

CARLYNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Voting Meeting February 16, 2016 Carlynton Jr.-Sr. High School Library – 7:30 pm

MINUTES

The Carlynton School District Board of Education held its voting meeting February 16, 2016 in the library of the junior-senior high school. Those in attendance included President Jim Schriver, Vice President Joe Appel, Treasurer Marissa Mendoza and Directors Monica Dugan, George Honchar, Leeanne O'Brien and Kelly Zaletski. Also present at the meeting was Superintendent Gary Peiffer, Solicitor Bill Andrews and Administrators Marsha Burleson, Brian Durica, Carla Hudson, Hillary Mangis, Ed Mantich, John McAdoo and Dennis McDade. The audience was comprised of seven individuals.

CALL TO ORDER - *The meeting was called to order at 7:36 pm by President Schriver; Crafton Elementary students Elena Johnson, Sam Moose and Emily Ward led the pledge. The roll was called by recording secretary Michale Herrmann; Directors Antriece Hart and Nyra Schell were absent.*

The Crafton students performed two songs from a repertoire they will perform at the elementary Singfest in March. Choral teacher Mark Priore directed the performance.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD: *None*

PRESENTATION – *Darby Copeland, Director of Parkway West CTC, led a presentation about the vocational school, its programs and most recent successes. Enrollment at the school is at 750 students, the highest in the county and they offer the lowest cost per student by budgeting wisely and prudently. The school was recently recognized by PDE with the CTE Excellence Award.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Director Mendoza moved, seconded by Director Zaletski, to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2016 Voting Meeting as presented. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 6-0-1 with Director O'Brien abstaining due to absence.**

REPORTS:

- **Executive Session** – *President Schriver reported that personnel and real estate matters were discussed in the closed session.*
- **Administrative Reports**
 - **Superintendent's Report** – *Dr. Peiffer said the snow make up day will be March 24, due to the snow day of February 16. Winter sports are wrapping up with a lot of heart and he mentioned a number of athletic accomplishments. Dr. Peiffer said he continues to work on the budget; the fact that the state has yet to approve a statewide budget is making the budget planning process much more difficult. In closing, he said he has begun working on a district comprehensive plan.*
 - **Principals** – *Mrs. Hudson provided a synopsis of priorities with a focus on the whole child. Her hope is to provide a safer, trusting*

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environment with leveled interventions and enrichment with shift to teaching at a more rigorous level. Mrs. Hudson said her emphasis is on a new math curriculum with textbooks as well as a push on STEAM education by integrating it into the classroom.

Mrs. Burleson concurred with all said by Mrs. Hudson, adding that she would like to find a way to meet behavioral needs as well.

High school principal John McAdoo said the teachers have and continue to step it up with highly engaged learning but more resources are needed. He said a media center is a necessary investment with a focus on literacy and technology.

President Schriver thanked the principals and staff for their extraordinary efforts and passion, asking them to work together with the board in light of the budget issues.

- Special Education/Student Services – Dr. Mangis said she would like to break down barriers to learning at the elementary level by meeting physiological needs and providing counseling, along with a focus on vocational skills.
- Curriculum/Data – Mr. Mantich said the winter Keystone Exam scores will be available by March 1. The PSSA exams are right around the corner as are the Classroom Diagnostic Tools which measure progression.
- Maintenance and Grounds – Mr. McDade said he will be meeting with principals to develop building lists with a concentration on smaller ticket items to create positive learning environments. In additions, repairs are needed to the fire alarm system and the chiller. Mr. McDade said a Healthy Hands assembly at Crafton was well-received.
- Technology – Mr. Durica said he hopes to replace outdated computers in classrooms and the libraries. He said he has been testing some ProBooks at the high school and students seem to like them. Four of the main servers are out of warranty and he is working with vendors to obtain pricing. The Bright Bytes survey has had an overwhelming response and he is working to get the new Student Information System up and running.

➤ Committee Reports

- Parkway West CTC Report – Director Appel mentioned that Parkway Director Darby Copeland received the Carnegie Science Center Innovator Award.

I. Miscellaneous

Director Honchar moved, seconded by Director Appel, to approve the additions to the 2015-2016 Conference and Field Trips Requests as submitted. (Miscellaneous Item #0216-01) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

Conference and Field Trip Requests

II. Finance

Director Appel moved, seconded by Director Zaletski, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2016 as presented;

Treasurer's Report – January 2016

The January 2016 bills in the amount of \$1,909,166.88 as presented;

The January 2016 Athletic Fund Report with an ending balance of \$15,023.87 as submitted; (Finance Item #0216-01)

The January 2016 Activities Fund Report with an ending balance of \$74,134.45 as submitted; (Finance Item #0216-02)

And the proposed increase in billing rate for the Law Offices of Andrews and Price, district solicitor, for the 2016 school year.

Director Appel said the increase would be \$10/hour and it is the first increase in five years. By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.

III. Personnel

Director Zaletski moved, seconded by Director Dugan, to approve the additions to the 2015-2016 Athletic Supplemental List as presented:

- Softball, Varsity Assistant – Kayla Haslett
 - Track, Varsity Assistant – Annemarie Bunch
 - Track, Varsity Assistant – Richard Milsom
 - Track, Varsity Assistant – Timothy Sasson
 - Track, Varsity Head – Nathan Milsom
 - Track, 7-8 Head – Scott Kemmler
 - Track, 7-8 Assistant – Kristen Fischer
- (Personnel Item #0216-01)

The Letter of Intent to Retire submitted by Jan Sweeney, District Registrar, effective February 19, 2016, as submitted and under the terms of the Secretary-Cafeteria-Aides Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement; (Personnel Item #0216-02)

And the addition to the 2015-2016 Day-to-Day Substitute List as presented. (Personnel Item #0216-03) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

IV. Student Services

Director Honchar moved, seconded by Director Mendoza, to approve the 2016-2017 Carlynton Junior-Senior High School course selection book as presented. (Student Services Item #0216-01) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

V. Policy

Director Dugan moved, seconded by Director Mendoza, to approve the first reading to the revisions to the 000 section of school board policies, Local Board Procedures, as submitted by PSBA, which includes Policies 000, 001, 002, 003, 004, 005, 006, 006.1 and 007. (Policy Item #0216-01 First Reading) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

January 2016 Bills

January 2016 Athletic Fund Report

January 2016 Activities Fund Report

Andrews and Price – Billing Rate

2015-2016 Athletic Supplemental Additions

Letter of Intent to Retire – Jan Sweeney

Addition to D-D Sub List

CJSHS Course Selection Book 2016-2017

Board Policy Revisions – 000 Section

OLD BUSINESS: *None*

NEW BUSINESS: *None*

OPEN FORUM: *None*

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discuss, Director Appel moved, seconded by Director Mendoza, to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 pm. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kirby Christy, Board Secretary

Michale Herrmann, Recording Secretary