

CARLYNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
Voting Meeting
April 12, 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 April 12, 2012 in the library of the junior-senior high school. Those in attendance included President David Roussos, Vice President Betsy Tassaro and School Directors Joe Appel, Sandra Hugan, Nyra Schell, Patti Schirripa, Jim Schriver, Ray Walkowiak and Sharon Wilson. Also present was Acting Superintendent Joseph Dimperio, Solicitor Trish Andrews, Business Manager Kirby Christy, principals Laura Burns, Carla Hudson, Robert Susini and Acting Principal James Wolf, and Director of Pupil Services Lee Myford. The audience was comprised of 19 individuals and two members of the press.

CALL TO ORDER – *President Roussos called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm.*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE and ROLL CALL: *The pledge was led by Crafton Elementary students Maddie Graner and Dominic Darenkamp. The roll was called by Recording Secretary Michale Herrmann; all members of the board were present.*

PUBLIC COMMENT ON BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD: *None*

PRESENTATION: *Lois Wholey, Director of Development, Andrew Carnegie Free Library and Music Hall spoke of the Civil War Days to be held April 28 and invited all to attend.*

President Roussos announced the board would “jump ahead” in the agenda and approve Finance Item #10 –

*Director Tassaro moved, seconded by Director Wilson, to approve a four-year agreement with Mr. Gary Peiffer for the position of Superintendent of the Carlynton School District, effective July 1, 2012, with terms and conditions set forth as presented. (Finance Item #0412-10) **By a ROLL CALL VOTE, the motion carried 9-0.***

Dr. Diane Kirk of Tri State Area Schools Study Council facilitated the search and said 31 applications were received for the selection process. President Roussos said Mr. Peiffer has curriculum experience and his views about relationships and links with the stakeholders of the district sat well with all board members. Mr. Peiffer offered a few comments, saying he is both humbled and honored to be placed in this position. The meeting broke at 7:45 pm for a reception and reconvened at 8:05 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Director Schriver moved, seconded by Director Walkowiak, to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2012 Regular Voting Meeting as presented.

*Director Schell noted that the acronym of GASB was misspelled on page 7318 and asked that it be corrected. President Roussos moved for an amendment to the motion to correct the spelling, seconded by Director Walkowiak. **The motion carried by voice vote, 7-0-2,** with Directors Hugan and Schirripa abstaining due to absence.*

Gary Peiffer - Superintendent,
Four Year Agreement

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The original motion was then voted upon to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2012 with the amendment. **The motion carried by voice vote, 7-0-2**, with Directors Hughan and Schirripa abstaining due to absence.

REPORTS:

- Executive Session – President Roussos said legal, personnel and contractual matters were discussed in the closed session.
- Administrative Reports
 - Superintendent's Report – Dr. Dimperio said he was pleased with the selection of the superintendent
 - Principals' Reports – The principals distributed newsletters and highlighted items within the newsletters
 - Director of Pupil Services' Report – Mrs. Myford announced a parent night would be held May 1 at Carnegie Elementary; the topic: Mental Health Barriers to Learning
 - Business Manager Report – Mr. Christy reported that Jordan Tax Service is the single tax collector for the district under Act 32.
- Committee Reports
 - ✓ The minutes of the Parkway West CTC Joint Operating Committee of February 7, 2012 were entered into record. (SC Item #0412-01)
 - PSBA-Legislative – Director Schell provided information and updates on House and Senate Bills in relation to education. She suggested the engagement of staff to discuss some urgent upcoming issues.

I. Miscellaneous

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

- C...Myford/Burns/Hudson...Edgewood CC...Study Council...4/18
 - C...M.Priore...Lancaster...PMEA Conference...4/19-21
 - C...M.Smoller...AIU...Gifted Resource Day...4/26
 - C... Smoller/Veri...Upper St. Clair HS... SH Gifted Consortium...5/11
 - C...C.Hudson...Various IUs...Maintenance of Principal Cert...9/12-13, 11/7-8, 1/29-30/13, and 4/16-17/13
 - FT...L.Dedola...Carnegie/Crafton Elem...Musical Presentation...4/10
 - FT...R.Chenette...Shaler Area MS...Jr. High District Chorus...4/13-14
 - FT...M.Smoller...Westinghouse...Chain Reaction Contest...4/19
 - FT...Carnegie Gr. 6...Carnegie Science Ctr...Hands-on Activities...4/26
 - FT...Crafton Gr. 5...Meadowcroft Village...Social Studies...4/26
 - FT...M.Mishkin...Crafton UP Church...Sort Foods in Food Bank...5/7
 - FT...M.Smoller...Gateway Center...KDKA HS HighQ...5/12
 - FT...Crafton Gr. 5...Laurel Caverns...Geological Studies...5/14
 - FT...Smoller/Veri...Heinz Field Dock...Lock and Dam Cruise...5/16
 - FT...Crafton Gr. 4...Heinz Field/Station Sq...Just Ducky Tour...5/17
 - FT...S.Barnes...Beattie Career Ctr...Student Leadership Workshop...5/18
 - FT...Carnegie G.3...PNC Park...Pittsburgh History/Educ. Days...5/23
 - FT...MBVeri...Duquesne University...Junior Achievement Day...5/2
- (Miscellaneous Item #0412-01 REVISED) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 9-0.**

Conference and Field Trip Requests

Director Tassaro moved, seconded by Director Schriver to ratify the district’s submission of the completed Educational Impact Projection Questionnaire to the Pennsylvania Secretary of Education. As directed by the Secretary, this questionnaire was completed by the district and submitted to his office by April 2, 2012. The information within the questionnaire supports the Carlynton School District’s strong opposition to the formation of Rosslyn Farms Borough as an independent school district with proposed transfer to the Chartiers Valley School District. **By a ROLL CALL VOTE, the motion carried 9-0.**

Educational Impact Projection Questionnaire

President Roussos explained the process by which the district went about collecting data and compiling the information for the projection questionnaire to demonstrate the district has educational merit. He thanked Amy Thompson from the Office of Andrews and Price for her guidance and support. Solicitor Trish Andrews provided a general timeline of what to expect in the upcoming months. Director Tassaro asked that the completed Educational Impact Projection Questionnaire be placed on the district website. Director Appel offered thanks to all those who worked collectively to pull together the data.

Director Tassaro moved, seconded by Director Walkowiak, to rescind the motion of July 14, 2011 in Miscellaneous Item #0711-01 for a field trip to the McKeever Environmental Center on May 9-11, 2012, and a portion of a motion of March 1, 2012, for Miscellaneous Item #0312-01 Revised, which added another day, May 8, to the McKeever Environmental Center field trip. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 9-0.**

Rescinding of Earlier Motions;
Re: McKeever Field Trip

II. Finance

Director Tassaro moved, seconded by Director Wilson, to approve the Rosslyn Farms Earned Income Tax Refund as submitted; (Finance Item #0412-01)

RF EIT Refund

Resolution No. 161 of the Parkway West Career and Technology Center General Operating Budget for the 2012-2013 school year as submitted; (Finance Item #0412-02)

Resolution No. 161 – PWCTC
General Operating Budget

Resolution No. 162 of the Parkway West Alternative Center for Education General Operating Budget for the 2012-2013 school year as submitted; (Finance Item #0412-03)

Resolution No. 162 – PW
Alternative Center General
Operating Budget

Resolution No. 163 of the Parkway West Career and Technology Center Building Rental Budget for the 2012-2013 school year as submitted; (Finance Item #0412-04)

Resolution No. 163 – PWCTC
Building Rental Budget

The agreement between the district and UPMC Health System Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic for SAP Addiction Liaison Services for the 2012-2013 school year as presented; (Finance Item #0412-05)

Agreement for SAP Liaison
Services

The agreement between the district and Keystone Oaks School District for participation in the Project Succeed Consortium for the 2012-2013 school year as presented; (Finance Item #0412-06)

Project Succeed

Director Schell questioned if the 12 reserved spots were necessary; did we need more or less? Dr. Susini explained that Project Succeed is a credit recovery program and the 12 slots are flexible and have served the district well.

<p>The Architectural Innovations, LLC proposal for the scope of work to replace the Crafton Elementary roof as submitted; (Finance Item #0412-07) <i>Director Schriver verified that this is a request for an engineer to look at the roof and develop specs for the construction company. Director Tassaro said the board would be agreeable to the possibility of a “green” roof.</i></p> <p>The Request for Proposal from Architectural Innovations, LLC with the architectural drawings and specification documents involving the Window-Well Replacement Project for Carnegie Elementary School, as submitted, and to advertise for bids; (Finance Item #0412-08)</p> <p>And the February 2012 Cafeteria Operating Report as presented by Aramark Education Services; (Finance Item #0412-09) By a voice vote, the motion carried 9-0.</p>	<p>AI Proposal – Crafton Elementary Roof Replacement</p> <p>AI RFP – Window-Well Replacement Project for Carnegie Elementary</p> <p>February Cafeteria Operating Report</p>
<p><i>Before voting on the three subsequent items, the board discussed the differences between the firms that submitted bids – Loftus and Tower Engineers. Both firms appeared to be reputable, and although the difference in fees appeared to be modest, some felt inclined to favor the lower of the two bids. It was noted that John Recchio, Maintenance Foreman, has worked with Tower in the past. It was also noted that Loftus is a Carnegie-based company. Director Walkowiak said he recognizes the comfort level Mr. Recchio has with Tower yet sees the overall process as a way to address facility needs in a more concise manner as well as moving forward in a quicker fashion. The majority of board members said they favored Loftus and proceeded to vote on the following three items in one motion:</i></p> <p>Director Tassaro moved, seconded by Director Schriver, to approve the Loftus proposal for the scope of work to replace the high school cooling tower as presented; (Finance Item #0412-11)</p> <p>The Loftus proposal for the scope of work to replace the high school domestic hot water heater as submitted; (Finance Item #0412-12)</p> <p>And the Loftus proposal for the scope of work to replace the Carnegie Elementary sewage pump as submitted. (Finance Item #0412-13) By a ROLL CALL VOTE, the motion carried 9-0.</p>	<p>Proposal – High School Cooling Tower</p> <p>Proposal – High School Domestic Hot Water Heater</p> <p>Proposal – Carnegie Elementary Sewage Pump</p>
<p>III. Personnel</p> <p>Director Tassaro moved, seconded by Director Schell, to approve the addition to the 2011-2012 Activities Supplemental List as presented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cynthia Dougherty, Instrumental Musical Assistant (Personnel Item #0412-01) <p>The additions to the 2011-2012 Day-to-Day Substitute List as presented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Joy Evans, Elementary K-6 ▪ Anne Fischer, Elementary K-6 ▪ Carolyn Huehn, Custodian ▪ Robert Valentine, Custodian <p style="margin-left: 400px;">} <i>Ratify; Start date April 10, 2012</i></p> <p>(Personnel Item #0412-02)</p> <p>Elise Petraglia for the position of general food worker at Carnegie Elementary School, under the terms and conditions of the Secretarial, Cafeteria, Aides Bargaining Unit Agreement; (Personnel Item #0412-03)</p>	<p>Addition to the 2011-2012 Athletic Supplemental List</p> <p>Additional Day-to-Day Substitutes</p> <p>Carnegie Cafeteria Worker – Elise Petraglia</p>

Professional Employee Contracts to Rachel Foltz and Meredith Kladakis for completing three years of satisfactory service per the terms and conditions of the Carlynton Federation of Teachers Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement;

An intermittent leave of absence for employee #CFT12-08 as presented; (Personnel Item #0412-04)

And the retirement of maintenance person Dale Woodhall, effective August 2, 2012, with the last day of work ending June 29, 2012, per the terms and conditions of the Custodial-Maintenance Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement. (Personnel Item #0412-05) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 9-0.**

IV. Student Services

Director Wilson moved, seconded by Director Appel, to approve Leonna Smalley as an additional bus driver as recommended by the transportation director and Student Transportation of America (STA). (Student Services Item #0412-01) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 9-0.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: *Director Hughan proposed that the superintendent begin working on the strategic plan.*

Director Schell asked that a letter be drafted and sent out to Rosslyn Farms residents to inform them of the questionnaire. President Roussos said he would work with Dr. Dimperio to prepare a letter.

Director Walkowiak, referring to the document about upgrades to the high school cafeteria, said he is not surprised by some of the suggestions. He said he would like to hear from the maintenance staff about the equipment and also from Deena Mitchell, adding that the board has to direct money toward that which is feasible within the money available. Director Hughan asked if any upgrades would be done to the elementary cafeterias. Dr. Dimperio said the improvement to the high school cafeteria will affect the elementary food service. There was some discussion about the best ways to use the available funds. Director Schriver said there is some urgency since there is only 10 weeks remaining to spend the money.

NEW BUSINESS: *None*

OPEN FORUM: *Carnegie Mayor Jack Kobistek complimented Grades 9 and 10 for the community service work throughout the communities. He said he also believes the board did an excellent job at including the stakeholders during the superintendent selection.*

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business to discuss, Director Hughan moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 pm, seconded by Director Wilson. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 9-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kirby Christy, Board Secretary

Michale Herrmann, Recording Secretary

Professional Employee
Contracts – Foltz and Kladakis

Intermittent Leave of Absence

Retirement – Dale Woodhall

Additional Bus Driver - STA