

CARLYNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Voting Meeting September 21, 2015 Carlynton Jr.-Sr. High School Library – 7:30 pm

MINUTES

The Carlynton School District Board of Education held its regular voting meeting September 21, 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. Also present was Superintendent Gary Peiffer, Solicitor Bill Andrews and Principals Marsha Burleson and John McAdoo. The audience was comprised of six individuals and one member of the press.

CALL TO ORDER – *The meeting was called to order at 7:38 pm by President Schriver; high school assistant principal John McAdoo led the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called by Michale Herrmann; Director Hart was absent.*

PUBLIC COMMENT ON BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD: *None*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Director Walkowiak moved, seconded by Director Schell, to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2015 Agenda Setting/Committee/Voting Meeting as presented. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0-1 with Director Tassaró abstaining due to absence.**

Minutes of September 8,
2015 Meeting

REPORTS:

➤ **Executive Session** – *President Schriver said personnel, contracts and real estate matters were discussed in the closed session.*

➤ **Administrative Reports**

- **Superintendent's Report** – *Dr. Peiffer said that although the state budget impasse is marking its 80th day, the district is in good shape through the first of the year. A stop-gap measure was passed but will likely be vetoed by Governor Wolf. Director Roussos mentioned rumors that Butler and Erie County school districts may have to temporarily close because of the impasse. Solicitor Andrews confirmed the Erie possibility, saying that if bills cannot be paid, they may need to shut down. Director Roussos said an anticipation loan may be an option in this case. Director Walkowiak said he heard that even once the budget is passed it could take four to six weeks for the first disbursement of funds to schools and non-profits. Solicitor Andrews said more pressure would be placed on the legislative officials should more schools face closures.*

Dr. Peiffer mentioned that he received word earlier in the day that the district has once again been awarded the 21st Century Community Learning Grant. The after-school program will be organized and operating in the near future.

- **Maintenance and Grounds** – *Mr. McDade reported the Carnegie roof is completed and there were minimal change orders. The three*

malfunctioning HVAC units were replaced. There was no charge for the compressors although the district is responsible for the labor and Freon. He is working with Lugalita to address compressor concerns. Estimates to replace the lower roof at Carnegie were obtained. It appears the costs for a restoration is less expensive, at just over \$6/per square foot. Mr. McDade believes it is the way to go. Recycling stations are now in all three schools and include the recycling of cardboard, paper, plastic and glass. The maintenance staff is getting the elementary buildings ready for open houses following a successful open house at the house school with the opening of the Cougar Collaboration Center. Mr. McDade also said broken windows, caused by Camp AIM, have been repaired. Camp AIM paid for the damage.

- Technology – Mr. Durica said the administration and several teachers and secretaries are meeting to review companies (the finalists in the decision-making process) for a new Student Information System. Director Roussos asked if the software would include a financial system. Mr. Durica said it would not at this time although the finalists are companies that offer a financial system and it can be added later. Mr. Durica said power was lost on a panel to the server recently and the problem was resolved quickly. The wireless installation is nearly complete although he needs to find a solution for the building wings (band and pool area) as the wireless would not reach that far. Mr. Durica said he will be searching for a new eRate agent. Additionally, he hopes to pilot some new Google accounts with applications for use in classrooms. President Schriver asked about projector replacements in classrooms. Mr. Durica said they were installed before the start of school and he is keeping an inventory of those needing replaced in the future. In closing, Mr. Durica said he has received the Network Assessment and he will be meeting with the company that generated it to review and better understand the findings.
- Food Services – Mr. Graff said the state has approved the Community Eligibility program for Carnegie Elementary and those who have paid for meals up to this point will be reimbursed. Sales in all cafeterias are up from last year and a breakfast promotion is increasing breakfast participation. Dr. Peiffer asked for an update of food variety at the elementary schools. Mr. Graff said he will be ordering portable salad bars for a better display of fruits and vegetables and it will also be used as a salad bar for the upper grades. President Schriver asked if a wider variety of menu choices have been added. Mr. Graff said they will be offering a better selection beginning next month. Lastly, Mr. Graff said the auditors found a shortfall in the food service payments and \$1,600 will be returned to the district.

➤ Committee Reports

- Pathfinder Report – Director Mendoza said enrollment has been steady at the school; a recent golf outing was successful; the renters are out of the building and they are assessing the damages; and the board will be working with the AIU to discover some cost-cutting measures for operation.

- Parkway West CTC Report – *Director Appel said he is excited about all that is happening at the school, from renovations to the restaurant and store, and the program opportunities. He was able to tour the school and learned that attendance has improved greatly. Dr. Peiffer said the administration is working to make the programs at the school more technically innovative.*
- PSBA Legislative – *Director Schell said the State Board of Education will be making changes to the Gifted curriculum, and there have been some rumblings about changes to come for the Common Core.*

I. Miscellaneous

Director Schell moved, seconded by Director Mendoza, to approve the additions to the 2015-2016 Conference and Field Trips Requests as submitted. (Miscellaneous Item #0915-01 REVISED) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 8-0.**

Conference and Field Trip Requests

II. Finance

Director Wilson moved, seconded by Director Tassaró, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of August 2015 as presented;

Treasurer's Report – August 2015

The August 2015 bills in the amount of \$2,536,051.94 as presented;

August 2015 Bills

The September 2015 Real Estate Tax Refunds for the Borough of Carnegie as presented; (Finance Item #0915-01)

Carnegie RE Tax Refunds

The August 2015 Athletic Fund Report with an ending balance of \$2,056.26; (Finance Item #0915-02)

August 2015 Athletic Fund Report

The August 2015 Activities Fund Report with an ending balance of \$62,400.30; (Finance Item #0915-03)

August 2015 Activities Fund Report

And the contract agreement between the district and Keystone Oaks School District for participation in the 2015-2016 Project Succeed Consortium as presented. (Finance Item #0915-04) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 8-0.**

Project Succeed Consortium Agreement

III. Personnel

Director Wilson moved, seconded by Director Schell, to approve the additions to the 2015-2016 Day-to-Day Substitute List as presented; (Personnel Item #0915-01 REVISED)

2015-2016 D-D Sub List

The additions to the 2015-2016 Supplemental Athletic List as presented with the following coaches:

Additions to 2015-2016 Supplemental Athletic List

- Joe Faini – Junior High Assistant Football Coach
 - Camden Coppelli – Junior High Head Swim Coach
 - Michael Schneiderlocher – Junior High Assistant Swim Coach
 - Jared Aitken – Boys' Varsity Head Tennis Coach
 - Emily Tupi – Junior High Head Volleyball Coach
 - Brenda Vu – Junior High Assistant Volleyball Coach
 - Michael Donovan – Junior High Head Football Coach
- (Personnel Item #0915-02 REVISED)

<p>The addition to the 2015-2016 Supplemental Activities List as presented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Todd Obidowski – Musical Instrumental Director (Personnel Item #0915-03) <p>Zachary Caine to the position of food service worker at the junior-senior high school under the terms of the Secretary-Cafeteria-Aides Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement; (Personnel Item #0915-04)</p> <p>The Leave of Absence request for CFT1516-04 as submitted; (Personnel Item #0915-05)</p> <p>And the additions to the 2015-2016 Supplemental Curriculum Coordinators positions as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Suzanne Verbanick – Secondary Life Management/Tech Ed/ Business and Computers▪ Renee Gaydos – Elementary Math▪ Marsha Burleson – Elementary Reading/Library and Computers▪ Adrienne Monaghan – Elementary Language Arts (Personnel Item #0915-06) By a voice vote, the motion carried 8-0.	<p>Addition to 2015-2016 Supplemental Activities List</p> <p>FSW – Zachary Caine</p> <p>Leave of Absence – CFT1516-04</p> <p>Additions to 2015-2016 Supplemental Curriculum List</p>
<p>IV. Policy</p> <p>Director Walkowiak moved, seconded by Director Appel, to approve Policy No. 819, Suicide, as submitted; (Policy Item #0915-01 Final Reading)</p> <p>And the first reading to Policy No. 004.1, Nepotism, with revisions, as submitted. (Policy Item #0915-02 First Reading) By a voice vote, the motion carried 8-0.</p>	<p>Policy Revision – No. 819 Final Reading</p> <p>Policy Revision – No. 004.1 First Reading</p>
<p>OLD BUSINESS: <i>Director Schell asked for an update on the ruts at the athletic field. Mr. McDade said that Giant Eagle has agreed to pay for the boulders. He will touch base with them again tomorrow.</i></p> <p>NEW BUSINESS: <i>President Schriver extended a warm welcome to returning board member Betsy Tassaró, who has devoted nearly 20 years to the school board.</i></p> <p>OPEN FORUM: <i>Audience member Amanda Kolle said she is having some communication issues with the guidance office. Dr. Peiffer asked her to call him and he would be happy to talk with her.</i></p> <p><i>District employee Maureen Nelson, also in the audience, reported that Emily Tupi, approved earlier as a coach, is now married with a new last name: Hanley.</i></p> <p>Director Roussos moved, seconded by Director Appel, to correct the motion under Supplemental Athletic positions to read Emily Hanley, junior high head volleyball coach. By a voice vote, the motion carried 8-0.</p> <p><i>Director Mendoza commented on the high school open house, saying she felt it moved along smoothly and she liked the new flow to classrooms.</i></p>	

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business to discuss, Director Mendoza moved, seconded by Director Schell, to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 pm. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 8-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kirby Christy, Board Secretary

Michale Herrmann, Recording Secretary