

CARLYNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Voting Meeting

August 20, 2019

Carlynton Jr.-Sr. High School CCC– 7:00 pm

MINUTES

The Carlynton School District Board of Education held its regular voting meeting August 20, 2019 in the Cougar Collaboration Center located in the Carlynton Junior-Senior High School. Board President Jim Schriver, Vice President Joe Appel, and Directors Jude Frank, George Honchar, Marissa Mendoza, LeeAnne O'Brien, David Roussos, Christine Simcic, and Kelly Zaletski were present for the meeting. Also present were Acting Superintendent Joseph Dimperio, Solicitor Bill Andrews, and administrators Rachel Andler, Lauren Baughman, Marsha Burleson, Rachel Gattuso, Joshua Jones, Michael Loughren, Ed Mantich, and Dennis McDade. There were 11 individuals in the audience and one member of the press.

CALL TO ORDER - *President Schriver called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. Principals Baughman and Burleson led the pledge. The roll was called by recording secretary Michale Herrmann. All board members were present for the meeting.*

PUBLIC COMMENT ON BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD: *None*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Director Honchar moved, seconded by Director O'Brien, to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2019 Regular Voting Meeting;

And the minutes of the August 13, 2019 Finance Committee Meeting. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 9-0.**

REPORTS:

- **Executive Session** – *President Schriver said real estate and personnel matters were discussed in the closed session.*
- **Administrative Reports**
 - **Superintendent's Report** – *Dr. Dimperio welcomed staff back to school, noting that this morning's in-service opened in the auditorium with balloons and a performance by the band.*
 - **Principals** – *Building principals provided a summary of back-to-school preparations. Mr. Loughren said the focus for this year at the high school will be differentiated instruction with changes to the content and processes of lessons; Mrs. Gattuso said she will be working with junior high students to sustain PBIS, improve attendance, and ensure safety and community outreach. Mrs. Baughman said the ongoing PBIS effort will continue at Carnegie Elementary, the format of the cafeteria had been revamped to allow faster service to students, and staff will be implementing professional learning communities. Mrs. Burleson said Crafton Elementary will focus on STEAM, Digital Promise and enrichment interventions. She thanked the maintenance and*

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custodial staff for cleaning and brighting the building and cited the installation of a new mural in the cafeteria and a sensory path in the primary hallway.

Mr. Mantich said the cyber academy is ready to go and seven new enrollees will save the district some \$90,000 in tuition. Dr. Andler reported staff will attend a special education boot camp to discern new regulations and best practices. Mr. Jones said all machines in the district have been reimaged and new Chromebook carts have been added to the inventory. Mr. McDade said the buildings are ready for the start of school and attention will now be given to fields for the approaching athletic season.

President Schriver asked about kindergarten enrollment numbers. Mrs. Baughman said she will have three kindergarten sections with 63 students enrollees; Mrs. Burleson said Crafton will also have three sections with 50 students currently enrolled. Enrollment generally increases at the start of the school year, they said.

I. Miscellaneous

Director Simcic moved, seconded by Director O'Brien, to approve the additions to the 2019-2020 Conference and Field Trips Requests as submitted; (Miscellaneous Item #0819-01) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 9-0.**

Conference and Field Trip Requests

II. Finance

Director Zaletski moved, seconded by Director Frank, to approve the July 2019 bills in the amount of \$681,755.54 as presented;

July 2019 Bills

The July 2019 Athletic Fund Report with an ending balance of \$10,331.88; (Finance Item #0819-01)

July 2019 Athletic Fund Report

The July 2019 Activities Fund Report with an ending balance of \$86,066.32; (Finance Item #0819-02)

July 2019 Activities Fund Report

Ratify the agreement between the District and Edmentum for math, science, Study Island, and other products and services for the 2019-2020 school year at a cost of \$39,949.44 to be paid over a three-year period; (Finance Item #0819-03)

Edmentum Services

Director Roussos asked if the Edmentum software was budgeted. Dr. Dimperio said it is replacing software that was a previous singular purchase. Mr. Mantich said the software includes several programs and offers a better value.

Ratify the invoice from Lynch Brothers for concrete work at Carnegie Elementary in the amount of \$17,500; (Finance Item #0819-04)

Lynch Brothers – Concrete Work

And the service proposal submitted by Havtech Corporation, the lowest responsible bidder, for the replacement of compressors and related procedures at Crafton Elementary School at a cost of \$74,987 as submitted. (Finance Item #0819-05) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 9-0.**

Havtech Corp – AC Compressors

III. Personnel

Director Simcic moved, seconded by Director Honchar, to approve the additions to the 2019-2020 Athletic Supplemental List as submitted; (Personnel Item #0819-01 REVISED)

Athletic Supplemental List

The additions to the 2019-2020 Activities Supplemental List as submitted; (Personnel Item #0819-02)

Activities Supplemental List

Award a Professional Employee Contract to secondary nurse Sharon Keruskin for attaining tenure status or three years of satisfactory service under the terms of the Carlynton Federation of Teachers Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement;

Tenure – Sharon Keruskin

Employ Kimberly Dodin as a one-semester long term substitute art teacher at the elementary level, effective August 20, 2019, under the terms of the Carlynton Federation of Teachers Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement; (Personnel Item #0819-03)

Elementary Art Teacher –
Kimberly Dodin

Appoint Pamela Stone to the position of math and ELA instructor for a student, one hour per week per subject at the per diem rate; (Personnel Item #0819-04)

Math and ELA Instructor –
Pamela Stone

The Leave of Absence Request as submitted by employee CFT1920-04. (Personnel Item #0819-05)

Leave of Absence Request

The letter of resignation submitted by instructional aide Mary Stracka, effective immediately; (Personnel Item #0819-06)

Resignation – Mary Stracka

And the employment of Holly Burnett and Lori Lafferty as lunchroom/playground aides at Carnegie Elementary, effective August 26, 2019 under the terms of the Secretary-Cafeteria-Aides Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement. (Personnel Item #0819-07) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 9-0.**

LRPG Workers – Holly
Burnett and Lori Lafferty

IV. Student Services

Director Honchar moved, seconded by Director O'Brien, to approve the list of STA school bus drivers for the 2019-2020 school year as submitted; (Student Services Item #0819-01)

2019-2020 School Bus
Drivers

The list of Roenigk van drivers for the 2019-2020 school year as submitted; (Student Services Item #0819-02)

2019-2020 Van Drivers

And the formation of the U.S. Army STAR Club (Students Taking Active Roles) in partnership with the District and open to students in the junior-senior high school. (Student Services Item #0819-03) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 9-0.**

Formation of a STAR Club
at JSHS

V. Policy

Director O'Brien moved, seconded by Director Simcic, to approve the first reading of the following policies per the full PSBA policy review:

Policies 901-910 – First
Reading

- Policy 901 – Public Relations Objectives
- Policy 902 – Publications Program
- Policy 903 – Public Participation in Board Meetings

- Policy 904 – Public Attendance at School Events
- Policy 905 – Citizen Advisory Committees
- Policy 906 – Public Complaints
- Policy 908 – Relations with Parents/Guardians
- Policy 909 – Municipal Government Relations
- Policy 910 – Community Engagement
(Policy Item #0819-01)

By a voice vote, the motion carried 9-0.

OLD BUSINESS: *Board members discussed the options offered for Board Docs, a program that will make board agendas more transparent to the public. After some discussion and comparison of the available versions, the board made the following motion:*

Director Roussos moved, seconded by Director Honchar, to purchase Board Docs LT at a cost of \$2,700 for the 2019-2020 school year. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 9-0.**

Director Simcic brought up a discussion from the August 13, 2019 Finance Meeting regarding a conversation with Representative Anita Kulik and House Bill 526 pertaining to cyber-charter schools. Rep. Kulik recommended a letter writing campaign and board members agreed to use this method to notify state leaders about the urgency for change.

Director Mendoza asked if a parent advisory group would be organized for this year. Dr. Dimperio asked for some guidelines so as to initiate the group.

NEW BUSINESS: *None*

OPEN FORUM: *Audience member Marlene Chioda of Crafton asked if the high school and elementary schools have organized clubs. She was given the names of several and was told a list of clubs would be emailed to her. Ms. Chioda also asked about the changes to the high school library. Dr. Dimperio said the room was converted to a space with stations to allow students to explore and create. Principal Michael Loughren said the space allows for interactive discovery and said he would be happy to offer a tour of the room. Dr. Dimperio explained that other area school districts are moving toward the same type of space and indicated that research resources are readily accessible online.*

Parent Nicole MacMurdo asked for clarification of the acronym PBIS, used in an earlier conversation. She was told it stands for Positive Behavior, Interventions, and Support. She also asked if HB526 would have any impact to the district if the district had not formed its own cyber academy. She was told that without the district cyber academy, the bill would not have an effect. Parent Eric Valcheff asked how the cyber academy was marketed. Mr. Mantich said letters were sent to some 45 district families who send their children to cyber or charter schools. An informational meeting was held as well as making direct phone calls. Currently, seven individuals from that group have enrolled in the Carlynton Cyber Academy.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, Director Mendoza moved for adjournment at 8:08 pm, seconded by Director Zaletski. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 9-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Juzwick, Board Secretary

Michale Herrmann, Recording Secretary