

CARLYNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Committee/Voting Meeting April 4, 2016 Carlynton Jr.-Sr. High School Library – 7:30 pm

MINUTES

The Carlynton School District Board of Education held its committee/voting meeting April 4, 2016 in the library of the junior-senior high school. In attendance was President Jim Schriver, Vice President Joe Appel, Treasurer Marissa Mendoza and Directors Monica Dugan, George Honchar, LeeAnne O'Brien, Nyra Schell and Kelly Zaletski. Also present at the meeting was Superintendent Gary Peiffer, Solicitor Anthony Giglio and Administrators Kirby Christy, Carla Hudson, Michael Loughren, Hillary Mangis and Ed Mantich. The audience was comprised of three individuals.

CALL TO ORDER - *The meeting was called to order at 7:33 pm by President Schriver; Carnegie Elementary Soon-to-be-Best Buddies led the pledge. The roll was called by recording secretary Michale Herrmann; Director Hart was absent.*

Prior to leading the pledge, members of the Carnegie Elementary Soon-to-be-Best Buddies shared a presentation about autism and their support of Light It Up Blue to raise funds for those with autism. The students presented a PowerPoint presentation and talked a little about how their lives have been affected by working with those with autism and other intellectual disabilities.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD: *None*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Director Mendoza moved, seconded by Director Zaletski, to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2016 Voting Meeting as presented. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0-1**, with Director Dugan abstaining due to absence.

Minutes of March 21, 2016
Meeting

REPORTS:

- **Executive Session** – *President Schriver noted that real estate, personnel and other informational items were discussed in the closed session.*
- **Administrative Reports**
 - **Superintendent Report** – *Dr. Peiffer reported that while Governor Wolf allowed the budget to move forward, he vetoed the fiscal code, thereby stalling the delivery of funds to school districts. He said the district has yet to learn how much funding it will receive and when. Dr. Peiffer announced that the musical opens this weekend and informed board members that he will be traveling to Poland in the summer as part of Classrooms without Borders and hopes to develop a Holocaust curriculum for high school students as a result of the experience.*
 - **Principals** – *High School Principal Michael Loughren said two students traveled to the AIU to speak about the high school Best Buddies, STARS and Unified Bocce programs. A change in the culture is taking place at the high school and students are vested in one another, he said. Mr. Loughren encouraged all to see the musical this weekend and noted that spring sports are in full swing.*

Carnegie Elementary Principal Carla Hudson distributed a newsletter and said that there is an awareness of cultural diversity at Carnegie with students showing kindness and tolerance. The Finch Robots from Carnegie Mellon University have invaded the elementary schools and the students have enjoyed using them. Students are preparing for the Kids of Steel marathon at the end of the month and taking part in a non-fiction reading challenge. The elementary buildings are preparing for the upcoming standardized testing and teachers are using incentives to motivate students to do well.

▪ Business Manager – Mr. Christy said the district received \$582,000 in basic education funding earlier in the day; compared to last year, this amount is \$39,000 more than the previous year. Mr. Christy said the district will be advertising for the 2016-2017 athletic supplies and reported that the district was granted exception to raise taxes above the index, which is optional for the district.

▪ Special Education/Student Services – Dr. Mangis recognized teacher Lisa Rowley who was awarded the Scott Follmer Award for her work both in school and throughout the community.

▪ Curriculum/Data – Mr. Mantich said the testing season is now upon us and all training and logistics are in place.

I. Miscellaneous

Director Appel moved, seconded by Director Dugan, to approve the additions to the 2015-2016 Conference and Field Trips Requests as submitted. (Miscellaneous Item #0416-01 REVISED) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 8-0.**

Conference and Field Trip Requests

II. Finance

Director Honchar moved, seconded by Director Schell, to approve the request in regards to the Pathfinder School for a common proposal in which the individual school boards commission an appraisal of the school to be paid at their expense. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 8-0.**

Pathfinder – Common Proposal for Appraisal

Before voting, Director Appel asked for an explanation of the motion. Dr. Peiffer said there are five districts who “own” the Pathfinder facility while the AIU runs the programming and provides teachers. The expense to the owning districts is costly. Carlynton only has one student attending the alternative school. The common appraisal would provide options for ownership with the consideration of a transfer of entity or possible sale.

III. Personnel

Director Schell moved, seconded by Director Zaletski, to approve the resignation of cafeteria worker Zachary Caine, effective April 13, 2016 as submitted; (Personnel Item #0416-01)

Resignation – Zachary Caine, Cafeteria Worker

And award the following instructional positions for the Academic Summer Program to be held June 20-July 15, 2016 at Carnegie Elementary to:

- Brian Harewicz – Math
- Pamela Stone – Reading
- Andrea Harrity – Writing
(Personnel Item #0416-02)

By a voice vote, the motion carried 8-0.

OLD BUSINESS: *None*

NEW BUSINESS: *President Schriver commented favorably on the autism presentation held at the beginning of the meeting. Mrs. Hudson said the group is making connections. Director Schell praised the students' passion and their public speaking skills.*

Principal Michael Loughren said senior Nicole Stengel spoke about the high school Best Buddies program at an recent athletic award ceremony in which she was recognized and “knocked it out of the park” with her speech. Senior Dean Chubarov was also recognized and is the first bowler in CHS history to bowl a perfect game.

OPEN FORUM: *None*

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discuss, Director Mendoza moved, seconded by Director Appel, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 8-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kirby Christy, Board Secretary

Michale Herrmann, Recording Secretary

Academic Summer Program
Instructors