

## CARLYNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Voting Meeting

May 15, 2017

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

### MINUTES

The Carlynton School District Board of Education held a voting meeting May 15, 2017 in the junior-senior high school library. Those in attendance included Vice President Joe Appel and Directors Monica Dugan, Marissa Mendoza, LeeAnne O'Brien, Caleb Richardson, Nyra Schell and Kelly Zaletski. Also present was Superintendent Gary Peiffer, Solicitor Bill Andrews, Interim Business Manager William Reilly and administrators Brian Durica, Edward Mantich and Dennis McDade. The audience was comprised of three individuals.

**CALL TO ORDER** – *In the absence of President Schriver, Vice President Appel called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited together. The roll was called by Recording Secretary Michale Herrmann. Directors Honchar (and Schriver) were absent.*

**PRESENTATION:** *Gary Hill and Scott Delo from the Trane Company offered an energy savings proposal for the district, providing an Act 39 review, a summary of the act and the process by which an energy audit would be conducted. The gentlemen said the energy savings would fund the project and any amount not covered would be compensated by the company. Act 39 is a guaranteed energy savings project for K-12 schools in Pennsylvania which could provide lower energy costs with replacements/upgrades to windows, HVAC systems, insulation, lighting and more.*

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

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Director Mendoza moved, seconded by Director O'Brien, to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2017 voting meeting as presented. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 4-0-3 with Directors Richardson, Schell and Zaletski abstaining due to absence.**

### **REPORTS:**

- **Executive Session** – *Vice President Appel said personnel items were discussed in the closed session.*
- **Administrative Reports**
  - **Superintendent** – *Dr. Peiffer recommended the passing of the proposed final budget, an item on the agenda under Finance. He said first round interviews to replace the principal at Carnegie Elementary will be held May 22 and 23 with hopes of a second round on May 31. Dr. Peiffer expressed concern over recent fights between students and said he is working with administration and staff to address the issue and develop interventions and a support system. He said the fights are not acceptable or reflective of the majority of the student body.*

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- Curriculum – Mr. Mantich reported that the testing season is nearing completion as the school year winds down.
- Food Services – Ms. Lindhurst said she sees a need to increase ala carte and full meal prices in the cafeteria. She said the increase would enable the provision of more options for students and could increase meal purchases. She also passed out information for a Vulcan oven, saying the purchase would provide hotter meals at a faster pace.
- Maintenance – Mr. McDade provided a list of capital projects to be completed this summer. Some of the items included fire doors for the high school cafeteria, replacement of a high school roof top compressor, sealing and recoating the surface of the Crafton Elementary playground, sealing and recoating the gym floor at Carnegie Elementary, replacing lifting floor tiles and stair treads in all schools. Mr. McDade said some items, such as plastering, painting and concrete repairs can be completed in house. He is projecting \$57,000 for all projects, which is budgeted. The hiring of summer custodial helpers, on the agenda, will provide additional summer cleaning help.
- Technology – Mr. Durica said the district endured the recent national cyber-attack without any issues; all servers were patched against the attack. He is considering the use of a company that will safeguard against phishing. Mr. Durica is compiling a list of summer projects and will provide at the next meeting. Continuing issues with eSchool have been resolved, concerning final grades and grade point averages. Lastly, Mr. Durica said he hopes to purchase Chromebooks and four servers under the current budget. Dr. Peiffer asked about security cameras for the schools. Mr. Durica said he will look into it, adding that the storage portion can be initially purchased and cameras added each year.

## I. Miscellaneous

Director Dugan moved, seconded by Director Zaletski, to approve the additions to the 2016-2017 Conference and Field Trip Requests as submitted. (Miscellaneous Item #0517-01) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

Conference and FT Requests

## II. Finance

Director Mendoza moved, seconded by Director O'Brien, to approve the 2017-2018 proposed final budget in the amount of \$27,677,542 with a millage rate of 22.502. The proposed final budget will be advertised for a period of 30 days prior to the adoption of the final budget. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 6-1 with Director Dugan voting NO.**

Proposed 2017-2018 Final Budget

Director Schell moved, seconded by Director Dugan, to approve the proposal from Aramark Food Services to increase full priced meals in the cafeteria by 25 cents. (Finance Item #0517-01) **By a ROLL CALL Vote, the motion failed 3-4 with Directors Mendoza, Richardson, Schell and Zaletski voting NO.**

Proposal for Meal Price Increase

Director Schell moved, seconded by Director Dugan, to approve the April 2017 Food Services Report as presented by Aramark Food Services. (Finance Item #0617-03) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

April 2017 Food Services Report

### III. Personnel

Director Schell moved, seconded by Director Dugan, to approve the 2017-2018 Activities Supplemental List with returning sponsors as presented and to post for all anticipated openings; (Personnel Item #0517-01 REVISED)

2017-2018 Activities Supplemental List

To employ the recommended individuals for the position of summer custodial helpers for the summer of 2017; (Personnel Item #0517-02)

Summer Custodial Helpers

The Letters of Intent from Dr. Edward Snell and Dr. Sherry Marinacci to return as school physician and eye examiner, respectively, for the 2017-2018 school year; (Personnel Item #0517-03)

School Physician/Eye Examiner

*And* the realignment of elementary teachers James Bassano, to a second grade position at Crafton Elementary, and Amanda Meyers, to a fourth grade position at Crafton Elementary, per the open bidding process under the terms of the Carlynton Federation of Teachers Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

Realignment of Staff

### IV. Policy

Director Dugan moved, seconded by Director Schell, to approve the first reading of Policy No. 626 with its five attachments which define Federal Fiscal Compliance, per the PSBA full policy review. (Policy Item #0515-01) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

First Reading – Policy No. 626

Director Dugan moved, seconded by Director Schell, to approve the first reading of Policy No. 626.1, Travel Reimbursement for Federal Programs, per the PSBA full policy review. (Policy Item #0517-02) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

First Reading – Policy No. 626.1

**OLD BUSINESS:** *None*

**NEW BUSINESS:** *The following motion was presented:*

Director Schell moved, seconded by Director Zaletski, to authorize the Trane Company to perform a preliminary review for the purposes of preparing a preliminary proposal for Act 39 project at no cost to the district. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

Act 39 Proposal – Trane Company

**OPEN FORUM:** *Crafton resident Eric Valcheff asked the board to embrace change and technology and to capitalize on the good things taking place in the community. He said improvements need to be made to district schools and suggested that raising taxes was necessary to do so.*

*Crafton resident Lisa Smith questioned why Policy 213 regarding assessment of student progress was deleted from board policies. She was told the board was completing a full policy review through PSBA and was directed to eliminate the policy. Mrs. Smith questioned the grading scale and honor roll status.*

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business, Director Mendoza moved for adjournment at 9:27 pm, seconded by Director Dugan. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

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William Reilly for Kirby Christy, Board Secretary

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Michale Herrmann, Recording Secretary

*The board returned to executive session following adjournment of the meeting.*