

**CARLYNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Voting Meeting**  
**July 14, 2014**  
**Carlynton Jr.-Sr. High School Library – 7:30 pm**

**MINUTES**

The Carlynton School District Board of Education held its regular voting meeting July 14, 2014 in the library of the junior-senior high school. Those in attendance included President David Roussos, Vice President Betsy Tassaró and School Directors Joe Appel, Antriece Hart, Carl Hunt, Nyra Schell, Jim Schriver and Sharon Wilson. Also present was Superintendent Gary Peiffer, Solicitor Bill Andrews, Business Manager Kirby Christy, Special Education Coordinator Hillary Mangis and Curriculum/Data Coordinator Ed Mantich. The audience was comprised of three individuals and one member of the press.

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**CALL TO ORDER** – *The meeting was called to order at 7:39 pm by President Roussos; he also led the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called by Michale Herrmann; Director Walkowiak was absent.*

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Director Wilson moved, seconded by Director Schriver, to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2014 Regular Voting Meeting as presented.

*Director Schell noted two corrections to the minutes on pages 7532 and 7534. Director Hunt moved, seconded by Director Hart, to amend the minutes as noted. **By a voice vote, the motion carried, 8-0.***

Board members then moved on the original motion with the amendments.

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

**REPORTS:**

➤ **Executive Session** – *President Roussos said real estate, litigation and personnel matters were discussed in closed session.*

➤ **Administrative Reports**

- **Superintendent's Report** – *Mr. Peiffer said the renovations have made for a busy summer; a setback occurred at Carnegie due to rain which caused some electrical damage. The insurance company has been contacted. PSSA scores showed improvement and growth across the district; in particular, Carnegie Elementary showed marked improvements. The Keystone Exam results continue to be reviewed and summer remediation has been scheduled for students needing to re-take the exam. Dennis McDade, the replacement for John Recchio, will join the district July 21.*

*John Hayes of Thomas and Williamson provided an update on renovations. Work is moving swiftly and going well; everything is on track with the possibility of outside work continuing after the school year begins. Workmen found the cause of the sinking front porch at Carnegie Elementary; water was getting in under the cement slab due to drainage from a downspout. New French drains have been installed and the foundation has been*

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waterproofed. Mr. Hayes said a new contractor has been brought in to move the shot-put and reseed areas around the track.

Brian Durica, Technology Coordinator, provided an update of summer projects. All mobile labs have been imaged and are ready for use; the high school computers and teacher computers have been imaged; Netbooks will be repurposed; the Kindle cart at Carnegie Elementary is ready for use. Mr. Durica said he is working on a new print server and a file server as well as making improvements to the current servers. 150 new laptops are ready for use although the mobile carts have yet to arrive. New Promethean boards are in and waiting to be installed. Mr. Durica is piloting a network tool through the AIU, along with four other districts. There is no charge for the tool and the trial period is proving to be promising. New teacher laptops (120) with a new operating system and docking stations are to be ordered within the week. Mr. Peiffer questioned the removal of obsolete equipment. Mr. Durica said there are numerous televisions and VCRs being held for disposal; he will be contacting a disposal company that was used in the past.

Scott Graff of Aramark offered justification for the proposed price increase to meals regarding lunch equity prices as established by the government.

- Business Manager Report – Mr. Christy said the Accountability Block Grant and Ready to Learn Grant have been combined. The amount the district will receive in funding is \$102,000 greater than anticipated. Director Schell said one of the funding areas covered by the grant is STEM, adding that perhaps the program at Crafton can be expanded and a program can be created at Carnegie.
  - Director of Pupil Services' Report – Dr. Mangis said her office is preparing for Center for Safe Schools. She also said the summer reading program at the Carnegie Free Library is in full swing and going well.
  - Curriculum and Data Coordinator – Mr. Mantich reported that new curriculum updates have been posted on the website.
- PSBA Legislative – Director Schell noted that four states are now fighting the Common Core. She provided some updates on the budget, adding there are several new requirements; one requires school nurses to be certified in CPR. Lastly, Plan Con is back in swing although they are working through a back log. Director Schriver noted some changes to e-rate regarding Wifi.

## **I. Miscellaneous**

Director Tassaro moved, seconded by Director Appel, to approve the Conference and Field Trip Requests for the 2014-2015 school year as submitted. (Miscellaneous Item #0714-01) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 8-0.**

2014-15 Conference and  
Field Trip Requests

## II. Finance

Director Wilson moved, seconded by Director Appel, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of June 2014 as presented;

The June 2014 bills in the amount of \$2,800,832.76 as presented;

The lunch equity increase for school lunches as submitted by Aramark Educational Services. The proposal will increase student lunches by five or ten cents and adult lunches by 10 to 15 cents. (Finance Item #0714-01)

The June 2014 Athletic Fund Report with and ending balance of \$4,796.12 as submitted; (Finance Item #0714-02)

The June 2014 Activities Fund Report with and ending balance of \$57,135.33 as submitted; (Finance Item #0714-03)

The agreement between the district and A-Air Company for inspections and maintenance of the Carnegie Elementary HVAC system per the terms of the three year agreement as presented; (Finance Item #0714-04)

*And* the agreement between the district and A-Air Company for inspections and maintenance of the Crafton Elementary HVAC system per the terms of the three year agreement as presented; (Finance Item #0714-05) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 8-0.**

## III. Personnel

Director Hunt moved, seconded by Director Schriver, to approve the deletion to the 2014-2015 Activities Supplemental List as submitted; (Personnel Item #0714-01)

Employment of Margaret Wilson to the position of Special Education teacher at the secondary level under the terms of the Carlynton Federation of Teachers Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement; (Personnel Item #0714-02)

*And* the appointment of Suzanne Verbanick to facilitate the Summer Remediation position beginning July 28 through August 15, 2014 at a salary of \$30 per hour. (Personnel Item #0714-03) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 8-0.**

## IV. Student Services

Director Hart moved, seconded by Director Hunt, to approve the 2014-2015 elementary student handbooks for Carnegie and Crafton Elementary Schools as submitted. (Student Services Item #0714-01) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 8-0.**

~~The 2014-2015 junior senior high school student handbook as submitted. (Student Services Item #0714-02) REMOVED~~

June 2014 Treasurer's Report

June 2014 Bills

Lunch Equity Increase –  
School Lunches

June 2014 Athletic Fund  
Report

June 2014 Activities Fund  
Report

HVAC Service for Carnegie  
Elementary – A-Air  
Company

HVAC Service for Crafton  
Elementary – A-Air  
Company

Deletion to 2014-15  
Supplemental Activities List

Special Education Teacher –  
Margaret Wilson

Summer Remediation  
Position – Suzanne Verbanick

2014-15 Carnegie and  
Crafton Elementary  
Handbooks

2014-2015 Junior-Senior  
High School Student  
Handbook – REMOVED

**OLD BUSINESS:** *Director Schriver asked that the parking policy be reviewed with Mr. McDade in order that painting of lines can commence and signage be ordered.*

*Director Schell commented about the speed limit on school property, noting the incorrect limit in the junior-senior high school student handbook. Director Schell also had questions about grading in conjunction with dual enrollment and AP courses, and more specifically, the Spanish dual enrollment program that made students eligible for a higher class ranking. She suggested that French be brought up to par. Mr. Peiffer said it is a long-term goal.*

**NEW BUSINESS:** *Bullying Policy for review; Mr. Peiffer said the district received a request to review the policy and he welcomed any suggestions. Dr. Mangis said the elementary schools wish to continue the Olweus program.*

*Director Hunt announced his resignation from the board as of July 31, 2014, mentioning that he is moving out of the district. President Roussos thanked Mr. Hunt for his service and announced that the board will have a vacancy as of August 1. He went on to say that interested parties can submit a letter of interest and a resume if wishing to fill the vacancy. Potential candidates must be 18-years of age, a registered voter and possess a good moral character.*

**OPEN FORUM:** *Audience member Maureen Nelson asked about the leaking roof at Carnegie Elementary. Mr. Peiffer said the board approved the repair at the last board meeting. Mrs. Nelson also asked if the windows on the side and rear of Carnegie Elementary would be replaced. President Roussos said the work will be identified by priority and will be phased in.*

**ADJOURNMENT:** *With no further business to discuss, Director Hart moved, seconded by Director Hunt, to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 pm. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 8-0.***

Respectfully submitted,

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Kirby Christy, Board Secretary

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Michale Herrmann, Recording Secretary