

CARLYNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Voting Meeting

October 3, 2016

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

MINUTES

The Carlynton School District Board of Education held its voting meeting October 3, 2016 in the junior-senior high school library. President Jim Schriver, Vice President Joe Appel, Treasurer Marissa Mendoza and Directors Monica Dugan, George Honchar, LEEANNE O'Brien, NYRA Schell and Kelly Zaletski were in attendance. Also present was Superintendent Gary Peiffer, Solicitor Bill Andrews and administrators Marsha Burleson, Kirby Christy, Michael Loughren, Hillary Mangis and Ed Mantich. The audience was comprised of two individuals.

CALL TO ORDER CALL TO ORDER - *The meeting was called to order at 7:37 pm by President Schriver. Employee Karen Eonta led the pledge. The roll was called by recording secretary Michale Herrmann. All board members were present.*

PUBLIC COMMENT ON BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD: *None*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Director Schell moved, seconded by Director Honchar, to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2016 Finance Committee Meeting as presented;

*And the minutes of the September 19, 2016 Voting Meeting as presented. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 8-0.***

REPORTS:

- Executive Session – *President Schriver reported that personnel, litigation and real estate matters were discussed in the closed session.*
- Administrative Reports
 - Superintendent – *Dr. Peiffer said he is waiting on final figures for the School Performance Profile, the district received budget index figures, and he said the new assistant principal, Rachel Gattuso, is doing a fantastic job. Dr. Peiffer said he has seen great things happening at the elementary schools while visiting, adding that homecoming celebrations begin Friday, October 7.*
 - Business Manager – *Mr. Christy announced the index value to the district has been set a 3.1 percent, the same value as last year; the index would generate .668 of a mill or \$407,000 additional monies. In January, the board will be asked to decide to seek exception or adopt a resolution to not go above the index. Mr. Christy said Hosak, Specht, Muetzel and Wood have completed their field work for the district audit and found that the 2015-2016 school year revenues will fall short by \$617,618.70.*
 - Principals – *Mr. Loughren conveyed information about a recent conference he attended at Georgetown University relative to the Youth Crossover Model and helping students succeed. Mr. Loughren said he learned that a child's ability to succeed is based on positive interaction*

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with adults. Carlynton will collaborate with five other districts to create a safety net for students. Mrs. Burleson distributed a newsletter and touched on significant articles within. She said the Chromebooks, purchased by way of the Ed Bowen Foundation, are in and being used. Mrs. Burleson provided an overview of in-service activities with staff and said teachers are working to create a common language between schools.

▪ Special Education/Student Services – In light of Mr. Loughren's comments, Dr. Mangis said the district is still waiting to hear if they will be awarded a grant to create student-centered educational opportunities through mentoring and emotional support models. The next parent training night is October 19 and will focus on time management. And the guidance team met at Parkway CTC to brush up on the Chapter 339 Plan.

▪ Curriculum/Data – Mr. Mantich said teachers are focusing on writing good lesson plans to improve test scores. The testing calendar is now on the district website and he is processing the data from the School Performance Profile.

I. Miscellaneous

Director Appel moved, seconded by Director Honchar, to approve the additions to the 2016-2017 Conference and Field Trip Requests as submitted; (Miscellaneous Item #1016-01 REVISED)

Conference and FT Requests

And the lease agreement between the Borough of Crafton and the District for the use of the miniature golf course property as a fundraising activity proposed by student government at a fee of \$1.00. (Miscellaneous Item #1016-02). **By a voice vote, the motion carried 8-0.**

Lease of Crafton Property

II. Finance

Director Schell moved, seconded by Director O'Brien, to approve the August 2016 Athletic Fund Report with an ending balance of \$6,364.69 as submitted; (Finance Item #1016-01)

August 2016 Athletic Fund Report

And the August 2016 Activities Fund Report with an ending balance of \$63,456.94 as submitted. (Finance Item #1016-02) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 8-0.**

August 2016 Activities Fund Report

III. Personnel

Director Dugan moved, seconded by Director Zaletski, to approve the Leave of Absence Request for Employee CFT1617-04. (Personnel Item #1016-01 REVISED)

Leave of Absence Request

And the addition to the 2016-2017 Day to Day Substitute List as submitted. (Personnel Item #1016-02) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 8-0.**

D-D Sub List Addition

OLD BUSINESS: *President Schriver said Caleb Richardson is the recommended candidate to fill the open seat vacated by former board member Antrice Hart.*

Director Honchar moved, seconded by Director O'Brien, to appoint Caleb Richardson as school board director as a replacement for former director Antrice Hart. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 8-0.**

Solicitor Andrews said Mr. Richards would be required to take an Oath of Office before taking a seat with the board.

NEW BUSINESS: *Director Honchar suggested that distribution of the district InCommunity magazines be targeted to local realtors.*

President Schriver asked the administrators if the transition of eSchool Plus was going well. Dr. Mangis said there have been some glitches. Mr. Loughren agreed but noted that the software has enabled better communication with parents.

Director Dugan said she noticed that a number of Net Books at the elementary level are not usable and need attention.

OPEN FORUM: *None*

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discuss, Director Appel moved, seconded by Director Mendoza, to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 pm. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 8-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kirby Christy, Board Secretary

Michale Herrmann, Recording Secretary