

## CARLYNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Agenda Setting/Committee/Voting Meeting February 2, 2012 Carlynton Jr.-Sr. High School Library – 7:30 p.m.

#### MINUTES

The Carlynton School District Board of Education held its Agenda Setting/Committee/Voting Meeting on February 2, 2012 in the library of the junior-senior high school. Those in attendance included President David Roussos, Vice President Betsy Tassaró and School Directors Joseph Appel, Sandra Hughan, Nyra Schell and Jim Schriver. Also present was Interim Superintendent Joseph Dimperio, Solicitor William Andrews, Business Manager Kirby Christy, Director of Pupil Services Lee Myford and principals Laura Burns, Carla Hudson, Jacie Maslyk and Robert Susini. The audience was comprised of 12 individuals and two members of the press.

**CALL TO ORDER** – *The meeting was called to order by President Roussos at 7:34 pm.*

**ROLL CALL** - *The roll was called by Recording Secretary Michale Herrmann; Directors Schirripa, Walkowiak and Wilson were excused from the meeting. Carlynton High School students Jonathan Snatchko and Danielle Lukasewicz led the pledge.*

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

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Director Tassaró moved, seconded by Director Schriver, to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2012 Regular Voting Meeting as presented. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 5-0-1, with Director Hughan abstaining due to absence.**

#### **REPORTS:**

- **Executive Session** – *President Roussos indicated that personnel issues were discussed in the closed session*
  - **Principals' Reports** – *The principals distributed newsletters with school happenings and events; each principal summarized highlights or matters of importance within the newsletters*
  - **Director of Pupil Services' Report** – *Mrs. Myford reported that IDEA funds have been received and the results of the English Language Learners (ELL) review were positive; the department met all three achievement outcomes*
  - **Business Manager Report** – *Mr. Christy said he foresees more stating funding cuts down the road*
- **Superintendent's Report** – *Dr. Dimperio presented PSBA certificates to all board members. He also gave Keystone placards to the elementary principals. The large signs illustrate that the schools have met AYP.*

#### **I. Miscellaneous**

Director Tassaró moved, seconded by Director Schell, to approve the list of conference and field trip requests as presented and approved by administration:

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Conference and Field Trip Requests

- C...J.Sweeney...Smithfield Street...Homeless Educ. Network ...2/3
  - C...J.Bigler...Edgewood Country Club...Bullying Prevention...4/12
  - C...Anna Kostrick...Edgewood Country Club...Bullying Prevention ...4/12
  - FT...M.Smoller...CMU...Computational Linguistics Olympiad...2/2
  - FT...R. Pedersen...Car.Elem. to HS...Dress Rehearsal for Tied...2/21
  - FT...MBVeri...N.Allegheny Baierl Center...Battery Car Race...2/23
  - FT...MBVeri...Natural History Museum...Animal Theme Study...2/29
  - FT...Car. 2<sup>nd</sup> Gr Tchers...Heinz Hall...Pgh. Symphony Perf...5/22
  - FT...R. Pedersen...Craf.Elem to HS...Dress Rehearsal for Tied...2/21
- (Miscellaneous Item #0212-01 REVISED) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 6-0.**

## II. Finance

Director Tassaró moved, seconded by Director Hughan, to approve the Borough of Crafton Real Estate Tax Refunds as presented; (Finance Item #0212-01)

Crafton RE Tax Refund

And the December 2011 cafeteria operating report as presented by Aramark Education Services; (Finance Item #0212-01) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 6-0.**

Aramark December 2011 Cafeteria Report

Director Tassaró moved, seconded by Director Schell, to approve the proposal presented by Architectural Innovations for the infilling of the window wells at Carnegie Elementary School which includes two alternates as presented; (Finance Item #0212-03) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 6-0.**

Infilling of Window Wells at Carnegie Elementary – AI Proposal

*Prior to voting, President Roussos provided an overview of the scope of work. Dr. Dimperio said options for repairs were presented within the proposal as well as the option to back fill the land. Director Schell asked if the proposal recommended the best option. President Roussos said the best option is to be discussed by the board and much will be determined by the cost to complete the work. Director Hughan said she hopes the board will be cautious of the lay of the land so it will not be a safety issue; she would also like the area landscaped afterward. Director Schriver said he would like to investigate some alternatives as well, suggesting light tubes to allow for some sunlight in the rooms that will be affected.*

Director Schriver moved, seconded by Director Appel, to award the base bid and alternative bid for the Carlynton High School Auditorium Stage Curtains to Pittsburgh Stage, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder, in the total amount of \$11,186.00 as presented; (Finance Item #0212-04) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 6-0.**

Bid for Stage Curtains to Pittsburgh Stage, Inc.

*Director Schriver questioned how one bid could be so much higher than the other. President Roussos said it depends largely on the company. Director Tassaró asked if the project was budgeted. Mr. Christy said it was, in the amount of \$20,000, so the bid came in well below.*

Director Tassaró moved, seconded by Director Hughan, to approve the February 2012 Real Estate Tax Refund for the Borough of Carnegie as presented; (Finance Item #0212-05) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 6-0.**

Carnegie RE Tax Refund for February 2012

Director Schriver moved, seconded by Director Hughan, to approve the Request for Proposal for the District Gigabit Wide Area Network project, CSDWAN-020612-V1 as presented, subject to final review and approval by the solicitor; (Finance item #0212-06) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 6-0.**

*Dr. Dimperio asked Technology Director Robert Mickolay to explain what the project would entail. Mr. Mickolay said the Wide Area Network connects all three buildings. The proposal calls for bids on one to 10 gigabits.*

Director Tassaro moved, seconded by Director Schriver, to approve the Facilities Use Agreement between the district and the American Cancer Society for the June 16-17, 2012 Relay for Life event as presented. (Finance item #0212-07) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 6-0.**

*Dr. Roussos said the relay has become an annual event at Carlynton and he hopes all will come out and support it.*

### III. Personnel

Director Schriver moved, seconded by Director Schell, to approve the additions to the 2011-2012 Athletic Supplemental List as presented:

- Adam Nyswaner – Assistant Boys' Baseball Coach  
(Personnel Item #0212-01)

And the requests for Leaves of Absence for Employees #SCA12-04 and #SCA12-05 as presented. (Personnel Item #0212-02 REVISED) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 6-0.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** *Director Schell asked to give a legislative report that was pushed back from the last meeting due to snowy weather. She reported that the state budget is in poor shape. The voucher bill was suspended; the PA Secretary of Education placed a waiver on NCLB and is now waiting to hear from the officials at the federal level. She also said textbook publishers are now farming out the PSSA Common Core Standards to software companies and platforms are being created for teachers to use and students to learn through interactive lessons on computers. Going on, she said textbooks could be obsolete within the next five to 10 years. Director Schriver said this was discussed at the last technology committee meeting and it was agreed to begin exploring electronic learning. Director Schriver said the district needs be proactive. Along the lines of the PSSA, Director Schriver asked if AYP is a practical target, given the alarm among many school districts. Director Schell said parents need to reach out to legislators. Director Hughan confirmed the earlier discussion by adding that she has received an email reflecting the same facts other directors have discussed in terms of electronic textbooks. Director Appel said e-textbooks are amazing but they are costly to purchase and the increased burden on technology staff has to be considered as well.*

**NEW BUSINESS:** *None*

**OPEN FORUM:** *Audience member Mike Kozy, Sr. asked if the auditorium curtains will be fire retardant. Dr. Dimperio said he believes they would need to be, by code, but would check.*

RFP - District Gigabit WAN Project

Facilities Use Agreement-Relay for Life

Additions to the 2010-2011 Athletic Supplemental List

Leave of Absence Request – SCA12-04 and SCA12-05

*Director Appel asked about a list of building needs as discussed earlier. Dr. Dimperio said he, Ray Walkowiak and Betsy Tassaro met with John Recchio to discuss and walk around the buildings. John has prepared a list and is narrowing it down and prioritizing in preparation of the upcoming budget. President Roussos said the board will work to seek out some funding. Director Appel said he is acquainted with someone involved in green projects in Pittsburgh and suggested he could be used as a resource.*

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business to discuss, Director Hugan moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 pm, seconded by Director Appel. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 6-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Kirby Christy, Board Secretary

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Michale Herrmann, Recording Secretary