

**CHARLESTON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 27, 2026**

The Charleston Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, April 27, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. Members present were: Mr. Jeff Hayes, Mr. Chad Keener, Mrs. Lauren Robinson, and Mr. Jarrad Ward. Mr. Kevin Lynch joined the meeting via telephone. Also present were Mrs. Melissa Moore, Superintendent; Mrs. Rachel Fisher, High School Principal, Mr. Josh Underwood, Middle School Principal; Mrs. Kelsey Noble, Elementary School Principal; Mrs. Angie Haney, Federal Coordinator, and Mrs. Pam Rankin, Business Manager.

Mrs. Lauren Robinson established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m..

Mr. Josh Underwood presented information regarding incentives for showing testing growth.

A motion was made by Mr. Chad Keener and seconded by Mr. Jeff Hayes to approve the consent agenda as listed. Motion carried 5-0.

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of the March 30, 2026 regular meeting minutes
- B. Approval of the April 6, 2026 special meeting minutes
- C. Approval of the Period Nine 2026 Financial Statements

There were no public comments.

Mr. Jarrad Ward exited the meeting area at 5:40 p.m..

A motion was made by Mr. Jeff Hayes and seconded by Mr. Chad Keener to approve the ethics disclosure and resolution related to Jarrad Ward and employment of Brett Ward. Motion carried 4-0. A copy of the disclosure and resolution is attached to the original board minutes.

Mr. Jarrad Ward returned to the meeting at 5:47 p.m..

Mrs. Melissa Moore reported that the administration plans to project the district's year-end fund balance in early May to assess its financial capacity to possibly provide a retention bonus to all 2025–26 staff members who are returning for the 2026–27 school year.

A motion was made by Mr. Jarrad Ward and seconded by Mr. Chad Keener to approve the quote from BDJtech as presented for the sum of \$60,525. Motion carried 5-0. Copies of quotes are attached to the original board minutes.

Mrs. Angie Haney presented the data report regarding 2026 ACT test scores.

Mrs. Melissa Moore presented the following information:

Superintendent's Report

- A. Baseball and Softball District Tournament, April 27-May 1
- B. Baseball and Softball Regional Tournament, May 7-9
- C. Baseball and Softball State Tournament, May 14-16
- D. Prom, May 2
- E. Baccalaureate, May 10
- F. Kindergarten Graduation, May 14
- G. High School Graduation, May 17
- H. Last Day of School, May 22

The next regular board meeting will be held on May 18, 2026.

Mr. Kevin Lynch left the meeting by disconnecting from the telephone conference.

The board did not go into executive session.

A motion was made by Mr. Chad Keener and seconded by Mr. Jeff Hayes to accept the resignation of Bryson May, effective at the end of the 2025-26 school year. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Jeff Hayes and seconded by Mr. Chad Keener to employ Brett Ward, Certified Teacher/10 Month Assistant Coach, for the 2026-27 school year, with contract pending approval of the Department of Education. Motion carried 3-0. Mr. Jarrad Ward having declared a conflict of interest did not vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Jarrad Ward and seconded by Mr. Jeff Hayes to employ Katie Ann Johnson, Certified Teacher, for the 2026-27 school year. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Chad Keener and seconded By Mr. Jarrad Ward to employ Meagen Basham, Certified Teacher, for the 2026-27 school year. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Jeff Hayes and seconded by Mr. Chad Keener to employ Rylee Ross, Certified Teacher, for the 2026-27 school year. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Jarrad Ward and seconded by Mr. Jeff Hayes to employ Madison Cantrell, Certified Teacher, for the 2026-27 school year. Motion carried 4-0

A motion was made by Mr. Chad Keener and seconded by Mr. Jarrad Ward to employ Kelsey King, Paraprofessional, for the 2026-27 school year. Motion carried 4-0

A motion was made by Mr. Jeff Hayes and seconded by Mr. Jarrad Ward to employ Kristy Vaughan, Paraprofessional [BA], for the 2026-27 school year. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Chad Keener and seconded by Mr. Jarrad Ward to adjourn at 6:23 p.m.. Motion carried 4-0.

Lauren Robinson,  
President

Chad Keener,  
Secretary

\*Original Signatures on File