

## CARLYNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Voting Meeting

November 6, 2017

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

### MINUTES

The Carlynton School District Board of Education held a voting meeting November 6, 2017 in the junior-senior high school auditorium. Those in attendance included President Jim Schriver, Vice President Joe Appel and Directors Monica Dugan, George Honchar, Marissa Mendoza, LeeAnne O'Brien, Caleb Richardson, Nyra Schell and Kelly Zaletski. Also present was Superintendent Gary Peiffer, Solicitor Bill Andrews, Business Manager William Reilly, and administrators Marsha Burleson and Michael Loughren. The audience was comprised of 28 individuals.

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**CALL TO ORDER** - *President Schriver called the meeting to order at 7:42 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Principal Marsha Burleson. The roll was called by recording secretary Michale Herrmann. All board members were present.*

**RECOGNITION**: *The board honored Director Nyra Schell for eight years of service to the board. She was presented with a certificate and many offered kind words of appreciation. A brief recess was held to enjoy refreshments. The board recessed at 7:47 pm and reconvened at 8:03 pm.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD**: *A number of parents and students came forward to express support for varsity head football coach Scott Yoder. Mr. Yoder submitted a letter of resignation to the board and the item was on the agenda. Some parents said they believed it to be a "forced" resignation. Parent Matt Greiner asked the board to dismiss the agenda item and allow Yoder to remain the football coach.*

*A number of football players, past and present, spoke before the board, namely, Jacob Elias, Carter Pojeta, Will McClendon, Patrick Carlson, Armonti Pendleton, Antonio Munoz, Basem Majed and Aldyn Milnick as well as parents Deneen Underwood, John Pojeta, George Babish and Rebecca Lee. Students and parents alike said the team was a unit who believed their experience as players wasn't just about winning or losing but about building discipline and character. Most players said Coach Yoder was a role model, a mentor, and a stand-in father. All asked the board to overturn Mr. Yoder's intent to resign.*

*Junior high football coach Shane Brennen said the future is bright for the football program following a successful junior high season. He said Coach Yoder is the man for the job and he will continue to support him.*

*Mr. Babish said he sees a disassociation between the youth and high school football programs and other dilemmas with the varsity football program, but feels the struggles are not the result of Coach Yoder. He added that if the district wants to be free of a losing culture, they need to give the coach a chance to turn the program around.*

*President Schriver said he appreciated everyone's comments and asked the board if they wished to table the motion or proceed. Some expressed a desire to address the situation. The board recessed the meeting at 9:32 pm to discuss the matter in executive session. They reconvened at 10:07 pm and announced they would pull the motion from the agenda and discuss the matter further before making a final determination.*

**PRESENTATIONS:**

*Jim Geronimo of Municipal Revenue Services offered a proposal to the board regarding real estate taxes. The company utilizes a “conduit purchaser” or pass-through, non-profit, entity that acquires title to liens and then assigns the revenue to be collected to the lender. The service is projected to maintain a constant real estate tax revenue. Director Mendoza asked the board to read and digest the information distributed to them, ask questions as necessary with the hopes of coming to a decision as quickly as possible.*

*Principal Mike Loughren said work continues on The Create Lab. The maintenance department has done a great job of updating the space and creating stations. Teachers and administrators are working to get more materials in place.*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Director Zaletski moved, seconded by Director Mendoza, to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2017 Finance Committee Meeting as presented;

*And the minutes of the October 16, 2017 Voting Meeting as presented. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 9-0.***

**REPORTS:**

- Executive Session – *President Schriver said the board discussed personnel and real estate matters in the closed session.*
- Administrative Reports
  - Superintendent – *Dr. Peiffer said House Bill 178 became law and again stalls the use of the Keystone Exams as a graduation requirement. He said the bill also addresses economic furloughs.*
  - Principals – *Principal Burleson distributed a newsletter and spoke of the Red Ribbon Week celebration, a family Halloween dance and a partnership with the Carnegie Mellon Learning Lab.*

**I. Miscellaneous**

Director Honchar moved, seconded by Director Dugan, to approve the additions to the 2017-2018 Conference and Field Trip Requests as submitted. (Miscellaneous Item #1117-01 REVISED) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 9-0.**

**II. Finance**

Director Appel moved, seconded by Director Mendoza, to approve the July 2017 bills in the amount of \$678,474.82 as presented;

The August 2017 bills in the amount of \$1,534,184.61 as presented;

The transportation contract agreement between the District and the Yellow Cab Company of Pittsburgh as presented; (Finance Item #1117-01)

Minutes of Finance  
Committee Meeting

Minutes of Voting Meeting

Conference and FT Requests

July 2017 Bills

August 2017 Bills

Transportation Contract with  
Yellow Cab

And the November 2017 Real Estate Tax Refunds for the Borough of Carnegie as presented. (Finance Item #1117-02) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 9-0.**

### III. Personnel

Director Schell moved, seconded by Director Dugan, to approve the addition to the 2017-2018 Activities Supplemental List with as presented; (Personnel Item #1117-01)

Award the position of high school guidance office secretary to Deborah Chiocca consistent with the terms of the Secretarial-Cafeteria-Aides Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement; (Personnel Item #1117-02) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 9-0.**

**REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA:** The resignation of varsity head football coach Scott Yoder, effective immediately. (Personnel Item #1117-03)

### IV. Policy

Director Dugan moved, seconded by Director Zaletski, to approve the second and final reading of Policies 301 through 313 per the PSBA full policy review; (Policy Item #1117-01)

And the first reading to the revisions to the Rental Fee Schedule of Policy 707 as presented; (Policy Item #1117-02) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 9-0.**

*Director O'Brien, seconded by Director Dugan, moved to remove the following item from the table:*

The second and final reading of Policy 210, Copy of Medications, per the PSBA policy review. (Policy Item #1117-03 REVISED) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 9-0.**

**OLD BUSINESS:** *Director Schell suggested revisiting Policy 707 to validate that it maintains the board's philosophy for community engagement.*

**NEW BUSINESS:** *None*

**OPEN FORUM:** *Parent Matt Greiner said he was hoping the matter of the football coach could have been resolved today.*

**ADJOURNMENT:** *With no further business to discuss, Director Honchar moved, seconded by Director O'Brien, to adjourn the meeting at 10:31 pm. By a voice vote, the motion carried 9-0.*

November 2017 RE Tax Refunds

Activities Supplemental List

High School Guidance Secretary – Deborah Chiocca

Resignation – Scott Yoder –  
**Removed from Agenda**

Policies 301-313, Final Reading

Revision to Rental Fee – First Reading

Policy 210 – Copy of Medications, Final Reading

Respectfully submitted,

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William Reilly, Board Secretary

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Michale Herrmann, Recording Secretary