

**CARLYNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Agenda Setting/Committee/Voting Meeting**  
**November 2, 2015**  
**Carlynton Jr.-Sr. High School Library – 7:30 pm**

**MINUTES**

The Carlynton School District Board of Education held its agenda setting/committee/voting meeting November 2, 2015 in the library of the junior-senior high school. Those in attendance included President Jim Schriver and School Directors Joe Appel, Marissa Mendoza, David Roussos and Betsy Tassaró. Also present was Superintendent Gary Peiffer, Solicitor Bill Andrews, Curriculum Data Coordinator Ed Mantich and Principal John McAdoo. The audience was comprised of four individuals and one member of the press.

**CALL TO ORDER** – *The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm by President Schriver; audience member Karen Eonta led the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called by recording secretary Michale Herrmann; Directors Hart, Schell, Walkowiak and Wilson were absent.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD:** *None*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Director Tassaró moved, seconded by Director Appel, to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2015 Voting Meeting as presented. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 5-0.**

October 19, 2015 Minutes

**REPORTS:**

- **Executive Session** – *President Schriver said contracts, real estate, and personnel matters were discussed in the closed session.*
- **Administrative Reports**
  - **Superintendent's Report** – *Dr. Peiffer said the State has released the School Performance Profile; he said he is pleased with the results for the high school. Dr. Peiffer said the board will hold a work session November 7 at Parkway CTC with a focus on technology and learning. In other news, Dr. Peiffer said Mr. McDade is in the process of winterizing buildings and fields, fall sports are coming to a close and the fall play will open December 4.*
  - **Business Manager Report** – *Mr. Christy made reference to a packet distributed to board members containing a schedule by which the district must adhere for the budget process. He then referenced a document with PSER's cost estimations in the upcoming years, adding that a higher contribution rate for the 2016-2017 will be an increase to the district budget of \$447,000. Mr. Christy said the district index rate is 3.1 percent and he would recommend applying for a referendum exception. There was considerable discussion about the budget and Dr. Peiffer mentioned that a new proposal may eliminate the district's ability to apply for referendum. Mr. Christy said the PSER's rate is the driving factor in planning the 2016-2017 budget.*

- Curriculum/Data Report – Mr. Mantich said he will be sitting down with the Language Arts Department to build a framework for a new AP composition course. He also reported the PVAS results are available and he is in the process of deciphering the growth data.
- Principals' Report – Mr. McAdoo shared data from the School Performance Profile noting the scores increased by 7.5 percent to a total 78.8 percent. He credited higher scores on the NOCTI exam given to Parkway students, as well as a greater emphasis on student engagement at a higher learning level. Mr. McAdoo thanked the board and administration for their support. In closing, he said remediation for the Keystone Exam is being facilitated through APEX Learning and he believes it will close the achievement gap.

## I. Miscellaneous

Director Tassaro moved, seconded by Director Roussos, to approve the additions to the Conference and Field Trip Requests for the 2015-2016 school year as submitted; (Miscellaneous Item #1115-01 REVISED) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 5-0.**

2015-2016 Conference and Field Trip Requests

## II. Finance

Director Tassaro moved, seconded by Director Appel, to approve the November 2015 Real Estate Tax Refunds for the Borough of Carnegie as submitted; (Finance Item #1115-01)

Carnegie RE Tax Refunds

And the November 2015 Real Estate Tax Refunds for the Borough of Crafton as submitted. (Finance Item #1115-02) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 5-0.**

Crafton RE Tax Refunds

## III. Personnel

Director Mendoza moved, seconded by Director Tassaro, to approve the deletion and additions to the 2015-2016 Athletic Supplemental List as submitted; (Personnel Item #1115-01 REVISED)

2015-2016 Athletic Supplemental List

*Director Mendoza asked why a coach had decided to resign from the seventh grade position to take the eighth grade position. Dr. Peiffer said he would check with Mr. Milsom, Athletic Director.*

The Leave of Absence Request as submitted by employee CFT1516-08; (Personnel Item #1115-02)

Leave of Absence Request

The addition to the 2015-2016 Day-to-Day Substitute List as recommended; (Personnel Item #1115-03)

Addition to 2015-2016 Day to Day Substitute

And Molly McGuire to the position of cafeteria worker at Carnegie Elementary school under the terms of the Secretary-Cafeteria-Aides Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement. (Personnel Item #1115-04) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 5-0.**

Cafeteria Worker at Carnegie – Molly McGuire

## IV. Student Services

Director Tassaro moved, seconded by Director Appel, to approve the proposed trip to Montreal and Quebec, Canada for French students, June 13-17, 2016 as submitted. (Student Services Item #1115-01)

2016 French Trip to Canada

The agreement for Madison Crown to represent Carlynton by competing as an independent gymnast in the WPIAL gymnastics division for the 2015-2016 school year under the training and direction of Monaca Turners Gym as presented; (Student Services Item #1115-02)

Independent Gymnast  
Agreement for 2015-2016 –  
Madison Crown

The agreement for Sydney Franchick to represent Carlynton by competing as an independent gymnast in the WPIAL gymnastics division for the 2015-2016 school year under the training and direction of Christine Gulakowski's All-Star Athletics and Gymnastics as presented; (Student Services Item #1115-03)

Independent Gymnast  
Agreement - 2015-2016 –  
Sydney Franchick

*And* the agreement for Daphne Kalimon to represent Carlynton by competing as an independent gymnast in the WPIAL gymnastics division for the 2015-2016 school year under the training and direction of Christine Gulakowski's All-Star Athletics and Gymnastics as presented; (Student Services Item #1115-04) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 5-0.**

Independent Gymnast  
Agreement - 2015-2016 –  
Daphne Kalimon

## V. Policy

Director Appel moved, seconded by Director Tassaro, to approve Policy No. 004.1, Nepotism, as presented for the final reading. (Policy Item #1115-01 Final Reading) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 5-0.**

Policy No. 004.1 – Nepotism

**OLD BUSINESS:** *None*

**NEW BUSINESS:** *The Board made the following motion:*

Director Tassaro moved, seconded by Director Appel, to authorize the superintendent to hire a parking administrator to supervise parking at the junior-senior high school during multiple events or high traffic times at a stipend of \$75 per evening. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 5-0.**

Parking Administrator

**OPEN FORUM:** *Audience member Maureen Nelson asked for clarification of the Nepotism policy approved earlier in the meeting. Director Mendoza said revisions were made to better define or clarify relationships. A copy of the policy was provided to Mrs. Nelson.*

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business to discuss, Director Tassaro moved, seconded by Director Mendoza, to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 pm. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 5-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Kirby Christy, Board Secretary

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Michale Herrmann, Recording Secretary