

CARLYNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Voting Meeting May 20, 2010 Carlynton Jr.-Sr. High School Library – 7:30 pm

MINUTES

The Carlynton School District Board of Education conducted its Regular Voting Meeting on Thursday, May 20, 2010 in the library of the junior-senior high school. Those in attendance included President Thomas Brown, Vice President Patricia Schirripa and School Directors Thomas DiPietro, Sandra Hughan, Ronald McCartney, Nyra Schell, Betsy Tassaró and Sharon Wilson. Also present was Superintendent Michael Panza, Solicitor Janet Burkardt, Business Manager Kirby Christy, Director of Pupil Services Lee Myford and Principals Jacie Maslyk, Robert Susini, Courtney Tempest and Christopher Very. The audience was comprised of five individuals and two members of the press.

CALL TO ORDER - *The meeting was called to order by President Brown at 7:31 pm. Crafton Elementary six grade band students performed a musical piece, and then led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

ROLL CALL – *The roll was called by Recording Secretary Michale Herrmann. Director Walkowiak was excused from the meeting.*

PUBLIC COMMENT ON BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD: *None*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Director Tassaró moved, seconded by Director Hughan, to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2010 Committee/Agenda Setting/Voting Meeting as presented. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 8-0 as amended.**

Prior to voting, president Brown made note to amend the minutes to reflect his comments made at the May 6 meeting regarding the bus contract. He said he hoped STA would contact the drivers from First Student for employment opportunities.

REPORTS:

- **Executive Session** – *President Brown reported that school code, contractual, and legal issues were discussed in executive session.*
 - **Principals' Reports** – *Mrs. Maslyk reported that teacher Clare Rex was presented with an award from the Spectroscopy Society of Pittsburgh and received \$1000. Mr. Very said his school would be hosting a Science Olympiad. Dr. Susini provided dates of weekly events, citing many year-end activities.*
 - **Director of Pupil Services' Report** – *Mrs. Myford announced that a committee has been formed to explore positive outcome resources for students and mentioned that the SAP program has concluded for the school year.*
 - **Business Manager Report** – *Mr. Christy noted that the health care act was signed by President Obama and will go into affect as of July 1, 2011. Children will then be covered by their parent's insurance until age 26, thus incurring extra costs for the district. President Brown said he attended the Health*

Minutes of the May 6, 2010
Meeting

Consortium meeting and confirmed Mr. Christy's statement.

- Superintendent's Report – *Dr. Panza said that Mr. Christy is working to revise the budget with new numbers. Director Hughan called attention to the revenues gained from gambling, noting the assessment value for homeowners will be lowered by \$165.73. Dr. Panza also reported on the following:*
 - ✓ *The Title 1 review will take place on Tuesday, May 24*
 - ✓ *He met with the architects from Kimball and they will be ready to present a draft in the very near future; a public meeting will be announced*
 - ✓ *The Safety Committee has earned certification and the district is now classified as a safe workplace. This will ensure a savings on workman's compensation insurance*
 - ✓ *The final preparations for Race to the Top are in process*
 - ✓ *He attended the Math-Science Collaborative at RMU; the district was recognized*
 - ✓ *Chapter 12 is proposing 30 minutes of physical education everyday for elementary students and 45 minutes everyday for secondary students; this will create a financial hardship if approved. Letters were written to state reps.*
 - ✓ *Relay for Life will be held May 22*
- ✓ Secretary's Correspondence – *The minutes of the Parkway West Career and Technology Center Joint Operating Committee Meeting of April 6, 2010 were entered into record. (SC Item #0510-01)*
- Pathfinder Report – *Director Wilson noted that the Pathfinder Board has agreed to take on several projects for energy savings; 84 students are enrolled; a golf outing generated \$4,000 for upgrades to the sensory room; the school was the beneficiary to Comcast Day, with employees providing cleaning and painting duties and assistance with outdoor projects; the AIU will use the site for a Head-Start program – the program will build another playground; the Boy Scouts and Eagle Scouts are assisting with a number of outdoor projects*
- Parkway West CTC Report – *Director Hughan announced that a Career Exploration program will be held this summer, June 22-23, allowing for hands-on experience for interested students; enrollment for next year is at 635 and ninth graders are now permitted to enroll; Parkway's graduation ceremony will be held June 7; the ACE program held its graduation program*
- SHASDA – *Director Schirripa reported that the last meeting of the school year was held in April with the spring conference; she thanked the board members who attended and congratulated the two Carlynton awardees*

BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD:

I. Miscellaneous

Director Wilson moved, seconded by Director Hughan, to approve the Conference and Field Trip Requests as submitted and reviewed by administration:

- C...Rex/Kelly...Hampton SD...Science Olympiad WS...5/26
- FT...M.O'Neil...Carnegie Boro Bldg...Mem. Day Parade...5/30

Conference and Field Trip
Requests

- FT...M.O'Neil...Crafton Boro Bldg...Mem. Day Parade...5/31
(Miscellaneous Item #0510-01)

And participation in *Leadership Pittsburgh* for the 2010-2011 school year, with Dr. Michael Panza and Director Patricia Schirripa as representatives, at a cost of \$500 per participant. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0-1, with Director Schirripa abstaining.**

Dr. Panza said the participation in Leadership Pittsburgh costs about \$8,000 but the AIU is covering much of the cost, except a \$500 per participant fee. He said it is an honor to participate. As participants, he and Mrs. Schirripa will serve as educational liaisons for the county and will bring back many resources. President Brown noted the networking opportunities with foundations; he urged Dr. Panza and Director Schirripa to keep the board informed to illustrate measurable results. Director Tassarò asked if the tenure was one year. Director Schirripa said the commitment is one year in length but once anyone participates in the program, they are participants forever.

II. Finance

Director Tassarò moved, seconded by Director DiPietro, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of April 2010 as presented;

April 2010 bills in the amount of \$2,061,355.31 as presented;

The Athletic Fund Report for April 2010 as submitted and reviewed by administration; (Finance Item #0510-01)

The Activities Fund Report for April 2010 as submitted and reviewed by administration; (Finance Item #0510-02)

Participation in the AIU Western Pennsylvania Electricity Consortium for the purchase of electricity from Duquesne Light Energy for a three year term commencing with service in January 2011 and concluding in January 2014. The final fixed price is to be determined on or about May 28, 2010 with a price not to exceed \$0.07 per kilowatt hour for all costs but not including distribution, sales taxes and other local utility charges. (Finance Item #0510-03)

President Brown credited Director Walkowiak, who led the charge to solicit the board's involvement with the consortium. Director Hughan asked if the district would pay sales tax, to which Mr. Christy replied no.

The Software Maintenance Agreement with ProSoft Technologies at a monthly fee of \$1,711 for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 as presented; (Finance Item #0510-04)

The Request for Proposal for the Pool Filter Pipe Replacement at the junior-senior high school as presented and to advertise accordingly; (Finance Item #0510-05)

The Request for Proposal for the Front Sidewalk Replacement at the junior-senior high school as presented and to advertise accordingly; (Finance Item #0510-06)

Leadership Pittsburgh
Participation and
Representatives

Treasurer's Report – April
2010

April 2010 Bills

April 2010 Athletic Fund
Report

April 2010 Activities Fund
Report

Electricity Consortium with
Duquesne Light Energy

Software Maintenance
Agreement with ProSoft

RFP – Pool Filter
Replacement

RFP – Front Sidewalk
Replacement

The Request for Proposal for the Running Track Surface Replacement at the junior-senior high school as presented and to advertise accordingly; (Finance Item #0510-07)

RFP – Running Track Surface Replacement

The Request for Proposal for the Running Track Asphalt Topping at the junior-senior high school as presented and to advertise accordingly; (Finance Item #0510-08)

RFP – Running Track Asphalt Topping

Some board members suggested changes and corrections to parts of the PFPs. President Brown indicated those changes/corrections would be made before the documents were sent out to potential bidders. Director DiPietro asked in the cost of the pool filter replacement could be recouped under the feasibility study. Dr. Panza said no, since the study focuses on the elementary buildings.

The April 2010 Cafeteria Report as submitted by Aramark Educational Services. (Finance item #0510-09)

April 2010 Cafeteria Report

Request to acquire State Income Tax information from the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue, for the 2008 tax year, and that such information be placed on CD-Rom for processing by Jordan Tax Service, Inc. (Finance Item #0510-10) **By a ROLL CALL VOTE, the motion carried 8-0.**

2008 State Income Tax Information to Jordan Tax Service

III. Personnel

Director Schirripa moved, seconded by Director Tassaro, to approve the additions to the 2009-2010 Day-to-Day Substitute List as follows and recommended by administration:

Additions to Day-to-Day Sub List

- Krista Kahler – Elementary
 - Melissa Pulver – Elementary
- (Personnel Item #0510-01)

The additions to the 2010-2011 Activities Supplemental List as presented and based upon the Letters of Intent to return:

Additions to the 10-11 Activities Supplementals

- Heidi Aitken – Carnegie Elementary Intramurals
 - Diane Criste – Carnegie Elementary Intramurals
 - Nicholas DeRoss – Crafton Elementary Intramurals
- (Personnel Item #0510-02)

The request for a Leave of Absence from employee CFT10-01 as submitted; (Personnel Item #0510-03)

Leave of Absence – CFT10-01

The request for a Leave of Absence from employee CFT10-02 as submitted; (Personnel Item #0510-04)

Leave of Absence – CFT10-02

The letter of resignation from elementary teacher Mandy Turnbull as submitted. (Personnel Item #0510-05)

Resignation – Mandy Turnbull

President Brown offered best wishes to Mrs. Turnbull and her extended family.

And to post for the positions of ten (10) summer custodial helpers for the summer of 2010 to support the custodial staff with duties. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 8-0.**

Posting for Summer Custodial Helpers

Director Hughan asked if the above positions could include college students. Dr. Panza said yes, adding that any resident of the community could apply.

IV. Policy

Director McCartney moved, seconded by Director DiPietro, to approve the final reading of revisions to following policies:

- No. 103.1 – Nondiscrimination in School and Classroom Practices with Attachments
- No. 103.1AR – Nondiscrimination/Qualified Students with Disabilities
- No. 113 – Special Education
- No. 113.1 – Discipline of Students with Disabilities
- No. 113.2 – Behavior Support
- No. 113.3 – Screening and Evaluations for Students with Disabilities
- 114 – Gifted Education; (Policy Item #0510-01)

The final reading of revisions to Policy No. 335, 335-AR and 335-AR-1, all pertaining to Family and Medical Leaves and Procedures, as presented; (Policy Item #0510-02)

The final reading of revisions to Policy No. 504, Employment of Classified Employees, as presented; (Policy Item #0510-03)

And the first reading of Policy No. 623, Local Economic Revitalization Tax Abatement (LERTA)-Commercial Property, as presented. (Policy Item #0510-04) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 8-0.**

Director Schell had some questions about phrasing in several policies. Dr. Panza and President Brown explained the minutes were originally written and suggested by PSBA and were reviewed by the district's counsel.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: *Director Tassaro addressed Dr. Panza with several questions in regards to the final presentation of the feasibility study. She asked if it were possible, could food be prepared at the elementary buildings? Could the district take a look at the walking radius of students? She suggested that by adding more walkers, students could receive more physical exercise in line with the Chapter 12 proposals. Lastly, she asked if unsightly properties around the elementary buildings could be looked into for possible razing and acquiring more parking spaces. Dr. Panza said he would have answers for her prior to the next meeting.*

NEW BUSINESS: *None*

OPEN FORUM: *Parent and resident Jeanine Schultz came forward to recognize and praise substitute Jessica Durci, saying she has the ability to connect with students and has a manner by which she keeps the students interested and engaged. President Brown thanked Mrs. Schultz for the recommendation and said dual consideration will be given.*

Final Reading of Policies
103.1, 103.1AR
113, 113.1, 113.2, 113.3
114

Final Reading of Policies
335, 335-AR, 335-AR-1

Final Reading of Policy
No. 504

First Reading of Policy
No. 623

Parent and resident Jack Kobistek thanked the athletic director and Coach Vonn for bringing the football team to Carnegie's 5K race and assisting behind the scenes.

Mr. Kobistek said he missed the last education committee meeting, but heard talk that the seventh and eighth grade scholar science courses would no longer be offered to students. Dr. Panza explained the reasoning for the decision, based on the fact that teachers found that those taking the scholars courses were missing out on content area on the PSSA. He said enrichment would still be offered to those students who were stronger in the sciences. President Brown said he attended the meeting and understood the rationale of the teachers. Director DiPietro suggested the scholars programming be operated as a pilot program for the first year. Dr. Panza said the matter has been researched by the teachers and that students will take the scholars courses in later years and remain on track for the higher levels of science. Mr. Kobistek said he fears this could limit those students who excel in the sciences.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discuss, Director Hughan moved, seconded by Director DiPietro to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 pm. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 8-0.**