

CARLYNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
Agenda Setting/Committee/Voting Meeting
January 5, 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 January 5, 2015 in the library of the junior-senior high school. Those in attendance included President David Roussos, Vice President Ray Walkowiak, Treasurer Joe Appel and Directors Antriece Hart, Nyra Schell, Jim Schriver and Sharon Wilson. Also present was Superintendent Gary Peiffer, Solicitor Bill Andrews, Business Manager Kirby Christy, principals Carla Husdon, Michael Loughren and Jacie Maslyk, Special Education Coordinator Hillary Mangis and Curriculum/Data Coordinator Ed Mantich. The audience was comprised of five individuals and one member of the press.

CALL TO ORDER – *The meeting was called to order at 7:34 pm by President Roussos; Crafton Elementary teacher James Nagorski led the pledge. The roll was called by Michale Herrmann; Directors Dugan and Mendoza-Burcham were absent.*

PUBLIC COMMENT ON BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD: *None*

RECOGNITION – *Dr. Maslyk introduced teacher James Nagorski, a Teacher of the Year finalist. High school sophomore Will Ford, a former student, had been selected to present Mr. Nagorski at the Teacher of the Year conference in December 2014; Mr. Ford shared the comments he offered when introducing Mr. Nagorski. The board commended Mr. Nagorski for the achievement. Mr. Peiffer shared some kind words regarding Carnegie Elementary teacher Vince Ferro, who passed away last month.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Director Schriver moved, seconded by Director Wilson, to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2014 Reorganization Meeting as presented;

And the minutes of the December 2, 2014 Voting Meeting as presented.

By a voice vote, the motion carried 6-0-1 with Director Walkowiak abstaining due to absence.

REPORTS:

- **Executive Session** – *President Roussos said personnel, real estate, litigation and student matters were discussed in the closed session.*
- **Administrative Reports**
 - **Superintendent's Report** – *Mr. Peiffer reviewed Act 153 requirements for teachers, staff and volunteers.*
 - **Business Manager Report** – *Mr. Christy reported that PSERs has adopted an Employee Contribution Rate for 2015 of 25.84 percent, up from the current rate of 21.4 percent. The net increase to the district will be about \$280,000.*

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- Director of Pupil Services' Report – Dr. Mangis announced the birth of a son to school psychologist Rebecca Sawchik. She also mentioned that the district has been selected by Highmark for a \$6,000 health and wellness grant and she shared news of an opportunity to work with SHORES, a drug and alcohol counseling program at no cost to the district. Lastly, Dr. Mangis said she was submitting for eligible contingency funds to support the Special Education department.
- Curriculum/Data Report – Mr. Mantich provided the dates for the administration of the Keystone Exams for those who were not proficient during the earlier testing period.
- Principals Report - The principals all provided reports of happenings in an around their buildings and dates of upcoming events and activities. The holidays prompted quite a bit of community service by way of toy and food drives.

I. Miscellaneous

Director Wilson moved, seconded by Director Hart, to approve the additions to the Conference and Field Trip Requests for the 2014-2015 school year as submitted; (Miscellaneous Item #0115-01 REVISED) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

2014-15 Conference and Field Trip Requests

II. Finance

Director Hart moved, seconded by Director Schell, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of November 2014;

November Treasurer's Report

The November 2014 bills in the amount of \$1,822,346.90;

November 2014 Bills

The November 2014 Athletic Fund Report with an ending balance of \$12,971.86 as submitted; (Finance Item #0115-01)

November 2014 Athletic Fund Report

And the November 2014 Activities Fund Report with an ending balance of \$66,136.38 as submitted; (Finance Item #0115-02) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

November 2014 Activities Fund Report

III. Personnel

Director Schriver moved, seconded by Director Appel, to approve Pamela Stone to provide after-school tutoring to a secondary student, five hours per week, for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year at a per diem rate; (Personnel Item #0115-01)

After-School Tutoring – Pamela Stone

The resignation of general cafeteria worker Patricia Kormick, effective as of December 23, 2014 as submitted; (Personnel Item #0115-02)

Cafeteria Worker Resignation – Patricia Kormick

Regina Urso as interim principal at Carnegie Elementary for the period beginning April 27 through the last day of the school year as recommended;

Interim Carnegie Principal – Regina Urso

And Arthur Matt to the position of Cafeteria Van Driver, four hours per day consistent with the terms of the Secretary-Cafeteria-Aides Bargaining

Cafeteria Van Driver – Arthur Matt

Unit Agreement and effective January 6, 2015. (Personnel Item #0115-03)
By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS: *Director Walkowiak asked for the status of a list to be generated by Dennis McDade that would itemize and prioritize needs and plans for upgrades for district facilities. Mr. Peiffer said he has been working with Dennis and the principals to discuss upgrades in each building and Mr. McDade is in the process of finalizing the list and will provide at the next meeting.*

Director Schriver asked for an update of items that remained to be completed from the punch list developed in the fall regarding the recent renovations. A number of items have yet to be completed, included the PA system at Crafton Elementary, the security system at Carnegie Elementary and door hardware for the vestibule at the junior-senior high school. Mr. Peiffer said he would check into all of this and provide an update at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: *Two items were brought forth for approval:*

Director Wilson moved, seconded by Director Schriver, to approve the disciplinary agreement between the district and Student #001. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

Director Schriver moved, seconded by Director Hart, to approve the calendar for the 2015-2016 school year, Option B, as submitted by administration. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

President Roussos brought up the matter of the preliminary budget. Preliminary numbers were provided to the board although Mr. Christy said he has yet to collect budget requests from all the departments, therefore, the numbers offer a “flavor” of the proposed preliminary budget. President Roussos asked what steps should be taken if the board decides to raise taxes above the index. Mr. Christy said that option must be submitted to the state for an exemption referendum and would need to be filed by January 29, 2015. President Roussos asked Mr. Christy to move forward with the request for an exception.

OPEN FORUM: *Director Wilson commended the music departments for the wonderful holiday concerts.*

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to review, Director Schriver moved, seconded by Director Appel, to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 pm. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kirby Christy, Board Secretary

Michale Herrmann, Recording Secretary