

CARLYNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Voting Meeting December 3, 2013 Carlynton Jr.-Sr. High School Library – 7:30 pm

MINUTES

The Carlynton School District Board of Education held its voting meeting on December 3, 2013 in the library of the junior-senior high school. Those in attendance included President David Roussos and School Directors Joe Appel, Antriece Hart, Carl Hunt, Nyra Schell, Jim Schriver, Betsy Tassaró, Ray Walkowiak and Sharon Wilson. Also present was Superintendent Gary Peiffer, Solicitor Trish Andrews, Principals Carla Hudson, Michael Loughren, Jacie Maslyk and John McAdoo, Director of Pupil Services Lee Myford and Business Manager Kirby Christy. The audience was comprised of 28 individuals and two members of the press.

CALL TO ORDER – *The meeting was called to order at 7:47 pm. The roll was called by Michale Herrmann; all members were present.*

PUBLIC COMMENT ON BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD: *None*

INTRODUCTION OF BARGAINING UNIT OFFICERS: *Mr. Peiffer asked representatives of the bargaining unit officers and others within the district to introduce themselves, including Deena Mitchell from Aramark, Marilyn Stewart with the SCA, James Nagorski, teacher; Lisa Rowley as teacher and Federal Programs Coordinator/grant writer, Carrie Badger as president of the CFT, Greg Gazella with the custodial/maintenance unit, Nathan Milsom as Athletic Director, Ryan Gevaudan as Business Technology teacher and tech coach, Russ Pedersen as music teacher and fine arts curriculum coordinator and Tonilyn Longo as English/theater arts teacher as well as fall play sponsor.*

RECEPTION – *The board recessed at 7:55 pm to meet and greet new school directors and enjoy a light reception of refreshments. School directors reconvened at 8:17 pm.*

Just as the meeting was getting underway, Carnegie Mayor Jack Kobistek swore in new director Carl Hunt.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Director Schell moved, seconded by Director Wilson, to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2013 Regular Voting Meeting as presented. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 6-3-0, with Directors Hunt, Hart and Tassaró abstaining.**

REPORTS:

- Executive Session – *President Roussos reported that real estate, litigation and a confidential student matter were among the topics of discussion in the closed session.*
- Administrative Reports
 - Superintendent's Report – *Mr. Peiffer said the district is moving forward with the installation of secure vestibules and pool filter at the high school. Curriculum is being updated to meet the Common Core, Keystone Exams are scheduled in the New Year, and the fall*

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play and holiday concerts will provide entertainment in the next few weeks.

- Business Manager Report – *Mr. Christy said PSERs is estimating an employer contribution rate of 21.4 percent equal to a \$257,000 net figure higher for the district than the previous fiscal year. The matter is pending at the state level and will be discussed further in the spring.*
 - Director of Pupil Services Report – *Mrs. Myford offered an overview of her responsibilities within the pupil services department.*
 - Principals' Report – *All principals provided news about happenings within their buildings. The elementary principals have scheduled April 3 and 4 as the kindergarten registration dates. Carnegie principal Carla Hudson thanked Jack Kobistek for his leadership and community support, especially with a career program for students. Mr. Loughren announced that teachers and students collected 52 baskets of food for Thanksgiving meals, along with hams, which were delivered to needy families and the local food banks. Ryan Gevaudan from the Sports, Entertainment and Marketing course asked for student presenters to share their marketing plan to build school spirit. Tonilyn Longo and members of the cast of Arsenic and Old Lace extended invitations to board members to attend the show.*
- PSBA Legislative – *Director Schell offered the latest news regarding teacher furlough for economic reasons and charter school reform and funding issues. President Roussos asked what the district currently pays out to charter schools. Mr. Christy said the cost for the 2012-13 school year was between \$650,000 and \$675,000. Costs have been steadily increasing, Mr. Christy added.*

I. Miscellaneous

Director Hunt moved, seconded by Director Walkowiak, to approve the additions to the 2013-2014 conference and field trip requests as presented and approved by administration. (Miscellaneous Item #1213-01 REVISED) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 9-0.**

Additions – 2013-2014
Conference and FT Requests

II. Finance

Director Schriver moved, seconded by Director Hart, to approve the Real Estate Tax Refunds for the Borough of Crafton as submitted; (Finance Item #1213-01)

RE Tax Refunds – Crafton
Borough

And the Real Estate Tax Refunds for the Borough of Rosslyn Farms as submitted. (Finance Item #1213-02) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 9-0.**

RE Tax Refunds – Rosslyn
Farms

III. Personnel

Director Wilson moved, seconded by Director Tassaro, to approve the addition of Ashley Ferrara as a substitute for the 21st Century Learning Community program for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year as submitted; (Personnel Item #1213-01)

21st Century Substitute –
Ashley Ferrara

The following individuals to share the responsibilities of the Physical Activity teacher for the 21st Century Learning Community program on Monday evenings at a rate of \$30 per hour for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year as submitted:

- Diane Criste
- Joshua Ficorilli
- Pamela Stone
- Michael Donovan (Personnel Item #1213-02)

Appoint Dr. Jacie Maslyk to the position of Director of Elementary Education at a stipend of \$3000 as recommended;

And the addition and deletion to the 2013 Supplemental Athletic Contract List as submitted and recommended and to post for anticipated opening. (Personnel Item #1213-03) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 9-0.**

OLD BUSINESS: *Director Schriver asked about ceiling tiles yet to be replaced at Crafton. President Roussos suggested the matter be discussed during the special session with John Hayes on December 10.*

NEW BUSINESS: *Director Wilson encouraged board members to attend the play and concerts to watch and support students as they perform.*

OPEN FORUM: *Crafton Elementary parent Jordan Parkerton-Gross said the PTA is discussing the option to offer an after-school Spanish program for students. She was requesting a waiver of the facility-usage fee to make the program more affordable to students and parents. President Roussos said the matter would be taken into consideration with a decision hopefully made by the January 6 meeting. During the discussion, it was determined that the program could be extended to Carnegie Elementary students as well.*

High school teacher Lisa Rowley informed the school board of a scholarship awarded to the school to offer CPR and AED training to students. The school received kits valued at \$10,000.

Director Hart said the recent Carnegie's Got Talent show was enjoyable.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business to discuss, Director Appel moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 pm, seconded by Director Hart. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 9-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kirby Christy, Board Secretary

Michale Herrmann, Recording Secretary

21st Century Physical Activity
Teacher – Diane Criste and
Joshua Ficorilli

Director of Elementary
Education – Dr. Jacie Maslyk

Addition/Deletion to
Supplemental Athletic List