

**CHARTIERS VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of the Legislative Meeting
Board of School Directors
February 27, 2024**

1.0 Meeting Opening

A) Call to Order

B) Pledge of Allegiance

C) Roll Call

Present

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

Also Present

Mrs. Julie Franczyk, Assistant Superintendent
Ms. Rebecca Heaton Hall, Solicitor
Mrs. Pat Connolly, Director of Finance & Operations
Mrs. Angela Conigliaro, Director of Communications
Mrs. Courtney Saxon, Board Secretary

D) Public Comments on Agenda items

1.1 Public Comments on Agenda Items

- Laura Kelley ~ Collier ~ Spoke on item 7.10 Resignation, Dr. Johannah Vanatta, Superintendent

2.0 Executive Session

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

3.0 Recognitions

3.1 Primary School Principal Voted Penguins MVP Principal.

- Primary School Principal, Dr. Deidra Stepko, was named a Penguins MVP Principal. She will be awarded a custom Pens jersey and \$1,000 for the Primary School. Dr. Stepko will also be recognized at the March 17th Penguins game.

4.0 Superintendent's Report

4.1 Student Representatives Brady Baranowski and Sarah LaCamera

- Student representatives gave a report on athletics and activities.

5.0 Solicitor's Report

6.0 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.

- Nothing to report

B) The Pathfinder School

6.2 The Pathfinder School serves 5 to 21-year-old special education students within CVSD.

- Mr. Ohliger reported some of the recent activities at Pathfinder such as the Valentine's Day Friendship Dance, Reading Across America, a Celebration of winter sports, and they are selling T-Shirts for World Autism Day.

C) Allegheny Intermediate Unit#3

6.3 Regional public education agency supporting school districts in Allegheny County.

- Mrs. Trainor reported that the AIU welcomed two new board members and there were no issues regarding their recent audit.

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.

- Mr. Choura announced that Parkway had a recent career day for local 8th graders. There were 1600 students in attendance.

E) Finance Committee

- Mrs. Connolly gave a budget update. She stated the District is facing a \$3.4 million deficit and they are working to find ways to balance the budget, including the early retirement incentive for CVFT. The District will not receive additional assistance from the state as we have yet to reach our tax ceiling.

7.0 Action/Discussion

A) Board Meeting Minutes

7.1 Board Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve Board Meeting Minutes for January 9, 2024 and January 23, 2024.

Motion to approve item 7.1.

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

B) Education

7.2 Foreign Exchange Student

Motion to approve the Foreign Exchange student from Italy through Education First (EF) for the 2024-2025 school year.

Motion to approve item 7.2.

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

C) Athletics/Activities

7.3 Best Buddies - Polar Plunge Fundraisers

Motion to approve the Best Buddies Polar Plunge Fundraisers.

Motion to approve item 7.3.

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

7.4 Spanish Club Fundraiser

Motion to approve the Spanish Club Fundraiser.

Motion to approve item 7.4.

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

7.5 Travel request for selected band students to attend 2024 PMEA Region 1 Band Festival

Motion to approve the travel request for selected band students to attend the 2024 PMEA Region 1 Band Festival.

Motion to approve item 7.5.

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

7.6 Robotics Team Travel Request

Motion to approve the Robotics Team Travel Request.

Motion to approve item 7.6.

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

7.7 Class of 2027 Fundraiser

Motion to approve the Class of 2027 Really Good Cookie Fundraiser.

Motion to approve item 7.7.

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

7.8 Chartiers Valley Choral Parents Association Fundraiser

Motion to approve the Chartiers Valley Choral Parent Association Fundraiser Poppin' Popcorn.

Motion to approve item 7.8.

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

D) Personnel

7.9 HR Report February 27, 2024

Motion to approve the Human Resources Report for February 27, 2024. The Human Resources Report is a personnel matter and has been reviewed and discussed during the Executive Session.

Motion to approve item 7.9.

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

7.10 Resignation, Dr. Johannah Vanatta, Superintendent

Motion to accept the resignation of Dr. Johannah Vanatta effective February 26, 2024.

- Dr. Mariano read the following statement:

“On behalf of the Chartiers Valley School District community, I want to express our sincere gratitude to Dr. Johannah Vanatta for her dedicated service as our Superintendent. Her good work did not go unnoticed and we are grateful for her leadership and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

Going forward, Mrs. Julie Franczyk, our Assistant Superintendent will direct Education while Mrs. Connelly, our Director of Finance and Operations, will concentrate on all other aspects of the school district. We hope this will help with transitioning as the board decides on how best to proceed regarding searching for a new superintendent.”

Motion to approve item 7.10.

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

E) Buildings and Grounds

F) Transportation

G) Budget and Finance

7.11 One Church Recess Equipment Donation

Motion to approve the One Church Donation of Recess Equipment in the amount of \$235.00. Equipment is to be divided between the Primary School and Intermediate School.

Motion to approve item 7.11.

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

7.12 Chartiers Valley Class of 1972 Donation to Life Skills Classroom

Motion to approve the Chartiers Valley Class of 1972 donation of \$455.72 to the life skills classroom.

Motion to approve item 7.12.

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

7.13 Kids of Steel Grant

Motion to approve the Kids of Steel Grant in the amount of \$750.

Motion to approve item 7.13.

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

7.14 United Way Grant

Motion to approve the United Way Grant in the amount of \$2000.

Motion to approve item 7.14.

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

7.15 Advertisement for Request for Proposal for Contracted Waste Disposal Services

Motion to approve the Advertisement for the Request for Proposal for Contracted Waste Disposal Services.

Motion to approve item 7.15.

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

7.16 Parkway Budget

Motion to approve the Parkway West General Operating and Jointure Budget for 2024-25.

Motion to approve item 7.16.

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

7.17 Construction Payment Report February 2024

Motion to approve the Construction Payments Report for February 13, 2024.

Motion to approve item 7.17.

**Moved by Mr. Ohliger, seconded by Ms. Huehn,
On a voice vote, the motion passes 8-Yes, 1-No (Choura).**

7.18 Payments, including Charter Schools, January 1 - 31, 2024

Motion to approve Payments, including Charter Schools, January 1 - 31, 2024.

Motion to approve item 7.18.

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

7.19 Electrical Contractor for General Maintenance

Motion to approve the Electrical Contracted Bid.

Motion to approve item 7.19.

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

7.20 Construction Manager - CHC Enterprises Corporation Contract

Motion to approve Construction Manager - Pete Celender - CHC Enterprises Corporation contract.

Motion to approve item 7.20.

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

7.21 CVFT Early Retirement Incentive

Motion to approve the Chartiers Valley Federation of Teachers Early Retirement Incentive.

Motion to approve item 7.21.

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

7.22 Contract for Educational Placement - Steel City Academies

Motion to approve the Contract for Educational Placement - Steel City Academies.

Motion to approve item 7.22.

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

7.23 Wireless Infrastructure FCC E-rate Contracts for Middle School and High School

Motion to approve the Wireless Infrastructure FCC E-rate Contracts.

Motion to approve item 7.23.

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

7.24 Second Reading - Policy 610 - Purchases Subject to Bid-Quotation

Motion to approve Policy 610 Purchases Subject to Bid-Quotation - second read.

Motion to approve item 7.24.

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

7.25 Second Reading - Policy 626 Federal Fiscal Compliance and Procurement Attachment

Motion to approve Policy 626 Federal Fiscal Compliance - second read and Procurement attachment.

Motion to approve item 7.25.

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

H) Policy

8.0 Public Comments on Non-Agenda items

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The following people spoke on non-agenda items:

- Gina Filippone ~ Scott ~ Spoke on Football boosters being allowed to run the main football concession stand.
- Emily Marko ~ Scott ~ Spoke on Board Directors going into schools while school is in session and *Board Policy 000, Code 002*.
- Samantha Folmer ~ Scott ~ Spoke on the resignation of Superintendent and live streaming meetings.
- Thomas Rubritz ~ Scott ~ Spoke on School Board member going into school and having clearances.

9.0 Adjournment

9.1 Next Board Meeting Announcement

- Dr. Mariano announced that the next Workshop Board Meeting will take place on March 12, 2024 at 7:00pm at the Parkway West Career and Technology Center.

9.2 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:17pm

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

Respectfully submitted,



Courtney Saxon
Board Secretary

