

CARLYNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Voting Meeting

October 19, 2015

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

MINUTES

The Carlynton School District Board of Education held its regular voting meeting October 19, 2015 in the library of the junior-senior high school. Those in attendance included President Jim Schriver, Vice President Ray Walkowiak and School Directors Joe Appel, Marissa Mendoza, David Roussos, Nyra Schell, Betsy Tassaró and Sharon Wilson via phone. Also present was Superintendent Gary Peiffer, Solicitor Bill Andrews and Principals Marsha Burleson and Michael Loughren. The audience was comprised of five individuals and one member of the press.

CALL TO ORDER – *The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by President Schriver; high school principal Michael Loughren led the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called by recording secretary Michale Herrmann; Director Hart was absent.*

PUBLIC COMMENT ON BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD: *None*

PRESENTATIONS: *French teacher Mrs. Sheila Nery provided details about a proposed French trip to Canada and answered any questions directed to her regarding the travel plans.*

Chris Dombroskie of Lennon, Smith and Souleret Engineers reviewed the conceptual plans for parking and a green space for the property located across the street from Crafton Elementary. Mr. Dombroskie said the work could be completed within three months and suggested beginning now by gaining permits and other necessary documentation and start work on the site as early as March.

Michael Kozy of the high school math department told board members about a volunteer effort he and other math teachers are facilitating to remediate and tutor those who have not passed the Algebra I portion of the Keystone Exam. Mr. Kozy said they are using this solution with the Standards Aligned System, and eventually, an Apex computer system. Board members had some questions for Mr. Kozy and praised the math teachers for taking this creative approach.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Director Tassaró moved, seconded by Director Wilson, to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2015 Agenda Setting/Committee/Voting Meeting as presented. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 8-0.**

REPORTS:

- **Executive Session** – *President Schriver said contracts, real estate, personnel and potential litigation matters were discussed in the closed session.*
- **Administrative Reports**
 - **Superintendent's Report** – *Dr. Peiffer said he attended a conference at Bedford Springs that focused on social media, data protection and best practices. He checked on the timeline of policy review with PSBA*

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and is waiting to hear back. Last week's professional development day with Will Richardson incorporated technology by meeting the needs of students and engaging them in learning. A lot of valuable information was provided. President Schriver, who attended the in-service, said the presentations were thought-provoking and compelling.

- Principals – Mrs. Burleson said open house was well attended and included the sixth grade spelling bee, displays of artwork and student work; she received ample positive feedback. She called attention to information provided in the October newsletter which was distributed to all board members, adding that the rocket launch in Crafton Park was a great activity for sixth graders.

Mr. Loughren reported on homecoming festivities which concluded with a dance on Saturday and he reiterated Dr. Peiffer's comments about the in-service day presentations.

- Maintenance and Grounds – Mr. McDade said his staff will be winterizing the buildings and fields as the weather changes. Once the cooling tower at the high school is drained, the compressor on the chiller will be repaired. Mr. McDade said he will be working with students to develop a more succinct recycling program. Boulders are in place at the Crafton Athletic Field to prevent ruts caused by tractor trailers who jump the curb as they turn into Giant Eagle; and fire alarms were tested at the elementary schools. Director Schell asked if bids were acquired for the repair of the lower roof at Carnegie Elementary. Mr. McDade said he is waiting until spring and believes the current roof will be satisfactory through the winter.
- Technology – Mr. Durica said he is hoping to replace OnHands program with a better system and an overall savings in cost. At the time, he is working on the budget for the next school year.
- Food Services – Mr. Graff said the Community Eligibility program at Carnegie Elementary is stimulating more students to eat breakfast and lunch. President Schriver asked if new items are being added to the menu. Mr. Graff said yes and he will continue to introduce more.

➤ Committee Reports

- Parkway West CTC Report – Director Appel said enrollment at the school has seen a greater increase and the school is the largest in the area; in general, he continues to be impressed by the programming and opportunities for students.

I. Miscellaneous

Director Schell moved, seconded by Director Tassaro, to approve the additions to the 2015-2016 Conference and Field Trips Requests as submitted. (Miscellaneous Item #1015-01 REVISED) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 8-0.**

II. Finance

Director Tassaro moved, seconded by Director Schell, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of September 2015 as presented;

The September 2015 bills in the amount of \$2,570,502.94 as presented;

Conference and Field Trip Requests

Treasurer's Report – September 2015

September 2015 Bills

The October 2015 Real Estate Tax Refunds for the Borough of Carnegie as presented; (Finance Item #1015-01)	Carnegie RE Tax Refunds
The October 2015 Real Estate Tax Refunds for the Borough of Crafton as presented; (Finance Item #1015-02)	Crafton RE Tax Refunds
The September 2015 Athletic Fund Report with an ending balance of \$9,907.04; (Finance Item #1015-03)	September 2015 Athletic Fund Report
The September 2015 Activities Fund Report with an ending balance of \$63,059.23; (Finance Item #1015-04)	September 2015 Activities Fund Report
<i>And</i> the September 2015 Food Services Report as submitted by Aramark Educational Services. (Finance Item #1015-05) By a voice vote, the motion carried 8-0.	September 2015 Aramark Food Services Report
III. Personnel	
Director Mendoza moved, seconded by Director Appel, to approve the additions to the 2015-2016 Day-to-Day Substitute List as presented; (Personnel Item #1015-01)	Additions to the 2015-2016 D-D Sub List
The following educators to serve as after-school tutors at the secondary level, one day per week, at the per diem rate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maureen Berlingeri – Science Doris Parson – Mathematics (Personnel Item #1015-02)	After-School Tutors at Secondary Level
The Leave of Absence requests for employees CFT1516-06 and CFT1516-07 as submitted; (Personnel Item #1015-03)	Leave of Absence Requests – CFT1516-06, CFT1516-07
<i>And</i> the salary increases as recommended for the Act 93 administrators. By a voice vote, the motion carried 8-0.	Act 93 Salary Increases
<u>OLD BUSINESS:</u> <i>Ticket Booths at Honus Wagner Field with Graphic Signs – Dr. Peiffer reported that Parkway carpentry students could build new ticket booths for \$1980 each. There was discussion about the design of the booths and materials as well as signage that would be used on the booths or at field entrances. Dr. Peiffer said the booths would have electricity. In addition, the possibility of adding Wi-Fi access to the field area was mentioned.</i>	
<u>NEW BUSINESS:</u> <i>None</i>	
<u>OPEN FORUM:</u> <i>Director Tassaro complimented the new comfortable seating in the back of the library.</i>	
<u>ADJOURNMENT:</u> With no further business to discuss, Director Mendoza moved, seconded by Director Tassaro, to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 pm. By a voice vote, the motion carried 8-0.	

Respectfully submitted,

Kirby Christy, Board Secretary

Michale Herrmann, Recording Secretary