

CARLYNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Committee/Agenda Setting/Voting Meeting
August 2, 2012
Carlynton Jr.-Sr. High School Library – 7:30 pm**

MINUTES

The Carlynton School District Board of Education held its Committee/Agenda Setting/Voting Meeting August 2, 2012 in the library of the junior-senior high school. Those in attendance included President David Roussos and School Directors Joe Appel, Sandra Hughan, Nyra Schell, Ray Walkowiak and Sharon Wilson. Also present was Superintendent Gary Peiffer, Solicitor William Andrews, and Principals Carla Hudson and Robert Susini. The audience was comprised of three individuals and two members of the press.

CALL TO ORDER – *The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm by President Roussos.*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE and ROLL CALL: *High school teacher Mike Kozy, in the audience, led the pledge. The roll was called by Recording Secretary Michale Herrmann; Directors Schirripa, Schriver and Tassaró were absent.*

PUBLIC COMMENT ON BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD: *None*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Director Walkowiak moved, seconded by Director Wilson, to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2012 Regular Voting Meeting as presented.

Director Schell called attention to a wrong date on page 7351 under Committee Reports/Legislative. In the sentence regarding PLAN CON, the date should have been August 1 rather than October 1. Director Schell moved, seconded by Director Wilson, to amend the motion. On a voice vote, the motion carried 6-0.

The board then voted on the original motion. On a voice vote, the motion carried 6-0.

REPORTS:

- Executive Session – *President Roussos revealed that personnel and litigation issues were discussed in the closed session.*
- Administrative Reports – *Mr. Peiffer*
 - Superintendent's Report – *Mr. Peiffer announced that the district made AYP and the PSSA performance data is being analyzed. He did note that grade 11 struggled but all other areas did well. Mr. Peiffer went on to say the Keystone Exams will go live this year for juniors in Algebra I, Biology and English Literature, adding that the juniors who were enrolled in those classes last year will take the exam in the fall, and those who take the courses this year will be tested in the spring. Mr. Peiffer said the facilities are being prepared for the return of students after a successful run of Camp AIM.*

Minutes of the July 19, 2012 Meeting

- Principals' Reports – Mrs. Hudson said they are getting ready for students to return and mentioned an orientation for kindergarten students at each elementary school; Dr. Susini recognized ninth grader Nicole Stengel for an award-winning essay about family life. He added that orientation will be held for seventh graders and new students on August 15. Director Walkowiak questioned if enrollment was going to be capped in classrooms. Mr. Peiffer said a firm number had yet to be decided but said he would like to stay around 22 per classroom.

BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD:

I. Miscellaneous

Director Wilson moved, seconded by Director Hughan, to approve the following conference and field trip requests as presented and approved by administration:

- C / L.Burns, Various IUs, Principal Induction, 9/19-20 – 4/23,24
- FT/ T.Obidowski, Kennywood Park, Band Fall Fantasy Parade, 8/7 (Miscellaneous Item #0812-01) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 6-0.**

II. Finance

Director Schell moved, seconded by Director Walkowiak, to approve the June 2012 Cafeteria Monthly Operating Report as submitted by Aramark Educational Services; (Finance Item #0812-01)

The purchase of On-Hands Schools Instructional Management software to improve student achievement. (Finance Item #0812-02)

Director Schell asked for a further explanation of this software. Mr. Peiffer said it will enable the breakdown of student performance data and curriculum mapping for the PSSA and Keystone Exams. He added that the program provides a sample testing bank and includes professional development for staff. The program is self-sustaining and it will help to establish long term goals for the district. Director Appel asked about costs. Mr. Peiffer said the professional development will cost about \$35,000 per year and the software will be \$16,800 annually for three years. Director Hughan asked if an element of remediation is available with the program. Mr. Peiffer explained how students will be identified for remediation; he went on to say students are given an Individualized Action Plan. Director Schell and Mr. Peiffer said the program will also breakdown curriculum to meet with Common Core Standards. Director Hughan said she hoped to see immediate results; Director Schell and others said results will take some time and measurements most likely will be seen in the third year. The program will be a very useful tool to decipher data and determine weaknesses for the PSSA and eventually the Keystone Exams.

The following change orders to the Carnegie Elementary Front Area Way Wall project as follows:

- Removal and hauling of excavated stockpile material - \$1,495

Conference and Field Trip Requests

June 2012 Cafeteria Report

Purchase of On-Hands Schools

Change Orders – Carnegie Elementary Front Wall Way

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Installation of two galvanized vent ground risers - \$685.35 ▪ Repair of eight inch storm sewer - \$300 <p>(Finance Item #0812-03)</p> <p><i>Director Appel said he was curious about the stockpile material. Mr. Peiffer said the material had too much clay and they needed something stronger and porous, with some slag. Director Walkowiak asked where the excess stockpile was being hauled. Mr. Peiffer said it was being hauled to the high school hillside.</i></p>	
<p>And the renewal process and application for The Grable Foundation grant for the Carnegie Towers Power Hour as submitted. (Finance Item #0812-04) By a voice vote, the motion carried 6-0.</p> <p><i>Mrs. Hudson said the Towers program has been well attended and they have been meeting through the summer. She said money from last year's grant will enable the program to begin earlier, in September, and the continuance of the grant will sustain the program through the 2012-2013 school year. In closing, she said students in the program have illustrated vast improvement in grades and behavior.</i></p>	<p>Grable Foundation Renewal – Carnegie Towers Power Hour</p>
<p>III. Personnel</p>	
<p>Director Walkowiak moved, seconded by Director Hugan, to approve the additional unpaid volunteers to the 2012-2013 Athletic Supplemental List as recommended and presented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tyler George – Football ▪ Amanda Stecki - Cheerleading <p>(Personnel Item #0812-01)</p>	<p>Additional Volunteers to the 2012-2013 Athletic Supplemental List</p>
<p>The Affiliation Agreement between the District and Robert Morris University to ensure the partnership of field placements, student teaching experiences and internships within the school district. (Personnel Item #0812-02)</p>	<p>Affiliation Agreement with RMU</p>
<p>David Keene as an intern in the Technology Department through Pittsburgh Technical Institute beginning August 6, 2012 through the completion of 240 hours; (Personnel Item #0812-03)</p> <p><i>Director Wilson asked if Mr. Keene would be coaching or acting as a tech assistant. Mr. Mickolay said it would be a little of both.</i></p>	<p>Internship – David Keene, Technology Department</p>
<p>The resignation of varsity head girls' basketball coach Richard Griffin, effective immediately, and to post for said open position; (Personnel Item #0812-04)</p>	<p>Resignation – Rich Griffin, Girls; Varsity Basketball</p>
<p>The additions to the 2012-2013 Athletic Supplemental List as recommended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Derek Yobbi –Varsity Boys' Soccer Coach ▪ David Zinski – Junior High Head Soccer Coach <p>(Personnel Item #0812-05)</p>	<p>Additions – Athletic Supplemental List</p>
<p>The following additions to the 2012-2013 Curriculum Supplemental List as recommended by administration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Carla Hudson – Elementary Science and Social Studies ▪ Jeanine Butts – Elementary Math ▪ Joshua Ficorilli – Elementary Physical Education/Health <p>(Personnel Item #0812-06)</p>	<p>Additions to the 2012-2013 Curriculum Supplemental List</p>

And award the position of maintenance man to Robert Prevost, effective August 2, 2012, due to the resignation of Dale Woodhall. This appointment is under the terms and conditions of the Custodial-Maintenance Bargaining Unit Agreement. (Personnel Item #0812-07) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 6-0.**

Maintenance Position –
Robert Prevost

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: *Director Appel brought up the issue of a permit for work on the Crafton Elementary roof. Mr. Peiffer said the matter was resolved, adding he plans reach out to negotiate a fee with Crafton especially if the board considers larger projects down the road. Currently the permit fee is two percent of the project cost; in the case of the roof, it was \$3,000. President Roussos said he is optimistic something can be worked out.*

Director Schell questioned the revisions to the Facility Use policy. The board agreed revisions should be made. Board members asked Mr. Peiffer to contact the swim club and work out a temporary solution given the urgency, making it fair and equitable for the club members (per discussion at an earlier meeting). Director Schell asked that samples and materials of facilities policies from other districts be provided to board members before the next meeting. Director Walkowiak concurred, stating that the board could then streamline the policy; making it as simple as possible, and fair and equitable to all.

OPEN FORUM: *Audience member and teacher Mike Kozy called attention to a soccer coach correction in the earlier motion The item was then reconsidered and amended:*

*Director Walkowiak moved, seconded by Director Wilson, to reconsider the motion for the Athletic Supplemental positions. The position for Mr. Yobbi should read “Assistant Varsity Boys’ Soccer Coach.” **By a voice vote, the motion carried 6-0.***

*Director Wilson moved, seconded by Director Hugan to approve the motion as amended. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 6-0.***

Mr. Kozy then asked the board what progress they hope to see with the On-Hands program. Director Walkowiak said he understands there will not be immediate changes or results, and the benefits will differ at the elementary level versus the high school. Mr. Peiffer said the software program will form benchmarks with curriculum development to better identify students’ needs. Mr. Kozy also mentioned that the Keystone Exams will test students on courses they have taken in the previous year. Director Schell said she believes districts need to start pushing back; she went on to say she is outraged by the manner in which schools are forced into these changes, adding the students are the ones to suffer. Director Wilson agreed, reflecting that while schools are given more directives, funding is limited. Director Walkowiak offered a suggestion for Director Schell: Personally contact Tom Gentzel from PSBA by phone and make a statement.

Audience member and Crafton resident Mona Rush asked for an update on the cafeteria. Mr. Peiffer said the redesigning of the food services lines for the high school cafeteria is on track.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business to discuss, Director Hugan moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 pm, seconded by Director Walkowiak. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 6-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kirby Christy, Board Secretary

Michale Herrmann, Recording Secretary