve the Parkway West general operating budget for the 2025-2026 school year of \$9,603,622 with Chartiers Valley School District's share being \$1,007,727.42.

**Motion to approve item 13.9,
Moved by Ms. Huehn, seconded by Mr. Choura,
On a voice vote, the motion passes unanimously.**

14.0 Public Comments on Non-Agenda items: The following people spoke on Non-Agenda Items:

Name	Address	Municipality	Topic
Tim Efthimiades	423 Kismet St	Scott	Bussing concerns
Matt Zwier	4003 Coast Circle	Collier	Bussing concerns, curriculum comments
Rich Poploski	609 Elm St	Bridgeville	Transportation and curriculum concerns
Alexa Seretti	279 Sunrise Dr	Collier	Concerns with safety
Julianna Betts	Student – Not provided	Presto	Concerns with STEM
Ashley Murphy	157 Orchard Spring	Scott	Thanked bus driver

15.0 Adjournment

15.1 Next Board Meeting Announcement: The next Board Meeting will be on February 11, 2025.

15.2 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:46 p.m.

**Moved by Ms. Huehn, seconded by Mr. Montani.
On a voice vote, the motion passes unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Irvine
Board Secretary