

CARLYNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Voting Meeting

March 16, 2015

Carlynton Jr.-Sr. High School Library – 7:30 pm

MINUTES

The Carlynton School District Board of Education held its regular voting meeting March 16, 2015 in the library of the junior-senior high school. Those in attendance included President David Roussos, Vice President Ray Walkowiak, Treasurer Joe Appel and Directors Monica Dugan, Antriece Hart, Marissa Mendoza-Burcham, Nyra Schell, Jim Schriver and Sharon Wilson. Also present was Superintendent Gary Peiffer, Solicitor Anthony Giglio and Principal Michael Loughren. The audience was comprised of eight individuals and one member of the press.

CALL TO ORDER– *The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by President Roussos; Director Appel led the pledge. The roll was called by Michale Herrmann; all board members were present.*

PUBLIC COMMENT ON BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD: *None*

RECOGNITION: *High school students Madison Crown, Daniel Doyle and Nicole Stengel were recognized for achievements and presented with certificates. Mr. Loughren introduced the students. He summarized the success of gymnast Madison Crown; choral teacher Rebecca Chenette shared the accomplishments of Daniel Doyle; and swim coach Cam Coppelli spoke about Nicole Stengel and her feats in swimming.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Director Hart moved, seconded by Director Dugan, to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2015 Agenda Setting/Committee/Voting Meeting as presented. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0-2 with Directors Schell and Wilson abstaining due to absence.**

REPORTS:

- **Executive Session** – *President Roussos said personnel and real estate matters were discussed in the closed session.*
- **Administrative Reports**
 - **Maintenance and Grounds** – *Mr. McDade said he has met with a few engineering research firms for soil testing of the Glaser property in preparation for the paving of a parking lot. He went on to say that the water main break at the Crafton Field House has been repaired and other repairs will be made as the weather breaks. Athletic fields are still soggy but his crew will be working to make them playable for spring sports. In other news, applications for summer work are being collected and he has met with Camp Aim to discuss their needs for summer.*
 - **Technology** – *Mr. Durica reported that bids for the Wifi were finalized earlier in the day. It was learned that the eRate discount will*

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be lower than originally expected so a decision was made to seek bids for the high school only this year. Two bids were submitted and he was recommending approval of the bid from CCI, Communications Consulting Incorporated. The bids include new switches, installation and 75 access points. Currently, there are only 24 access points in the high school. Cost is \$80,270 and eRate will discount the cost to \$32,108. Mr. Durica said he and a team of teachers, staff and administrators are reviewing various Student Information Systems to gather input.

A motion was made to approve the Wifi bid:

Director Hart moved, seconded by Director Dugan, to award the Wifi contract to CCI in the amount of \$80,270, contingent upon approval of eRate.

Directors Schriver and Walkowiak had some questions about the bids; in particular, Director Walkowiak questioned the difference between the two quotes, as one was slightly lower in price than the recommended bid. Mr. Durica said the CCI bid has cable tie-ins that blend with the current system and the bid also offers hardware for a power supply in the event of a power outage. In earlier discussions, Mr. Durica mentioned that the eRate submission date has been extended. Director Schriver suggested delaying the motion so the bid can be further reviewed.

Director Schriver moved, seconded by Director Dugan, to table the motion to award the Wifi contract. **By a voice vote, the motion to table carried 9-0.**

➤ Committee Reports:

- Pathfinder – Director Mendoza-Burcham said Nicholas Fratto will take over the helm at Pathfinder; tenants in an unused section of the building have vacated but left behind considerable damage. The matter is being assessed. Committee members and the Pathfinder board are evaluating needs for the building and generating a list of priorities.
- Parkway CTC – Director Dugan said Parkway had a clean audit; graduation placement is up by one percent; the recent open house was successful; and Carlynton senior Melanie Jackson will be inducted into the National Vocational Honor Society in April.
- SHASDA – Director Hart said the last meeting included discussion about professional discipline and Act 168; the spring convention is set for April 24-25.
- Legislative/PSBA – Director Schell said it appears another one-year moratorium will be placed on PlanCon; Pennsylvania received a low ranking for equity and spending among school districts. Wolf is looking at a tax shift to relieve property taxes; Director Schell urged everyone to call local legislators to share ideas.

I. Miscellaneous

Director Walkowiak moved, seconded by Director Mendoza-Burcham, to approve the additions to the Conference and Field Trip Requests for the 2014-2015 school year as submitted; (Miscellaneous Item #0315-01 REVISED) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 9-0.**

2014-15 Conference and Field Trip Requests

II. Finance

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

Treasurer's Report – February 2015

The February 2015 bills in the amount of \$1,822,841.92 as presented;

February 2015 Bills

The March 2015 Real Estate Tax Refunds for the Borough of Carnegie as submitted; (Finance Item #0315-01)

Carnegie RE Tax Refunds

And the March 2015 Real Estate Tax Refunds for the Borough of Rosslyn Farms as submitted. (Finance Item #0315-02) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 9-0.**

Rosslyn Farms RE Tax Refunds

III. Personnel

Director Hart moved, seconded by Director Schriver, to approve Melanie Jones to the 2.5 hour position of general cafeteria worker at the junior-senior high school consistent with the terms of the Secretarial-Cafeteria-Aides Bargaining Unit Agreement; (Personnel Item #0315-01)

General Cafeteria Worker – Melanie Jones

The additions to the 2014-2015 Day to Day Substitute List for as submitted; (Personnel Item #0315-02 REVISED)

2014-2015 D-D Sub List Additions

The Leave of Absence as submitted by employee CFT14-15-16, effective March 5, 2015, and the Leave of Absence as submitted by employee CFT14-15-17; (Personnel Item #0315-03 REVISED)

Leaves of Absence

The proposal for a Carlynton Academic Summer Program for students in grades 4-12, beginning July 6 through July 31, 2015 at Carnegie Elementary, and to include the anticipating posting of three special education teachers to facilitate the program at the teacher's per diem rate; (Personnel Item #0315-04)

Carlynton Academic Summer Program and Posting

And employ and award a Temporary Professional Employee contract to Katelyn Neal, special education teacher, per the terms of the Carlynton Federation of Teachers Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement. (Personnel Item #0315-05) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 9-0.**

Katelyn Neal – TPE, Special Education

Director Schell moved, seconded by Director Appel, to assign the following individual to position under the terms of the Secretarial-Cafeteria-Aides Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement:

SCA Assignments – Chris Walkowiak

- Christine Walkowiak–Temporary General Food Work, High School (Personnel Item #0315-06) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 8-0-1, with Director Walkowiak abstaining.**

OLD BUSINESS: *Director Schell made the suggestion to move the Open Forum to the beginning of the meeting so as not to make individuals wait through the meeting before being given the opportunity to speak. President Roussos said the Open Forum can be modified to accommodate those in the audience, if necessary.*

NEW BUSINESS: *None*

OPEN FORUM: *Shawn Steding and Robert Hill of Carnegie said they were hoping to purchase and update a piece of property in Carnegie that was originally listed for condemnation. They have already made improvements to the home. While completing paperwork, they learned the property has over \$16,000 in back taxes, mostly school district taxes, and they were asking for leniency. Solicitor Giglio said a compromise could be negotiated if found that the value of the home is less than the amount of back taxes. Contact information was to be exchanged so the matter could be discussed further with the solicitor.*

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business to discuss, Director Hart moved, seconded by Director Mendoza-Burcham, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 9-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kirby Christy, Board Secretary

Michale Herrmann, Recording Secretary