

CHARLESTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
August 25, 2025

The Charleston Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, August 25, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.. Members present were: Mr. Chad Keener, Mr. Jeff Hayes, Mrs. Lauren Robinson, and Mrs. Michele Schmitz. Mr. Brian Verkamp was not present. Also present were: Mrs. Melissa Moore, Superintendent; Mrs. Kelsey Noble, Elementary School Principal; Mrs. Angie Haney, Federal Coordinator, and Mrs. Pam Rankin, Business Manager.

Mr. Chad Keener, serving as board president, established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Mrs. Melissa Moore introduced new teachers for the 2025-26 school year.

No public comments were made.

A motion was made by Mrs. Michele Schmitz and seconded by Mrs. Lauren Robinson to approve the consent agenda as listed. Motion carried 4-0.

Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of July 21, 2025 Regular Minutes
- B. Approval of Period One 2026 Financial Statements

Mrs. Melissa Moore reported that a district with a year-end net legal balance that exceeds 20% of current year net legal balance revenues shall reduce the net legal balance to no more than 20% of current year net legal balance revenues within 5 years. The 2025 net legal balance over 20% net legal revenue equals \$27,147.66. A motion was made by Mrs. Lauren Robinson and seconded by Mr. Jeff Hayes to leave \$27,147.66 in Operating Fund 2001. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Jeff Hayes and seconded by Mrs. Michele Schmitz to approve the 2025-26 District Assurances as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

Mrs. Moore reported that a solar farm may be built northeast of Charleston. A motion was made by Mrs. Lauren Robinson and seconded by Mr. Jeff Hayes for the district to take a neutral position regarding the proposed Next Era Energy Solar Farm. Motion carried 4-0.

Information was provided regarding the 2025-26 Budget. Approval will be requested during the September board meeting.

The Data Report was given by Mrs. Angie Haney regarding enrollment numbers.

Mrs. Melissa Moore reported the following information:

Superintendent's Report

- A. Labor Day, September 1, No School
- B. High School Graduation, May 17, 2:00 P.M.

- C. School Improvement Plans
- D. Captive Property Insurance \$109,183.90 (premium same as last year, deductible from \$5,000 to 25,000)
- E. Charleston Tiger Foundation / Digital Score Table
- F. Transfers:
 - a. Harper Clifton, from Lavaca to Charleston
 - b. Rowen Clifton, from Lavaca to Charleston
 - c. Jaxon Riddle, from Charleston to Lavaca
 - d. Audrey Warren, from Charleston to County Line
 - e. Lillian Manus, from Charleston to County Line
 - f. Olivia Moody, from Charleston to County Line
 - g. Riley Fusher, from Charleston to County Line
 - h. Malachi Ward, from Charleston to Greenwood
- G. Invoices:
 - a. ASBA Risk Management Insurance, \$10,333.86 (vehicles, mobile equipment)
 - b. HUDL, \$10,100

A motion was made by Mrs. Lauren Robinson and seconded by Mrs. Michele Schmitz to employ Kendra Morris, 178 Day Paraprofessional, retroactive to August 13, 2025, with continued employment contingent upon meeting ABC's educational requirements within 2 years. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Mrs. Michele Schmitz and seconded by Mr. Jeff Hayes to adjourn at 7:01 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Brian Verkamp

President

Michele Schmitz

Secretary

Note: Original signatures are on file.

