

**CARLYNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Voting Meeting**  
**March 15, 2012**  
**Carlynton Jr.-Sr. High School Library – 7:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

The Carlynton School District Board of Education held its Regular Voting Meeting on March 15, 2012 in the library of the junior-senior high school. Those in attendance included President David Roussos, Vice President Betsy Tassaró and School Directors Joe Appel, Nyra Schell, Jim Schriver, Ray Walkowiak and Sharon Wilson (via phone). Also present was Interim Superintendent Joseph Dimperio, Solicitor William Andrews, Business Manager Kirby Christy, principals Laura Burns, Carla Hudson, Jacie Maslyk and Robert Susini, and Director of Pupil Services Lee Myford. The audience was comprised of 13 individuals and two members of the press.

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**CALL TO ORDER** – *The meeting was called to order by President Roussos at 7:38 pm.*

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE and ROLL CALL:** *The pledge was led by Carnegie Elementary sixth grade students Sydney Franchik and Jessica Vogliano. The roll was called by Recording Secretary Michale Herrmann; Directors Hughan and Schirripa were excused from the meeting.*

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

**PRESENTATION:** **Video** – *Carlynton Career and Service Day 2012* – prior to the video, high school teacher Mike Kozy made some comments about preparations for the PSSA and spoke of the success of the career and community service days.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Director Appel moved, seconded by Director Schell, to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2012 Agenda Setting/Committee/Voting Meeting as presented. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 6-0-1 with Director Wilson abstaining due to absence.**

Minutes – March 1, 2012

**REPORTS:**

- **Executive Session** – *President Roussos said legal and personnel matters were discussed in the closed session.*
- **Principals' Reports** - *Mrs. Hudson presented a hand-out; Dr. Susini reported 43 students signed up for the SAT prep class*
- **Superintendent's Report** – *Dr. Dimperio announced the April board meeting will be moved to April 12 and the April 19 board meeting will be cancelled; he also provided an overview of the 2012-2013 calendar, which is on the agenda for approval*
- **Parkway West CTC Report** – *Director Walkowiak spoke of the school's open house on March 7 and noted that the vocational school's proposed budget for the year 2012-2013 shows no increases. Director Walkowiak said the school has developed a capital improvement plan and decides on necessary upgrades to the buildings as a result of the plan. This way, every year an investment is made for facility improvements. He suggested*

*board members and the superintendent might develop a similar plan for the district.*

- PSBA-Legislative – *Director Schell said she attended a Stand-up for Public Education meeting which discussed lack of funding. She then provided information about Senate Bill 1296 which will limit the terms of a superintendent, provide guidelines for buy-out terms, and a performance-based evaluation system. Director Schell also discussed the Keystone Exams and the manner in which it may be administered. Director Schriver questioned Senate Bill 1296 in terms of negotiating a salary for those who have never worked as a superintendent.*

## I. Miscellaneous

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

- C...MBVeri...AIU...Gifted Resource Day...4/26
  - FT...D.Mitchell...Robinson Cinema... Novel Reading/Movie...3/27
  - FT...MBVeri...Brentwood Boro Bldg...Calculus Tournament...5/23
  - C...C.Rex...ASSET...Engineering Showcase Conference...4/10
  - C...MBVeri...ASSET...Engineering Showcase Conference...4/10
  - FT...Crafton Grade 2...History Center...Social Studies Review...5/18
- (Miscellaneous Item #0312-01 **REVISED**)

The 2012-2013 school year calendar as presented. (Miscellaneous Item #0312-02)

*Director Appel asked when the PSSA will be administered next year. Dr. Susini said the testing window generally begins in April. Director Walkowiak asked why the extra day was added before the Easter holiday. Dr. Dimperio said it helped to even out the odd day needed for in-service and served as a snow make-up day. Director Walkowiak said the late ending to the year was a concern because of summer temperatures and the heat in the elementary buildings.*

And cancel the board meeting of April 19, 2012 and advertise the new meeting date of April 12, 2012 in its place. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

## II. Finance

Director Tassaró moved, seconded by Director Schriver, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of February 2012 as presented; (Finance Item #0312-01)

The February 2012 bills in the amount of \$1,726,336.81 as submitted;

The February 2012 Athletic Fund Report as submitted with an ending balance of \$12,424.92; (Finance Item #0312-01)

And the February 2012 Activities Fund Report as submitted with an ending balance of \$37,163.84; (Finance Item #0312-02) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

Conference and Field Trip Requests

2012-2013 School Year Calendar

Cancel April 19 Meeting; Move to April 12

February 2012 Treasurer's Report

February 2012 Bills

February 2012 Athletic Fund Report

February 2012 Activities Fund Report

Director Tassaro moved, seconded by Director Walkowiak, to declare the list of electronic equipment as submitted as surplus and direct administration to dispose the equipment in a proper manner; (Finance Item #0312-03)

Surplus Electronic Equipment Disposal

The purchase and installation of a pool lift for the junior-senior high school pool to meet ADA handicapped requirements at a cost of \$5,500.00 as presented; (Finance Item #0312-04)

Pool Lift for the Junior-Senior High School Pool

*Director Schell asked if the district has anyone to oversee the use of the pool lift. Dr. Dimperio said he would look into it.*

The LERTA Agreement between the Borough of Carnegie and the Carlynton School District as set forth in the ordinance adopted by Carnegie Borough Council on December 12, 2011 as submitted. (Finance Item #0312-05)

LERTA Agreement with Carnegie Borough

*Board members questioned if anyone has applied for LERTA. It was explained that LERTA, or Local Economic Revitalization Tax Act, is a tax exemption program to provide relief to commercial real estate within a given area in the hopes of encouraging new developments or improvements; basically, it encourages economic revitalization. LERTA allows for a successive tax abatement rate for several years. Director Schriver said the agreement was made with Carnegie in the spirit of cooperation.*

The proposed 2012-2013 Allegheny Intermediate Unit Program of Services budget as presented. The budget totals \$3,807, 403. There is no increase in the total district allocation. The districts expected contribution to the AIU Program of Services budget is \$19,981.56. (Finance Item #0312-06)

AIU Program of Services Budget

A three (3) year contract for the district's Gigabit WAN to Sunesys, the lowest responsible bidder, for a one (1) Gbps fiber network solution at a cost of \$3,000/month, as presented. (Finance Item #0312-07)

Gigabit WAN – Sunesys, Lowest Responsible Bidder

A one year contract with Sprint for the provision of nine cell phones and lines for administrators at a cost of \$380 per month. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

Sprint Cell Phones and Service

*It was noted that this contract is a renewal to the existing account.*

### III. Personnel

Director Walkowiak moved, seconded by Director Tassaro, to approve the addition to the 2011-2012 Athletic Supplemental List as presented:

Additions to the 2010-2011 Athletic Supplemental List

- Terry George, Weight Room Training Coach  
(Personnel Item #0312-01)

*President Roussos asked if the stipend for this position would be adjusted because he is taking over the position late in the school year. Dr. Dimperio said yes. Director Tassaro asked if it would be the second half of the 2011-2012 school year or effective as of the meeting. It was decided to amend the motion to read:*

Director Walkowiak moved, seconded by Director Tassaro, to amend the motion for the addition to the 2011-2012 Athletic Supplemental List, effective March 15, 2012 and to pro-rate the stipend as such for:

- Terry George, Weight Room Training Coach

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

The original motion was then voted upon with the approved amendment.  
**By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

Director Walkowiak moved, seconded by Director Tassaro, to approve the formation of a trial junior high track and field team for grades 7-8 the 2011-2012 school year as presented. The following teachers have volunteered to coach the team: Chris Colonna, John McAdoo and Jake Trombetta. (Personnel Item #0312-02)

*Director Schell questioned this. Dr. Susini said the program was proposed by varsity head track coach Nate Milsom as a feeder system for the varsity program and due to enthusiasm for the program expressed by seventh and eighth grade students.*

Name James Wolf as interim principal of Crafton Elementary School, effective on or about March 16, 2012, and in accordance with the terms outlined in the provided agreement. (Personnel Item #0312-03)

*President Roussos stated that Dr. Wolf would fill in for Mrs. Maslyk while she is on a leave; Dr. Wolf also held the interim position before Mrs. Maslyk was hired.*

And James Wolf to serve as attendance officer for the elementary school for the purpose of filing citations and truancy reports and appearing before the magistrate for related hearings. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

Director Tassaro moved, seconded by Director Schriver, to approve the Letter of Intent to Retire of high school social studies teacher Betsy Kohl, effective the last day of the 2011-2012 school year, under the terms and conditions of the Carlynton Federation of Teachers Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement; (Personnel Item #0312-04)

Letter of Intent to Retire of high school librarian Janet Loos, effective the last day of the 2011-2012 school year, under the terms and conditions of the Carlynton Federation of Teachers Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement; (Personnel Item #0312-05)

Letter of Intent to Retire of Crafton Elementary teacher Janet Supko, effective the last day of the 2011-2012 school year, under the terms and conditions of the Carlynton Federation of Teachers Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement; (Personnel Item #0312-06)

*Many favorable comments regarding the retirees were expressed by board members with wishes for much happiness.*

Germaine Sabolick for the position of custodian, effective March 16, 2012, and in accordance with the terms of the Carlynton Custodial-Maintenance Collective Bargaining Agreement; (Personnel Item #0312-07)

Increase the rate of pay for district substitute custodial workers to from \$8.50 to \$10.00 an hour, effective March 16, 2012.

And the Leave of Absence for Employee #CMA12-06 as presented. (Personnel Item #0312-08) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

Trial Junior High Track Team  
with Volunteer Coaches

Interim Principal, Crafton  
Elementary – James Wolf

Attendance Officer – James  
Wolf

Letter of Intent to Retire –  
Betsy Kohl

Letter of Intent to Retire –  
Janet Loos

Letter of Intent to Retire –  
Janet Supko

Hire Custodian – Germaine  
Sabolick

Increase Substitute Custodian  
Hourly Rate of Pay

Leave of Absence

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** *An update of the superintendent search was provided – the search is being facilitated by Dr. Diane Kirk of the Tri State Area Schools Study Council. Focus groups were held among staff and community to gain a sense of the qualities and characteristics everyone would like in a superintendent. A nice list of candidates has applied and the first round of interviews will be held the week of March 19.*

*Director Schell said she believed it was time for the board to vote on a resolution to affirm or take an official stance against those leading the charge for secession in Rosslyn Farms. Director Schell said the action was not to show hostility but to indicate a stance against the movement. She said she can no longer give full weight to the petition originally signed by 78 percent of the Rosslyn Farms residents because she has heard from many who no longer agree with the secession movement since the idea to consolidate the elementary buildings has been put to bed. Director Schell said there are many Rosslyn Farms students with academic success in Carlynton who have gone on to do well professionally. President Roussos echoed the comments adding there is no merit in the Rosslyn Farms decision to secede. He said he has also spoken to those who say they would no longer sign the petition today. He added that this is an outgrowth of the consolidation proposal. Director Walkowiak said he agrees the secession idea grew legs out of the consolidation proposal. Director Schriver agreed. Director Schell said that although 78 percent of Rosslyn Farms residents signed the petition, the petition is not representing the viewpoint of all three communities. Director Tassaro said her three daughters are graduates of Carlynton and they were well prepared academically. She went on to say that many of those living in Rosslyn Farms gravitated from Crafton and Carnegie and all residents of the borough shop, attend church and cultural events and enjoy the restaurants in the neighboring communities.*

At that point Director Schell moved, seconded by Director Tassaro to approve the following resolution:

Affirm the position of the Carlynton School District to continue to vigorously oppose the petition for formation of an independent school district consisting of the Borough of Rosslyn Farms for the purposes of transfer from the Carlynton School District to the Chartiers Valley School District. **By a ROLL CALL VOTE, the motion carried 7-0.**

*Director Schriver asked for an update of improvements to facilities. Dr. Dimperio provided an overview and said John Recchio was compiling a list of long term approaches and immediate needs. Director Tassaro brought up the assessment of the high school cafeteria; revenues will be used for upgrades. She also asked that the track be put on the list of facility needs.*

**NEW BUSINESS:** *Director Walkowiak spoke of the athletic fund as an entity of itself and asked Kirby Christy how this will change because of GASB laws. Mr. Christy said the new law states the athletic fund must be combined or transferred into the general fund and will be recorded as such. Director Walkowiak asked how these will be presented to the board in terms of expenditures. Mr. Christy said a spreadsheet will be provided to the board to illustrate the different expenditures.*

**OPEN FORUM:** *Crafton resident and councilwoman April Weitzel, referring to the new county assessments, asked how aggressively the district will fight the appeals. President Roussos said taxes are handled by Ira Weiss and believe Mr. Weiss and staff will be reasonable and understanding.*

*Director Schriver thanked the staff and administration for their work on the community and career days, saying they are a reflection of the education and academics students receive and he is proud to be a part of it.*

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business to discuss, Director Appel moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 pm, seconded by Director Schell. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

**President Roussos announced the board would reconvene in executive session.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Kirby Christy, Board Secretary

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Michale Herrmann, Recording Secretary