

CARLYNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Agenda Setting/Committee/Voting Meeting February 2, 2015 Carlynton Jr.-Sr. High School Library – 7:30 pm

MINUTES

The Carlynton School District Board of Education held its agenda setting/committee/voting meeting February 2, 2015 in the library of the junior-senior high school. Those in attendance included President David Roussos, Vice President Ray Walkowiak and Directors Monica Dugan, Antriece Hart, Marissa Mendoza-Burcham, Nyra Schell and Jim Schriver. Also present was Superintendent Gary Peiffer, Solicitor Tony Giglio and principals Carla Hudson, Jacie Maslyk and John McAdoo. The audience was comprised of seven individuals and one member of the press.

CALL TO ORDER– *The meeting was called to order at 7:34 pm by President Roussos; Principal John McAdoo led the pledge. The roll was called by Michale Herrmann; Directors Appel and Wilson were absent.*

PUBLIC COMMENT ON BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD: *None*

RECOGNITION – *The board recognized and congratulated school psychologist Patricia Serdy for recently earning her doctorate.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Director Dugan moved, seconded by Director Schell, to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2015 Voting Meeting as presented. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

REPORTS:

- **Executive Session** – *President Roussos said real estate tax litigations, personnel and contract items were discussed in the session.*
- **Administrative Reports**
 - **Superintendent's Report** – *Mr. Peiffer announced that the board is moving forward on budgetary planning. In school, senior nights were held for boys and girls basketball programs and spring sports will be starting soon.*
 - **Business Manager Report** – *Mr. Christy said the proposed preliminary budget is available to the public; the preliminary budget will be adopted at the February 17th meeting. Mr. Christy added that the governor will review the state budget March 3.*
 - **Director of Pupil Services' Report** – *Dr. Mangis said she is working to implement a program for students of military families and she is working with Action Against Rape to provide students with educational programming. There was some discussion about the 21st Century grant, as funding ends next year. Mrs. Hudson and Dr. Mangis said it would be one of the intentions of a "foundation" to raise funds for continuation of the program.*

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- Curriculum/Data Report – Mr. Mantich said work on curriculum alignment continues; the completed curriculum can be found on the district website. He said Keystone Exam retesting is finished, CDTs are beginning and PSSAs and PVATS will be administered in the spring.
- Principals' Report – Elementary principals Carla Hudson and Jacie Maslyk distributed newsletters and highlighted student news and events published in the newsletters; high school principal John McAdoo said a recent Best Buddies social event at the high school went well and 17 teachers are mentoring seventh graders to develop leadership skills.

I. Miscellaneous

Director Hart moved, seconded by Director Walkowiak, to approve the additions to the Conference and Field Trip Requests for the 2014-2015 school year as submitted; (Miscellaneous Item #0215-01 REVISED) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

2014-15 Conference and
Field Trip Requests

II. Finance

Director Schell moved, seconded by Director Dugan, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of December 2014 as presented;

December Treasurer's Report

The December 2014 bills in the amount of \$2,494,349.33 as presented;

December 2014 Bills

And the February 2015 Real Estate Refunds for the Borough of Crafton as submitted. (Finance Item #0215-01) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

Crafton RE Refunds

III. Personnel

Director Dugan moved, seconded by Director Schell, to approve the addition to the 2014-2015 Day to Day Substitute List as submitted; (Personnel Item #0215-01)

Addition to the 2014-2015
Sub List

Resignation of Lysie Merglowski as Bowling Coach, a 2014-2015 Supplemental Athletic contractor, effective November 17, 2014; (Personnel Item 0215-02)

Resignation of Lysie
Merglowski as Bowling
Coach

Scott Yoder to the Supplemental Athletic position of varsity head football coach for the 2015-2016 school year as submitted; (Personnel Item #0215-03)

Varsity Head Football Coach
– Scott Yoder

Joe Rodella to serve as an assistant to the technology department at a stipend of \$18,000;

Assistant to Technology – Joe
Rodella

Resignation of Stephen Baldanzi as Instrumental Director for the musical, a Supplemental Activities position, and to post for said position; and appointment of Natalie Hatcher to the Supplemental Activities position of Musical Director as submitted. (Personnel Item #0215-03)

Supplemental Activities
Resignation and Appointment

And Michael Donovan to a long-term substitute position as physical education teacher, effective February 2 through the last day of the 2014-2015 school year. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

LTS, Physical Education –
Michael Donovan

IV. Student Services

Director Hart moved, seconded by Director Mendoza-Burcham, to approve the proposed 2015-2016 program of studies for grades 9-12 as submitted. (Student Services Item #0215-01) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

Program of Studies, 9-12

Before the item was approved, board members pointed out several typographical errors in the document:

Page 24, the word “meteorology” - misspelled

Page 5, the drop/add paragraph has the date of 2013-2014 and should be 2015-2016

Page 2, it was suggested to add the prerequisite of an AP exam to receive the weighted grade

Page 1 (cover page), place an emphasis on the page with bolder and larger fonts

OLD BUSINESS: Director Schell asked for an update on the eRate application. Mr. Peiffer said Brian Durica has taken care of it. Regarding the parking situation at the high school, Mr. Peiffer said he is waiting for further feedback from board members and administrators. Director Schriver asked about the Crafton athletic field house and its status. Facilities Director Dennis McDade, in the audience, said the structure needs quite a few upgrades. He said that work on the field last fall should improve field conditions this spring. Mr. McDade also mentioned the ruts near the Linshaw Avenue curb, caused by tractor trailer trucks parking at Giant Eagle. Board members asked Mr. McDade to work on a solution to prevent the ruts as well as solutions to upgrade the field house.

NEW BUSINESS: Three items were addressed for approval:

Director Schriver moved, seconded by Director Walkowiak, to approve the real estate tax appeal settlement for the properties owned by James Weaver and identified as Block and Lots 103-L-77 and 103-L-79, as recommended by the solicitor;

Real Estate Tax Settlement

And the real estate tax appeal settlement for the properties owned by August C. Damian and identified as Block and Lots 69-K-120, 69-K-122 and 69-K-126, as recommended by the solicitor. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

Real Estate Tax Settlement

Director Schell moved, seconded by Director Hart, to approve the student discipline matter for student #02-02-15. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

Student Discipline Matter -
#02-02-15

OPEN FORUM: Parent Steve Schuler of Reamer Drive, the soccer booster president, spoke on behalf of the soccer boosters. He expressed concerns about the condition of the athletic field in Crafton, saying the structure is an embarrassment. Mr. Schuler asked that attention be given to the building; board members said they will do what they can within the constraints of the budget.

Parents Robert and Olivia McGinnis asked for an exception to allow their daughter to attend kindergarten next year, despite her fifth birthday falling 72 hours beyond the cutoff date. Board members and Mr. Peiffer said they were not prepared to make a decision at the meeting but would further investigate the matter to determine if policy can be changed. Solicitor Giglio said the cutoff date may be statutory and he would look into it to be sure.

Parent John Meighan addressed the issue at the Crafton field house, reiterating much of same concerns expressed by Mr. Schuler.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to review, Director Schriver moved, seconded by Director Mendoza-Burcham, to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 pm. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kirby Christy, Board Secretary

Michale Herrmann, Recording Secretary