

CARLYNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Committee/Voting Meeting
October 20, 2014
Carlynton Jr.-Sr. High School Library – 7:30 pm**

MINUTES

The Carlynton School District Board of Education held its committee/voting meeting October 20, 2014 in the library of the junior-senior high school. Those in attendance included President David Roussos, Vice President Ray Walkowiak, Treasurer Joe Appel and Directors Monica Dugan, Antriece Hart, Marissa Mendoza-Burcham, Nyra Schell, Jim Schriver and Sharon Wilson. Also present was Superintendent Gary Peiffer and Solicitor Bill Andrews. The audience was comprised of seven individuals and one member of the press.

CALL TO ORDER – *The meeting was called to order at 7:37 pm by President Roussos; Dennis McDade, Director of Maintenance and Custodial Services, led the pledge. The roll was called by Michale Herrmann; all board members were present.*

PUBLIC COMMENT ON BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD: *None*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Director Dugan moved, seconded by Director Mendoza-Burcham, to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2014 Committee/Voting Meeting as presented.
By a voice vote, the motion carried, 9-0.

Minutes of October 6, 2014
Meeting

REPORTS:

- Executive Session – *President Roussos reported that contracts, personnel, student matters and litigation were discussed in the closed session.*
- Reports:
 - Arts in Education Collaborative – *Dr. Sarah Tambucci spoke about the importance of the arts in education and a survey conducted among staff last spring. Partnerships will be formed with the district, aimed at developing curriculum and offering programs to students. Dr. Tambucci introduced Megan Gilby of the Benedum Center who will be collaborating with the district through the cultural arts programs at the Benedum.*
 - Constellation Energy – *Laura Corso provided information about a demand response program and its benefit to the district. Constellation offers three types of energy curtailment programs and the board has the opportunity to choose the one that will work the best for the district. She also spoke of energy efficiency and rebates that are available.*
 - Thomas and Williamson – *Carrie Crawford took the place of John Hays, providing updates on the punch lists and what is yet to be completed as far as renovations. She said that nearly 95 percent of the work is complete. There was considerable discussion about the*

presented change orders and it was learned that, given the changes, the Carnegie renovations would fall under budget by \$966 and Crafton Elementary would be \$15,000 over budget due to upgrades to the STEAM room and the purchase of a new public address/intercom system. Ms. Crawford also shared that DiMarco has provided a cost of \$5,100 to move the shot put. This comment drew more discussion and the board decided not to take action on the matter, but rather, obtain clarification of the work by way of Mr. Peiffer and the athletic director. Approval of the work would occur at the November 3 meeting.

Given that Ms. Crawford was present, President Roussos suggested taking action on the finance items at the conclusion of her report.

I. Finance

Director Hart moved, seconded by Director Appel, to approve the list of change orders related to the renovation projects for Carnegie Elementary and as submitted by Thomas and Williamson:

- Number GC-002 - \$3,702.26
 - Number GC-003 - \$9,758.48
 - Number GC-004 - \$5,240.50
 - Number GC-005 - (\$1,688.38)
 - Number GC-007 - \$707.06
 - Number GC-008 - \$10,600.00
 - Number GC-009 - \$4,352.55
 - Number GC-010 - \$1,723.79
 - Number PC-002 - \$7,156.11
 - Number PC-003 - \$1,688.38
 - Number EC-002 - \$1,870.00
 - Number EC-003 - \$830.00
- (Finance Item #1014-01)

The list of change orders related to the renovation projects for Crafton Elementary and as submitted by Thomas and Williamson:

- Number GC-004 - \$465.00
 - Number PC-001 - \$993.60
 - Number PC-002 - \$4,977.06
 - Number PC-003 - \$330.13
 - Number EC-002 - \$960.00
 - Number EC-001 - \$16,300.00
- (Finance Item #1014-02)

The following change order was voted upon separately because it involved both schools:

The change order related to the renovation projects for Carnegie and Crafton elementary schools as submitted by Thomas and Williamson:

- Number GC-006 - \$29,607.59

And the October 2014 Tax Refunds for the Borough of Carnegie as submitted. (Finance Item #1014-03) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 9-0.**

Change Orders – Carnegie Elementary

Change Orders – Crafton Elementary

Change Order – Carnegie and Crafton Elementary

Tax Refunds – Carnegie

- Maintenance and Grounds – *Dennis McDade reported that the work on the high school swimming pool was nearing completion. He and his staff have been working to ready the high school for open house; the sump pump motor in the Crafton elevator has been replaced; key cylinders for the new doors are being changed; and he believes the security system at Carnegie should be upgraded.*
- Technology – *Brian Durica said he is rolling out the new teacher lap tops and receiving positive feedback. A survey through the AIU, Bright Bites, will provide feedback about district technology; and an issue with the district's Gmail has been resolved.*

II. Miscellaneous

Director Appel moved, seconded by Director Mendoza-Burcham, to approve the additions to the Conference and Field Trip Requests for the 2014-2015 school year as submitted; (Miscellaneous Item #1014-01 REVISED) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 9-0.**

2014-15 Conference and
Field Trip Requests

III. Personnel

Director Schell moved, seconded by Director Hart, to approve the resignation of Sandra Lantz, district aide, effective October 25, 2014 as submitted; (Personnel Item #1014-01)

Resignation – Sandra Lantz

The following individuals to serve as after-school program tutors in math and reading at Carnegie and Crafton elementary schools for the 2014-2015 school year as submitted:

Elementary After-School
Program Tutors

- Cynthia Bevan, Math - Carnegie
 - Elaine Retcofsy, Reading – Carnegie
 - Anna Kostrick & James Nagorski, Math - Crafton
 - Jamie Sonnie, Reading - Crafton
- (Personnel Item #1014-02)

The deletion to the 2014-2015 Supplemental Athletic List, Re: resignation of Josh Valentine, junior high assistant wrestling coach, and the addition of basketball coach, David Zinski, as submitted; (Personnel Item #1014-03 REVISED)

Resignation – Josh Valentine,
Junior High Wrestling Coach;
Addition – David Zinski

The additions to the 2014-2015 Day to Day Substitute List as submitted; (Personnel Item #1014-04)

Additions to D-D Sub List

The Intermittent Leave of Absence as submitted by SCA14-15-08 as submitted. (Personnel Item #1014-05)

Leave of Absence – SCA14-
15-08

And Michael Kozy to the position of Curriculum Supplemental Chair for math, as submitted. (Personnel Item #1014-06) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 9-0.**

Math Curriculum Chair –
Michael Kozy

OLD BUSINESS: *Director Schell asked if someone had filled the role of English SAT Prep instructor. Mr. Peiffer said he is still looking for someone to fill the position.*

NEW BUSINESS: *Two motions were entered:*

Director Walkowiak moved, seconded by Director Mendoza-Burcham, to approve Dr. Joseph Dimperio as a hearing officer for student discipline matters;

And to approve a student discipline agreement with Student 001-2014-2015.

By a voice vote, the motion carried 9-0.

Director Schriver commented on the presentation by Laura Corso of Constellation Energy regarding the energy efficiency. He asked why this offer should be chosen over the earlier option presented Enernoc Energy. Director Walkowiak commented, noting costs and terms of the agreements, and suggested board members review each document carefully.

OPEN FORUM: *Mr. Peiffer spoke of STEAM Education for the secondary level with a focus on science and math, partnering with business and industry and offering higher level skills for students. He also addressed a new program at Parkway CTC, the proposed Innovative Design Center.*

Director Wilson asked board members to support future conferences such as those offered by PSBA and NSBA. She also reminded everyone about Jim Nagorski, a finalist for Teacher of the Year, saying she plans to attend the event in Hershey when a winner will be named. Lastly, she prompted everyone to complete and submit the evaluation form, provided to each board member at an earlier date.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business to discuss, Director Hart moved, seconded by Director Mendoza-Burcham, to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 pm. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 9-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kirby Christy, Board Secretary

Michale Herrmann, Recording Secretary