

## CARLYNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Voting Meeting

November 15, 2012

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

### MINUTES

The Carlynton School District Board of Education held its Regular Voting Meeting November 15, 2012 in the library of the junior-senior high school. Those in attendance included President David Roussos and Directors Sandra Hughan, Nyra Schell, Jim Schriver, Betsy Tassaró, Ray Walkowiak and Sharon Wilson. Also present was Superintendent Gary Peiffer, Solicitor Bill Andrews, Business Manager Kirby Christy, Principals Laura Burns, Carla Hudson, Jacie Maslyk and Robert Susini, and Director of Pupil Services Lee Myford. The audience was comprised of 13 individuals and one member of the press.

**CALL TO ORDER** – *The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm by President Roussos.*

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** *Carnegie Elementary students Madison Ciabattóni and Airys Gould led the pledge. The roll was called by Michelle Weaver, a sub for Michale Herrmann; Directors Appel and Schirripa were absent.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD:** *None*

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Director Schriver moved, seconded by Director Schell, to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2012 Agenda Setting/ Committee/Voting Meeting as presented.

**By a voice vote, the motion carried 5-0 with Directors Walkowiak and Wilson abstaining due to absence.**

### **REPORTS:**

- **Executive Session** – *President Roussos said contract and personnel litigation matters were discussed during the session.*
- **Administrative Reports**
  - **Superintendent's Report** – *Mr. Peiffer announced the end of the grading period, winter sports schedules, the upcoming play dates and the start of the Keystone Exam period. He also said Chris Engelbert is the AIU technology person and the district will hold a meeting with the AIU regarding the server.*
  - **Director of Pupil Services** – *Mrs. Myford provided the date of the pupil services committee meeting and distributed information compiling the results of a student survey. She also said the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning program is going well and the numbers have tripled since its inception.*
  - **Principals' Reports** – *In the spirit of holiday giving, the principals shared news about school-wide food and toys drives. Reports were also provided about a parent financial aid night, the discipline committee and a career luncheon.*
- **Committee Reports** – *Director Walkowiak reported that 22 Carlynton students were on the honor roll at Parkway West CTC; a resolution has*

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*been proposed to close the ACE school, an alternative center. Some discussion ensued about this topic – the decrease in numbers at the school and cost to operate; the possibility of the district operating its own alternative school; and the prospect of a consortium of schools to work collaboratively to operate an alternative school.*

*Director Schell offered legislative news about the Common Core, a national standard for academics (i.e., The Keystone Exam, the tool used in Pennsylvania). The Common Core is basically the state's curriculum and is aimed at preparing students for college. Act 82 will begin in 2014 to evaluate teachers; a PSBA webinar will be offered December 14.*

## **BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD:**

### **I. Miscellaneous**

Director Wilson moved, seconded by Director Schriver, to approve the list of conference and field trip requests as presented and approved by administration. (Miscellaneous Item #1112-01 REVISED) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

### **II. Finance**

Director Schriver moved, seconded by Director Wilson, to approve the Treasurers' Report for the month of October 2012 as presented;

The October 2012 bills in the amount of \$1,976,151.66 as presented;

The resolution for continued membership in the Joint Purchasing Board for the 2013-2014 school year along with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit and other local school districts, which will empower the district to make bulk purchases of selected items for its use. It is further recommended that the appropriate Carlynton School District officials be authorized to sign the Joint Purchasing Agreement and that Mr. Kirby Christy be named said representative to the purchasing board and Mr. Gary Peiffer named as alternate; (Finance Item #1112-01)

The renovation project fee proposal for design services as submitted by Thomas and Williamson; (Finance Item #1112-02)

*And the Amendment to the Allegheny Intermediate Unit 3 Regional Wide Area Network Service Order as presented to purchase additional Internet Access Service bandwidth by way of the Allegheny Connect Regional Wide Area Network. (Finance Item #1112-03) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.***

### **III. Personnel**

Director Hughan moved, seconded by Director Schell, to approve the following additions to the 2012-2013 Day-to-Day Substitute List as approved by administration and presented:

- Jessica Abbott – Elementary, Special Education
  - David Zinski – Health and Physical Education, K-12
- (Personnel Item #1112-01)

The following addition to the 2012-2013 Supplemental Athletic List as recommended by administration:

Conference and Field Trip Requests

October 2012 Treasurers' Report

October 2012 Bills

Membership in the AIU Joint Purchasing Board

Fee Structure - Thomas and Williamson

AIU Regional WAN Service Order Amendment

Additions to the 2012-2013 Day-to-Day Sub List

Addition to the 2012-2013

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Andrew Kurzawski – Varsity Boys’ Basketball Coach (Personnel Item #1112-02)</li> </ul> <p><i>It was noted that the above position was a seventh grade basketball position and not a varsity assistant. Director Schell moved, seconded by Director Hugan, to amend or reconsider the motion and approve Andrew Kurzawski as a Grade 7 Boys’ Basketball Coach. <b>By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.</b></i></p>	<p>Supplemental Athletic List</p>
<p>Letter of Intent to Retire of high school Spanish teacher Esther Puchi, effective December 21, 2012 under the terms and conditions of the Carlynton Federation of Teachers Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement; (Personnel Item #1112-03)</p>	<p>Retirement –Esther Puchi</p>
<p>Lacey Sutherland to the 2.5 hour general cafeteria worker position at Carnegie Elementary as submitted under the terms of the Secretarial-Cafeteria-Aides Bargaining Unit Agreement. (Personnel Item #1112-04)</p>	<p>Cafeteria Worker, Carnegie – Lacey Sutherland</p>
<p>The following individuals as volunteer wrestling coaches for the 2012-2013 school year as submitted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Jason Knox</li> <li>▪ Chris Mangum</li> <li>▪ Joshua Valentine</li> </ul> <p>(Personnel Item #1112-05)</p>	<p>Volunteer Wrestling Coaches</p>
<p>And Gerry Pepe as a substitute for the high school after school tutoring program as submitted. (Personnel Item #1112-06) <b>By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.</b></p>	<p>After School Tutoring Substitute – Gerry Pepe</p>
<p><b>III. Policy</b></p>	
<p>Director Tassaró moved, seconded by Director Schell to approve the first reading of the Title I Parent Involvement Policy for the district, the high school and the elementary schools as presented; (Policy Item #1112-01)</p>	<p>Title I Parent Involvement Policies</p>
<p>And the first reading of the Title I Complaint Resolution Policy as presented. (Policy Item #1112-02) <b>By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.</b></p>	<p>Title I Complaint Resolution Policy</p>
<p><b><u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS:</u></b> <i>Make-up day for the school closure, due to Hurricane Sandy, will now be February 15 and not March 27.</i></p>	
<p><b><u>NEW BUSINESS:</u></b> <i>None</i></p>	
<p><b><u>OPEN FORUM:</u></b> <i>Director Schell questioned the status of the board holding an active working session to review contracts, budgets and renovation. Mr. Peiffer said he would work toward planning such a session.</i></p>	
<p><i>Audience members and parents Kimberly Angle and Nick Cindrich initiated a conversation about the possibility of restarting and ice hockey club. They asked permission to use the school name, logo, mascot and colors and have access to a link on the district website. They were also seeking access to school facilities for conditioning and practices. Mrs. Angle and Mr. Cindrich said eight district students are already participating in a South Hills Amateur Hockey League and</i></p>	

*another five or so play in a Carrick league. If a club was initiated within the district, it would operate at no cost to the district; fees would be paid by families of the participants. Nearby rink locations are Bethel Park, Airport Ice Arena and the RMU Island Sports Center. The club would follow USA hockey rules and insurance would be required. Coaches would have clearances and it would be a co-ed program. The season would run from August through March. The board said they would continue discussion at the December 6 meeting; President Roussos asked for a formal request in writing in a proposal format.*

*Director Schriver asked Mike Kozy (in the audience) how the SAT prep class was going. He said 13 students are attending regularly and it is going well.*

*Director Schell noted that the weight room is not included on the rental fee schedule of the Facilities Use Policy. This may need to be addressed.*

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business to discuss, Director Hughan moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm, seconded by Director Wilson. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Kirby Christy, Board Secretary

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Michale Herrmann, Recording Secretary *as recorded by Michelle Weaver*

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Michelle Weaver, *Substitute*