

**CHARTIERS VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting**  
**Board of School Directors**  
**August 22, 2023**

## **1.0 Meeting Opening**

### **A) Call to Order**

- The Regular Board Meeting of the Charters Valley Board of School Directors was called to order at 6:30 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. 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

### **E) Recognitions**

- PSBA representative, Lena Hannah, recognized the following School Board Directors for their long-time service and commitment to Education:
  - Mr. Jeff Choura – 45 years of service
  - Mr. Robert Kearney – 12 years of service
  - Mrs. Sandy Zeleznik – 12 years of service

### **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** Dr. Vanatta gave an update on the academic, athletic, and activities of CVSD. New teachers began their induction on Monday, teachers will return on Thursday, and students are back next week.

## **4.0 Solicitor's Report**

- There was no solicitor report.

## 5.0 Informational Agenda

- A) **Pathfinder:** Mr. Ohliger stated that they received an audit report. Pathfinder currently has 88 students and graduated 13 last year. As part of their curriculum this year, Pathfinder will be using TeachTown.
- B) **Parkway:** Mr. Choura stated nothing new to report.
- C) **SHASDA:** Mrs. Sexton stated nothing new to report.
- D) **AIU:** Mrs. Trainor stated that their Back to School event was held on August 17<sup>th</sup>. Their August meeting is this upcoming Monday.
- E) **Finance Committee Report:** Mrs. Connolly stated nothing new to report.

## 6.0 Consent Agenda

- 6.2 The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve the Board Meeting Minutes for August 8, 2023.
- 6.3 The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve the MOU Safety Plan.
- 6.4 The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve the 2023-2024 District Assessment Calendars for the Primary School, Intermediate School, Middle School, and High School. 2023-2024 District Assessment Calendars for the Primary School, Intermediate School, Middle School, and High School. The assessment calendars include required state and national testing, as well as locally selected benchmark measures.
- 6.5 The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve the tuition contract with Watson Institute Social Center for Academic Achievement-WISCA South for the 2023-2024 school year.
- 6.6 The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve the 2023-2024 tuition contract between The Education Center at Watson and Chartiers Valley.
- 6.7 The Superintendent recommends and I so move to accept the Grant Award for Western PA Learning 2025 Alliance - Grable Foundation.
- 6.8 The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve the 2023-2024 Allegheny Clinic Behavioral Health Professional Services Agreement.
- 6.9 The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve the Southwood Hospital contract for the 2023-2024 school year.
- 6.10 The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve the Bradley Center Supplemental services contract for the 23-24 school year.
- 6.11 The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve the 2023-2024 CVSD Student Handbooks
- 6.12 The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve the Girls Basketball travel request to Maryland.
- 6.13 The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve the Boys Basketball Team travel request to Erie.
- 6.14 The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve the Dance Troupe's travel requests to Michigan, Philadelphia, and Florida.
- 6.15 The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve the Human Resources Report for August 22, 2022.
- 6.16 The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve the payments from July 1 to 31, 2023, in the amount of \$3,762,513.20.
- 6.17 The Superintendent recommends and I so move to accept the donation of the scoreboard sponsorship from Cozza Law Group in the amount of \$20,000 over 4 years.
- 6.18 The Superintendent recommends and I so move to accept the donation of a floor and wall sticker graphic in the shared locker room for football, boys lacrosse, and boys track and field with the monetary value of \$853.69.
- 6.19 The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve the first read of Policy 718 Therapy Dogs in School.

**Motion to approve items 6.2 to 6.19 listed above.**  
**Moved by Mr. Montani, seconded by Mr. Ohliger.**  
**On a voice vote, the motion passes unanimously.**

## 7.0 Action/Discussion

**7.2** Motion to approve a contract with J. A. Gimigliano Masonry for concrete repair at the Primary School and Intermediate School in the amount of \$23,400.00.

**Motion to approve item 7.2 listed above.**

**Moved by Mr. Ohliger, seconded by Dr. Svihla.**

**On a voice vote, the motion passes unanimously.**

**7.3** The Superintendent and I so move to approve the Resolution for the District's Section 125 Cafeteria Plan including a Health Flexible Spending Account and Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account effective July 1, 2023.

**Motion to approve item 7.3 listed above.**

**Moved by Mr. Ohliger, seconded by Mrs. Zeleznik.**

**On a voice vote, the motion passes unanimously.**

**7.4** The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve Hawley Consulting Group for the preparation of the July 1, 2023, Actuarial Valuation Report and Disclosures for fiscal year-end June 30, 2023, not to exceed \$7,000.

**Motion to approve item 7.4 listed above.**

**Moved by Mr. Kearney, seconded by Mr. Ohliger.**

**On a voice vote, the motion passes unanimously.**

**7.5** Motion to approve the change order for the High School Track in the amount of \$158,500.00. For the High School Exterior Athletics, a remaining hard cost contingency of \$177,074.16 and a contingency balance of \$18,574.16 remain. Approximately 7.2% of the hard cost contingency remains.

*There was a discussion on this motion regarding why the change order was needed, the cost associated with the change order, and if there was responsibility that could be pinpointed.*

**Motion to approve item 7.4 listed above.**

**Moved by Dr. Svihla, seconded by Mrs. Zeleznik.**

**On a roll call vote, 1 – yes, 8 – no the motion fails.**

Board of School Directors Roll Call Votes - August 22, 2023 Change Order: High School Stadium - Track			
Mr. Choura	NO	Dr. Svihla	NO
Mr. Kearney	YES	Mrs. Trainor	NO
Mr. Montani	NO	Mrs. Zeleznik	No
Mr. Ohliger	NO	Dr. Mariano	NO
Mrs. Sexton	NO		

## 8.0 Public Comments ~ non-agenda items

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

## 9.0 Adjournment

**Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 7:26 p.m.**

**Moved by Mrs. Zeleznik, seconded by Mrs. Trainor.**

**On a voice vote, the motion passes unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,



Courtney Saxon  
Board Secretary