

CHARTIERS VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes of the Workshop/Special Action Meeting
Board of School Directors
DATE: September 12, 2023

1.0 Meeting Opening

A) Call to Order

- The Workshop/Special Action Board Meeting of the Charters Valley Board of School Directors was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Dr. Mariano in the District Assembly Room.

B) Pledge of Allegiance

Prior to the Roll Call, Dr. Mariano called for a Moment of Silence in remembrance of September 11th.

C) Roll Call

Present

Mr. Jeff Choura
Mr. Robert Kearney
Mr. Mitchell Montani (via Google Meet)
Mr. Herbert Ohliger
Mrs. Megan 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. Courtney Saxon, Board Secretary

After the Roll Call, Dr. Mariano made a statement regarding the High School Athletics Facility.

“I would like to make a statement concerning the HS athletic facility.

The board and administration wishes our student athletes and activities would be enjoying phase 1, of our updated HS facility by now, and it was anticipated the facility would open on August 23rd, however that obviously is not the case. The safety of our students, staff, parents, and all those who visit our facility is our main priority. Until the facility is deemed safe, it will not be ready for any sports or activities with spectators. There certainly will be time for athletes, teams or activities to ‘play in’ on the new turf, however this is different than permitting spectators within a construction site.

It’s unfortunate that we had to delay the start of any of our events that utilize the field or facility, but I’m sure you can agree, until the district is given the green light, that the facility is safe not only for athletes on the turf, but for spectators in the stands or in the surrounding area, the field will remain closed. We anticipate that date to be September 29th but again the safety of all those impacted is our number one priority. The administration should update all those involved the week of the 29th! Thank you.”

D) Executive Session

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

E) Public Comments – Agenda Items

- Those listed below spoke on Agenda Items
 - Kate Drury ~ Scott ~ Sunshine Act and transparent communication.
 - Tim Bart ~ Collier ~ Stadium Renovation, Pay Apps, and communication.

F) Recognitions

2.0 Superintendent's Report/Presentation

3.0 Consent Agenda

A) Board Meeting Minutes

3.2 Motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes for August 22, 2023, and August 25, 2023.

B) Education

3.3 Motion to approve the AIU Waterfront Learning Contract for 2023-2024.

3.4 Motion to approve the Settlement, Agreement, and Release regarding student # 24413.

3.5 Motion to approve the Settlement, Agreement, and Release regarding student # 23393.

C) Athletics & Activities

3.7 Motion to approve the High School Global Scholars Club application for probationary status as per Board Policy 826.

D) Personnel

3.8 Motion to approve the Human Resources Report for September 12, 2023.

E) Budget & Finance

3.9 Motion to accept the \$50 donation of removable vinyl decals for the Boys Soccer Locker Room.

3.11 Motion to approve Logo on Scoreboard.

3.12 Motion to approve the Digital Message Board.

F) Policy

**Motion to approve items 3.2-3.5, 3.7- 3.9, 3.11, 3.12 listed above,
Moved by Mr. Kearney, seconded by Mrs. Trainor,
On a voice vote, the motion passes 8 – Yes, 1 – No (Ohliger).**

4.0 Action/Discussion

B) Finance

4.2 Motion to approve the Construction Payment Report 9-12-23

Motion 4.2 was modified approving payment to only those companies listed on the uploaded Construction Payments document under the following categories:

- *High School Athletics – Interior*
- *Primary School HVAC Exterior*
- *High School Athletics – Exterior for A-1 Electric*
- *High School Athletics – Exterior for Stephen Parks and Associates*

**Motion to approve item 4.2 listed above,
Moved by Mrs. Zeleznik, seconded by Mr. Kearney,
On a voice vote, the motion passes unanimously.**

4.3 Motion to approve water utility vault Pressure Reducing Valve Project Award CVHS
– All Pro Plumbing

**Motion to approve item 4.3 listed above,
Moved by Dr. Svihla, seconded by Mr. Ohliger,
On a voice vote, the motion passes unanimously.**

4.4 Motion to approve Act 93 Contract and Appendix A

**Motion to approve item 4.4 listed above,
Moved by Mrs. Zeleznik, seconded by Mrs. Trainor,
On a voice vote, the motion passes 7-Yes, 2 – No (Ohliger and Mariano).**

4.5 Motion to approve Director of Finance and Operations Contract July 1, 2024-June 30, 2028.

**Motion to approve item 4.5 listed above,
Moved by Mr. Choura, seconded by Mr. Ohliger,
On a voice vote, the motion passes unanimously.**

4.6 Motion to table Change Order – High School Exterior Athletics GC-005

**Motion to table item 4.6 listed above,
Moved by Mr. Kearney, seconded by Mr. Choura,
On a voice vote, the motion passes unanimously and item 4.6 was tabled.**

4.7 Motion to approve Policy 718 – Therapy Dogs in School

**Motion to approve item 4.7 listed above,
Moved by Mrs. Trainor, seconded by Mr. Choura,
On a voice vote, the motion passes unanimously.**

Before Public Comments, Dr. Mariano announced that through the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Dogwood Charter School was denied an application within the Chartiers Valley School District. They were approved in the Bethel Park School District.

5.0 Public Comments ~ Non-Agenda Items

- Those listed below spoke on Non-Agenda Items
 - Brady Bart ~ Collier ~ Lack of communication regarding the opening of the High School Stadium
 - Tim Bart ~ Collier ~ Opening of the High School Stadium, unfinished projects, and communication timing.

Before Adjournment, Dr. Mariano recognized Bus 96 bus driver, Daisy, for going above and beyond in engaging with the students that ride her bus in explaining the rules and why she became a bus driver.

6.0 Adjournment

**Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:37 p.m.,
Moved by Mrs. Zeleznik, seconded by Mr. Kearney,
On a voice vote, the motion passes unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,



Courtney Saxon
Board Secretary

