

CARLYNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Voting Meeting February 21, 2013 Carlynton Jr.-Sr. High School Library – 7:30 pm

MINUTES

The Carlynton School District Board of Education held its Regular Voting Meeting on February 21, 2013 in the library of the junior-senior high school. In attendance were President Roussos and Directors Joe Appel, Nyra Schell, Jim Schriver, Patricia Schirripa, Ray Walkowiak and Sharon Wilson by way of phone. Also present was Superintendent Gary Peiffer, Solicitor Bill Andrews, Principals Laura Burns, Carla Hudson, Jacie Maslyk and Robert Susini. The audience was comprised of eight individuals and one member of the press.

CALL TO ORDER - *The meeting was called to order by President Roussos at 7:30 pm. Crafton Elementary student Mathias Spragg led the pledge.*

The roll was called by Recording Secretary Michale Herrmann; Directors Hughan and Tassaro were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Director Appel moved, seconded by Director Walkowiak, to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2013 Agenda Setting/Committee/Voting Meeting as presented. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 5-0-2, with Directors Schirripa and Wilson abstaining due to absence.**

REPORTS:

- **Executive Session** – *President Roussos said contractual and legal matters were discussed in the closed session.*
- **Administrative Reports**
 - **Superintendent's Report** – *Mr. Peiffer announced that preparation for the Keystone Exams continues; RFPs are being received for the elementary HVAC projects; Mr. Ed Mantich offered a few words about the Keystone exam progress*
 - **Principals** – *The principals provided some school news related to happenings within their buildings*
 - **Pathfinder Report** – *Director Schriver attended; reorganization was held and Director Wilson was appointed as vice president of the board; South Fayette is inquiring about re-joining the consortium*
 - **Parkway West CTC Report** – *Director Walkowiak said two new programs are being considered, a veterinary and an electrical program*
 - **SHASDA** – *Director Schirripa reported that Tom Templeton was the key speaker at the last meeting. He addressed guidelines for placing superintendent and teacher evaluation goals on district websites. She attended a legislative meeting at the AIU during the last school board meeting; 15 Senators were represented and the meeting was very informative*

Minutes of the February 7,
2013 Meeting

- PSBA-Legislative – Director Schell provided information about some suggested legislation, school safety officers and reported that Plan Con may remain on hiatus for another year

I. Miscellaneous

Director Schriver moved, seconded by Director Schell, to approve the 2012-2013 list of conference and field trip requests as presented and approved by administration; (Miscellaneous Item #0213-01 REVISED)

And the second draft of the proposed 2013-2014 school year calendar as presented. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

II. Finance

Director Schriver moved, seconded by Director Walkowiak, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2013 as presented;

The January 2013 bills in the amount of \$1,857,437.21 as submitted;

Borough of Carnegie Real Estate Tax Refunds for the month of February 2013 as presented; (Finance Item #0213-01)

The December 2012 Food Service Report as submitted by Aramark Education; (Finance Item #0213-02)

Director Schell questioned the nutritional value of some of the foods on the school menus.

The January 2013 Athletic Fund Report with and ending balance of \$6,184.53 as submitted; (Finance Item #0213-03)

The January 2013 Activities Fund Report with and ending balance of \$42,713.02 as submitted; (Finance Item #0213-04)

The contract agreement and resolution between the district and Northeastern Educational Intermediate Unit for Special Education services for the 2013-2014 school year as submitted under Schedule A. (Finance Item #0213-05)

Authorize the Office of Ira Weiss to file tax appeals on behalf of the district on properties where the recent sale price exceeds the assessed value by \$50,000 or more as presented; (Finance Item #0213-06)

President Roussos explained that this process will target recently sold homes that were sold at a much higher value than the assessed value and file appeals.

The Parent Link Communication System at a cost not to exceed \$6,414.00 as submitted. The system includes a Branded District Mobile App and optional Web Training; (Finance Item #0213-07)

And the Compensation Plan for the administrators of the Carlynton School District consistent with Act 93 as set forth between the Board of School Directors and the administration for the term of July 1, 2012, retroactively, through June 30, 2015, as presented with subsequent salary increases. (Finance Item #0213-08) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

Conference and Field Trip Requests

Proposed 2013-2014 School Year Calendar

January 2013 Treasurer's Report

January 2013 Bills

Carnegie RE Tax Refunds

December 2012 Food Service Report

January 2013 Athletic Fund Report

January 2013 Activities Fund Report

Contract and Resolution Agreement with NEIU19

Tax Appeals on Assessed Value of \$50K or Greater

Parent Link Communication System

Compensation Plan for Administrators – Act 93

President Roussos thanked administrators for their patience.

III. Personnel

Director Schell moved, seconded by Director Schriver, to approve the following additions to the 2012-2013 Day to Day Substitute List as recommended by administration:

- Joshua Leghart – Spanish
- Savanna Leninsky – Elementary Special Education (Personnel Item #0213-01 REVISED)

The letter of intent to retire as submitted by Patricia Fisher, administrative confidential secretary, effective June 30, 2013; (Personnel Item #0213-02)

President Roussos acknowledged Mrs. Fisher's intent to retire and extended best wishes.

Authorize the funding of classes for School Psychologist Hillary Mangis to obtain a mental health license through the American Counseling Association as submitted. (Personnel Item #0213-03)

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

- Dan Kuhn – Crafton Elementary Intramurals, Grade 5-6 (Personnel Item #0213-04)

And the following individuals to offer services for students in the 21st Century Community Learning Grant program:

- Monika DeBolt – counseling
- Joe Testa – counseling
- Katie Kingsley – counseling
- Olivia Hipolit – substitute teacher (Personnel Item #0213-05)

By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.

IV. Student Services

Director Schell moved, seconded by Director Walkowiak, to approve the 2013-2014 school year Program of Studies for the junior senior high school, grades nine through 12, as presented. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

The 2013-2014 school year Program of Studies for grades seven and eight as presented. **TABLED**

OLD BUSINESS: *Director Appel questioned if a kiln in an art room had been replaced. Dr. Maslyk said she felt Mr. Recchio was addressing the matter. Mr. Peiffer said he would look into it.*

Director Appel asked if someone could look into repairing a compactor at Crafton Elementary School.

Director Walkowiak mentioned the demonstration of anti-microbial items and the offering of free product.

Additions to Day to Day Sub List

Letter of Intent to Retire – Patricia Fisher

Funding of Classes, Mental Health License – School Psychologist Hillary Mangis

Addition to 2012-2013 Supplemental Activities List

21st Century CLG – Additional Staff

2013-14 Program of Studies, Grades Nine-12

2013-14 Program of Studies, Grades Seven and Eight

NEW BUSINESS: *Director Schriver mentioned the closing of the AIU STEAM School and wondered if it would affect district students. Mrs. Burns said she believed the district has two students enrolled and she would check into it.*

Director Schriver also mention two articles, one referring to a student apprenticeship with IBM in NYC and the other regarding a study that indicated young boys are being left behind in education.

OPEN FORUM: *None*

ADJORNMENT: With no further business to discuss, Director Schriver moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 pm, seconded by Director Appel. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kirby Christy, Board Secretary

Michale Herrmann, Recording Secretary