

## CARLYNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Voting Meeting

February 21, 2017

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

### MINUTES

The Carlynton School District Board of Education held its second monthly voting meeting February 21, 2017 in the junior-senior high school library. Those in attendance included President Jim Schriver, Vice President Joe Appel and Directors Monica Dugan, George Honchar, Marissa Mendoza, Nyra Schell and Kelly Zaletski. Also present was Superintendent Gary Peiffer, Solicitor Bill Andrews and administrators Kirby Christy, Brian Durica, Michael Loughren, John McAdoo and Dennis McDade. The audience was comprised of 26 individuals for the recognition at the beginning of the meeting; and one individual following the recognition.

**CALL TO ORDER** – President Schriver called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. Student athletes Ray Bordenick, Lucas Ulizzi and Ashleigh Wilson led the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was call by Recording Secretary Michale Herrmann. Directors O'Brien and Richardson were absent.

**RECOGNITION:** Outstanding athletes Ray Bordenick, Lucas Ulizzi, Ashleigh Wilson and Logan Witwicki were recognized for individual achievements. Athletic Director Nate Milsom summarized the accomplishments, coaches added a few comments and Dr. Peiffer presented each student with a certificate.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Director Zaletski moved, seconded by Director Appel, to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2017 regular voting meeting as presented. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

### **REPORTS:**

- **Executive Session** – President Schriver reported an executive session was held February 16 to discuss personnel, real estate, negotiation and student matters. Personnel and student matters were discussed in the executive session prior to the meeting.
- **Administrative Reports**
  - **Superintendent Report** – Dr. Peiffer reported there was no news on Basic Education Funding
  - **Principals** – Mr. McAdoo distributed a newsletter and called attention to a few highlights. He noted that the Pittsburgh Education Partnership provided school supplies to students and teachers and both elementary school benefitted from a donation from Schell Games. Mr. Loughren said the concert with savant pianist Brittany Maier was a success. The scheduling process for students is about to begin and students will be competing at a robotics competition and an Energy Innovation Center challenge.
  - **Facilities and Maintenance** – Mr. McDade said he and his crew are working to improve the athletic field house and grounds in Crafton. The exterior of the building will be painted. The cost to properly cool

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*the server room will range from \$10-12,000; a compressor head in the pool needs repaired at a cost of \$5,000. He will add it to next year's budget. All schools have received attention, such as painting and lighting updates. Dr. Peiffer asked Mr. McDade if he planned to hire summer custodial helpers. Mr. McDade said he hopes the crew from last summer will return as they worked well together.*

- Technology – Mr. Durica said he is working with counselors to facilitate the scheduling process. He added that eSchool Plus has been bought out by PowerSchool, which he believes to be beneficial to the district.

➤ Committee Reports

- Parkway West CTC – Director Appel said the school will hold a fish fry during lent and a Career Exploration Day in March. Enrollment continues to increase. The school won a career-technical excellence award, receiving a \$27,000 grant to provide wages for student internships.
- Pathfinder – Dr. Peiffer said superintendents in the Pathfinder consortium are looking at operating costs and seeking ways to run the school more efficiently.
- SHASDA – Dr. Peiffer announced a student forum will be held in March followed by a student breakfast in April, which recognizes students who have overcome challenges.
- Legislative/PSBA – Director Schell reported that U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVoss intends to move forward with the Every Child Succeeds Act. Director Schell offered a summary of a Plan Con advisory committee and said a report by the PA School Administrators and Business Manager reveals rapidly rising costs are forcing school districts to raise property taxes or dip into reserves.

## I. Miscellaneous

Director Honchar moved, seconded by Director Schell, to approve the additions to the 2016-2017 Conference and Field Trip Requests as presented; (Miscellaneous Item #0217-01)

Additions to 2016-2017  
Conference and Field Trips

And the proposed 2017-2018 school year calendar as presented. (Miscellaneous Item #0217-02) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

2017-2018 School Year  
Calendar

*There was some dialogue among board members on the calendar dates, particularly starting school on a Monday. The option to offer a staggered start for kindergarten students was mentioned.*

## II. Finance

Director Schell moved, seconded by Director Honchar, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2017 as presented;

Treasurer's Report – January  
2017

The January 2017 bills in the amount of \$1,674,633.67 as presented;

January 2017 Bills

The February 2017 Real Estate Tax Refunds for the Borough of Carnegie as presented; (Finance Item #0217-01)

RE Tax Refunds - Carnegie

The January 2017 Athletic Fund Report with an ending balance of \$8,508.78; (Finance Item #0217-02)

January 2017 Athletic Fund Report

And the January 2017 Activities Fund Report with an ending balance of \$80,783.71; (Finance Item #0217-03) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

January 2017 Activities Fund Report

### III. Personnel

Director Zaletski moved, seconded by Director Dugan, to award the position of Director of Special Education to Rachel Andler-McCloy, the recommended candidate, under the terms of the Act 93 Agreement; (Personnel Item #0217-01)

Director of Special Education – Rachel Andler-McCloy

Award the position of Home-School Visitor to Bethany Mudd, the recommended candidate, under the terms of the Carlynton Federation of Teachers Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement. This is a one-semester position created with a Ready to Learn Grant; (Personnel Item #0217-02)

Home-School Visitor – Bethany Mudd

Award the position of General Food Worker at Crafton Elementary to Donna Thompson, effective immediately, under the terms of the Secretary-Cafeteria-Aides Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement; (Personnel Item #0217-03)

General Food Service Worker – Donna Thompson

And approve the Intermittent FMLA request as submitted by Employee CFT1617-08. (Personnel Item #0217-04) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

Intermittent FMLA – CFT1617-08

### IV. Student Services

Director Dugan moved, seconded by Director Schell, to approve the additions to the STA school bus driver and monitor list as presented; (Student Services Item #0217-01)

STA – Additional Drivers

And the adjudication agreement for student #SM1617-004 as submitted. (Student Services Item #0217-02) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

Adjudication Agreement

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**OPEN FORUM:** *President Schriver said the board will return to an executive session to discuss personnel and student matters at the conclusion of the meeting.*

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business, Director Appel moved for adjournment at 8:42 pm, seconded by Director Zaletski. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Kirby Christy, Board Secretary

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Michale Herrmann, Recording Secretary