

**CHARTIERS VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting**  
**Board of School Directors**  
**May 23, 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 6:34 p.m. by Dr. Mariano in the Intermediate School Auditorium.

**B) Pledge of Allegiance**

**C) Roll Call**

**Present**

Mr. Jeff Choura  
Mr. Mitchell Montani  
Mr. Robert Kearney  
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**

**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 recognized student representatives, Sophia Vitale and Brady Baranowski, for a great year.

**4.0 Solicitor's Report**

- There was no solicitor report.

**5.0 Informational Agenda**

- A) Pathfinder:** Mr. Ohliger said they met last Wednesday and accepted a \$500,000 grant from the AIU for infrastructure repairs; graduation is 10am on June 5, 2023.
- B) Parkway:** Mr. Choura stated that they had graduation on May 17<sup>th</sup> at Montour High School, this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> year they hosted it and did a fabulous job; independent audit was completed and came out wonderful with no findings; the masonry building has been put on a delay due to cost changes;
- C) SHASDA:** Dr. Vanatta stated that the end of year celebration was at South Pointe; they had their annual Board secretary recognition luncheon; they are done for 22/23, meetings will begin again in the fall.
- D) AIU:** Mrs. Trainor said they met last evening, there was a presentation on PA teacher shortage which included things AIU is proposing with Commonwealth to help teachers enter the field; Mrs. Trainor will be attending an executive retreat on June 21<sup>st</sup>.
- E) Finance Committee Report:** Mrs. Connolly will give a preliminary budget presentation during action/discussion.

## 6.0 Consent Agenda

**6.2** The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve the Board Meeting Minutes for May 9, 2023.

**6.3** The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve the Foreign Exchange student through International Cultural Exchange Services (ICES) for 11th grade in the 2023-2024 school year.

**6.4** The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve the College in High School and Student Teacher Affiliation Agreements for 2023-2024.

**6.6** The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve the Boys Tennis trip on May 25-26, 2023 for the PIAA Boys Tennis Double Championships in Hershey, PA.

**6.7** The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve the Track trip to Shippensburg University for the PIAA Track Championship on May 26-27, 2023.

**6.8** The Superintendent recommends and I so move to move to approve the Warm Wishes Fundraiser.

**6.9** Motion to approve the cancellation of the High School Orchestra trip to Boston, Massachusetts from September 28, 2023 through October 1, 2023 that was previously approved on November 8, 2022.

**6.10** The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve the Human Resources Report for May 23, 2023.

**6.11** The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve the payments from April 1 to 30, 2023, in the amount of \$6,377,077.38.

**Motion to approve items 6.2 to 6.11 listed above.**

**Mrs. Trainor made a motion to suspend all hiring from the HR report except for the teacher summer writing.**

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

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

## 7.0 Action/Discussion

**7.2** The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve the South Central Area Special Schools Committee (SCASSC) Operation Budget for the 2023-2024 school year.

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

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

**On a roll call vote, the motion passes unanimously**

Board of School Directors Roll Call Votes - SCASSC May 23, 2023			
Mr. Choura	Yes	Dr. Svihla	Yes
Mr. Kearney	Yes	Mrs. Trainor	Yes
Mr. Montani	Yes	Mrs. Zeleznik	Yes
Mr. Ohliger	Yes	Dr. Mariano	Yes
Mrs. Sexton	Yes		

**7.3** The Superintendent recommends and I so move to approve the Grants received for school year 2022-2023 (\$7,146,036.99).

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

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

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

Board of School Directors Roll Call Votes - May 23, 2023 2023-2024 Proposed Final Budget			
Mr. Choura	Yes	Dr. Svihla	Yes
Mr. Kearney	Yes	Mrs. Trainor	Yes
Mr. Montani	Yes	Mrs. Zeleznik	Yes
Mr. Ohliger	Yes	Dr. Mariano	Yes
Mrs. Sexton	Yes		

**7.4** Item 7.4 is to approve the proposed final budget for the 2023-2024 school year in the amount of \$76,501,386 with a real estate tax rate of, if there is no millage increase 19.3957 mills, if there is a tax increase 20.1909 mills. The Secretary of the Board is hereby directed to make copies of such proposed budget available for public inspection in accordance with the requirements of the School Code at least 20 days prior to the adoption of the budget, and the Secretary is hereby further directed to give not less than 10 days' notice to the public of the meeting at which the final budget shall be adopted, such meeting set for Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

**Motion to approve item 7.4 listed above.**  
**Moved by Mr. Kearney, seconded by Mrs. Zeleznik.**  
**On a roll call vote, the motion passes unanimously.**

**7.5** Motion to approve a transfer of \$500,000 from the General Fund to Capital Reserve.

**Motion to approve item 7.5 listed above.**  
**Moved by Dr. Mariano, seconded by Mrs. Zeleznik.**  
**On a voice vote, the motion passes unanimously.**

**7.6** Move to approve Allegheny Clinic to provide athletic training services for three years from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026 at a cost of \$40,000 for Year 1, \$42,000 for Year 2 and \$44,100 for Year 3.

**Motion to approve item 7.6 listed above.**  
**Moved by Mr. Kearney, seconded by Mrs. Zeleznik.**  
**On a voice vote, the motion passes unanimously.**

**7.7** Motion to approve One America as the insurance provider for employee Life, Accidental Death and Dismemberment, Long-Term Disability and Short-Term Disability for a two year period effective July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2025 at their proposed rates.

**Motion to approve item 7.7 listed above.**  
**Moved by Mr. Kearney, seconded by Mrs. Zeleznik.**  
**On a voice vote, the motion passes unanimously.**

## **8.0 Public Comments ~ non-agenda items**


- The following people spoke regarding the teacher contract.

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Municipality</b>
1	Adam Sivitz	4648 Rolling Hills Road, Pgh., PA 15236	Baldwin/Whitehall (CVFT)
2	Ally Zervanos	654 Gregg Ave., Bridgeville, PA 15017	Bridgeville
3	Beth Eckenrode	7116 Woodhall Ct., Presto, PA 15142	Collier
4	Carrie Tenney	368 Monteverdi Dr., Oakdale, PA 15071	Collier
5	Chelsea Renner	947 Kirsopp Ave., Pgh., PA 15220	Scott (CVFT)
6	Chris Hooker	2043 Swallow Hill Ct., Pgh., PA 15220	Scott
7	Christian Sosinski	330 Nesbitt Street, Carnegie, PA 15106	Collier
8	Frank Brown	2332 Southwood Dr., Pgh., PA 15241	USC (CVFT)
9	Greg Janco	117 Foxcroft Rd., Pgh., PA 15220	Scott
10	Gwen Horzempa	35 Stacey Road, Pgh, PA 15220	Scott
11	Hannah Roadway	1136 Blue Jay Dr., Pgh., PA 15243	Scott (CVFT)
12	Jake Locke	132 N. Hoido Lane, McMurray, PA 15317	Peters (CVFT)
13	Janet Rimbey	771 Freedom Dr., Carnegie, PA 15106	Collier (CVFT)
14	Kate Bays	206 Margaretta St., Carnegie, PA 15106	Collier
15	Kristen Steen	3 Sunnycrest Dr., Cecil, PA 15321	CVFT
16	Lisa Morrocco	105 Chestnut Court, Canonsburg, PA 15317	CVFT
17	Nicholas Ciesielski	734 Maple Street, Bridgeville, PA 15017	Bridgeville
18	Nicole Lloyd	2620 Rossmoor Dr., Pgh., PA 15241	USC (CVFT)
19	Olivia Tobiczky	14 Jaycee Dr., Pgh., PA 15243	Scott
20	Pam Kanther	5011 Parkside Drive, Oakdale, PA 15071	Collier (CVFT)
21	Peter Vo	100 Chatham Park Dr., Apt T2, Pgh., PA 15220	Scott
22	Scott Crimone	415 Swan Dr., Bridgeville, PA 15017	Bridgeville (CVFT)
23	Symphony Vaughn	124 Hill Street, Imperial, PA 15126	Scott (CVFT)

## 9.0 Adjournment

**Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:56 p.m.  
Moved by Mr. Choura, seconded by Mr. Kearney.  
On a voice vote, the motion passes unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,



Kim Borza  
Board Secretary