

CARLYNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Voting Meeting

February 18, 2014

Carlynton Jr.-Sr. High School Library – 7:30 pm

MINUTES

The Carlynton School District Board of Education held its regular voting meeting on February 18, 2014 in the library of the junior-senior high school. In attendance were President David Roussos, Vice President Betsy Tassaró and School Directors Joe Appel, Antrice Hart, Nyra Schell, Jim Schriver, Ray Walkowiak and Sharon Wilson via phone. Also present was Superintendent Gary Peiffer, Solicitor Bill Andrews, Business Manager Kirby Christy, Principal John McAdoo, Curriculum/Data Coordinator Ed Mantich and Special Education Coordinator Hillary Mangis. Two individuals were in the audience as well as two members of the press.

CALL TO ORDER – *The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by President Roussos. Former school board member Sandra Hughan led the pledge. The roll was called by Michale Herrmann; Director Hunt was absent.*

RECOGNITION of FORMER BOARD MEMBER – *Mr. Peiffer recognized and honored former school board member Sandra Hughan with a 24-year Distinguished Service Award from Pennsylvania School Board Association.*

PUBLIC COMMENT ON BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD: *None*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Director Schriver moved, seconded by Director Schell, to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2014 Agenda Setting/Committee/Voting Meeting as presented. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0-1 with Director Walkowiak abstaining due to absence.**

REPORTS:

- **Executive Session** - *President Roussos noted that contracts, litigation and personnel matters were discussed in the closed session.*
- **Administrative Reports**
 - ✓ **Superintendent's Report** – *Mr. Peiffer announced that the PSSA testing window has been extended due to the inclement weather. He also informed board members that a waiver from the State was approved for the two lost days at Crafton Elementary due to water main breaks. In addition, he called attention to the Pre-K Transition Night coordinated by principals and Dr. Mangis.*
 - ✓ **Business Manager's Report** – *Mr. Christy provided updates on proposed funding through Governor's Corbett's proposed budget; Director Schell expounded further on the specifics and caveats for spending*
 - ✓ **Data/Curriculum Report** – *Mr. Mantich provided the testing dates for the PSSA for math, reading, writing and science*

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- ✓ Coordinator of Special Education – Dr. Mangis announced the plans for a high school career day; she said a mental health program by Ryan Klinginsmith, district SAP coordinator, offered to staff during in-service was very informative; an anti-bullying movie was recently shown at Carnegie; and she commended the current interns for the testing process of students
- ✓ Principal Report – Mr. McAdoo said the recent professional development day was great and provided an overview of the day; an assembly for grades 9-12 would highlight healthy relationships; and the 17-20 students attending the Cougar Den have found it to be productive
 - SHASDA – Director Schriver said he plans to attend the March meeting
 - PSBA Legislative – Director Schell talked more about the State proposed budget and she presented information about a PSBA resolution to raise basic education funding.

I. Miscellaneous

Director Hart moved, seconded by Director Schriver, to approve the additions to the 2013-2014 conference and field trip requests as presented and approved by administration; (Miscellaneous Item #0214-01 REVISED)

And Option E proposal for the 2014-2015 school year calendar as presented. (Miscellaneous Item #0214-02) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 8-0.**

Before adopting the calendar, the makeup days were placed in chronological order.

II. Finance

Director Tassaro moved, seconded by Director Walkowiak, the Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2014 as presented;

The January 2014 bills in the amount of \$2,706,665.77 as presented;

Additional February Real Estate Tax Refunds for the Borough of Carnegie as submitted. (Finance Item #0214-01)

The specifications for the pool filtration system as presented and to advertise for bids; (Finance Item #0214-02)

Director Schell asked if this would coincide with the summer camp. Mr. Peiffer said the work would be done after the close of Camp Aim and before the start of school. Director Schell asked who would serve as a consultant for the work. Mr. Peiffer reminded that Wade Associates was approved as consultant at an earlier meeting. Director Schriver asked that other aesthetics around the pool be updated too, such as ceiling tiles.

The proposal from Sonitrol to upgrade the facility security systems in all three district buildings as presented; (Finance Item #0214-03)

Authorization for the District to assign the purchase and sale of natural gas to UGI Energy Services as recommended by the Western Pennsylvania Gas Consortium Committee; (Finance Item #0214-04)

Additions – 2013-2014
Conference and FT Requests
REVISED

2014-2015 School Year
Calendar

Treasurer's Report – January
2014

January 2014 Bills

Carnegie RE Tax Refunds

Pool Filtration Specifications

Proposal for Facility Security
Upgrades from Sonitrol

Purchase and Sale of Natural
Gas to UGI Energy

Authorization for continued participation in the Western Pennsylvania Electric and Natural Gas Consortium for the purchase of electricity and natural gas for up to a three year term. The agreement for electricity will commence after the final meter read date in January 2015 and the agreement for natural gas will

commence after the final meter read date in August 2015. (Finance Item #0214-05)

Change Order #13016 as presented for work related to the high school exterior and entry doors and the vestibule in the amount of \$3,742.20; (Finance Item #0214-06)

Director Appel asked for change order details. Mr. Peiffer said it included the frames and door jams with a readjustment of the initial specifications.

The January 2014 Food Service Report as submitted by Aramark Education; (Finance Item #0214-07)

The January 2014 Athletic Fund Report as presented with an ending balance of \$14,645.24; (Finance Item #0214-08)

And the January 2014 Activities Fund Report as presented with an ending balance of \$50,792.13. (Finance Item #0214-09) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 8-0.**

III. Personnel

Director Hart moved, seconded by Director Walkowiak, to approve the following addition to the 2013-2014 Day-to-Day Substitute List for the 2013-2014 school year as submitted:

- Harry Goonen, Custodial/Maintenance
 - Abigail Rohe, Elementary Education/Reading Specialist
 - Kimberly Sumpter, Elementary Education/Special Education
 - Kelly Verdu, Elementary Education
- (Personnel Item #0214-01 REVISED)

The Amendment to the Superintendent Agreement for the purposes of tuition reimbursement; (Personnel Item #0214-02)

~~The letter of intent to retire from the following professional educator, as submitted per the terms of the Carlynton Federation of Teachers Bargaining Unit Agreement and effective the last day of the 2013-2014 school year:~~

- ~~▪ Lynne Cramer~~
- ~~(Personnel Item #0214-03) REMOVED FROM AGENDA~~

And the additions to the 2014 Supplemental Athletic List as recommended and presented:

- Patrick McPherson, Assistant/ JV Baseball Coach
 - Daniel Hahn, Assistant Junior High Track Coach
- (Personnel Item #0214-04)

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

Participation in the Electric and Natural Gas Consortium

Change Order #13016

January 2014 Food Service Report

January 2014 Athletic Fund Report

January 2014 Activities Fund Report

Additions to the 2013-2014 DD Sub List REVISED

Amendment to Superintendent Agreement

~~Letter of Intent to Retire—Lynne Cramer— REMOVED~~

Additions to the 2014 Supplemental Athletic List

V. Student Services

Director Schell moved, seconded by Director Walkowiak, to approve the 2014-2015 high school program of studies as submitted; (Student Services Item #0214-01)

2014-2015 HS Program of Studies

And the 2014-2015 junior high school program of studies as submitted; (Student Services Item #0214-02) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 8-0.**

2014-2015 JH Program of Studies

OLD BUSINESS: *Director Walkowiak recalled the district's past participation in a load response program regarding energy and power, citing it was no longer beneficial to re-enroll upon the renewal date. He said the opportunity to do that now would be beneficial and asked Mr. Peiffer to look into the matter.*

Director Hart asked if any parking solutions for the high school were discussed. Mr. Loughren, high school principal, was to investigate the matter but was not present at the meeting. Therefore, the board decided to wait until hearing from him.

NEW BUSINESS: *President Roussos said he had a good conversation with Mr. Peiffer about restructuring the board meetings to allow for one meeting per month for reports and voting, and a second meeting would be used as a working session.*

President Roussos also called attention to the good works of the board while acknowledging the D. Richard Wynn Distinguished Board Award and the reception of March 20 in honor of the school board.

Director Schell made reference to taping students orally on school buses in addition to already videotaping students without the audio, for the purpose of identifying those students who might be bullying or causing trouble. President Roussos asked Mr. Peiffer to check into the advantages of this practice as well as the disadvantages.

Director Schriver brought up an earlier discussion of branding for the school district. Director Appel suggested engaging a professional firm for direction so that all district facilities could be unified with the same overall look, logo and colors, including an entrance design at Honus Wagner Field.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business to discuss, Director Appel moved, seconded by Director Hart, to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 pm. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 8-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kirby Christy, Board Secretary

Michale Herrmann, Recording Secretary