

CARLYNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
Agenda/Committee/Voting Meeting
May 3, 2012
Carlynton Jr.-Sr. High School Library – 7:30 p.m.

MINUTES

The Carlynton School District Board of Education held its Agenda Setting/Committee/Voting Meeting May 3, 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, Sandra Hughan, Nyra Schell, Patti Schirripa, Jim Schriver and Sharon Wilson. Also present was Acting Superintendent Joseph Dimperio, Solicitor Christina Lane, 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 9 individuals and two members of the press.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE and ROLL CALL: *The pledge was led by Carnegie Elementary students Faith Aliano and Ziad Connolly. The roll was called by Recording Secretary Michale Herrmann; Director Walkowiak was absent.*

PUBLIC COMMENT ON BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD: *None*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Director Hughan moved, seconded by Director Wilson, to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2012 Regular Voting Meeting as presented, *with a change to strike Dr. Maslyk's name in the top paragraph and replace it with Dr. Wolf. By a voice vote, the motion carried 8-0.*

Minutes – April 12, 2012

REPORTS:

- Executive Session – *President Roussos said legal, personnel and contractual matters were discussed in the closed session.*
- Administrative Reports
 - Superintendent's Report – *Dr. Dimperio reported that the band has been selected to perform at PNC Park in September; he also stated the district followed procedure during a bomb scare earlier in the week, adding that the incident is a serious matter with serious consequences*
 - Principals' Reports – *The principals distributed newsletters and spoke about some of the more exciting things taking place in the schools. Dr. Wolf said Crafton held an effective assembly about cyber bullying*
 - Director of Pupil Services' Report – *Mrs. Myford called attention to the Pupil Services Committee Meeting, slated for May 11*
 - Business Manager Report – *Mr. Christy reported the state gambling funds have been released; the district will receive several dollars less than last year: \$557,896. The assessment value is \$7,093.*

• Committee Reports

- ✓The minutes of the Parkway West CTC Joint Operating Committee of March 6, 2012 were entered into record as submitted. (SC Item #0512-01)
- *Dr. Dimperio offered a SHASDA report on behalf of Director Schirripa; he stated it was a wonderful conference with 24 participating school districts. Two Carlynton seniors, Danielle Lukaszewicz and Johnathan Snatchko, were honored. Director Wilson said the conference was incredible and Mary Margaret Kerr was the keynote speaker. She passed out programs for all.*
- *Director Hughan provided a report for Parkway West CTC. She said all three budgets were passed by all districts. 573 students from Carlynton are enrolled for the 2012-13 school year. A task force study is to be conducted; and the senior recognition program will be held in early June.*

Secretary's Correspondence

I. Miscellaneous

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

- C...Recchio/Dulick...Heinz Field...Turf Standards Workshop...4/24
- C...C.Eddy...AIU...Media Coordinator Event...5/3
- C...Sweeney/Pruss...AIU...Transportation of Homeless Summit...6/8
- FT...Nagorski/Rex...Wheeling Jesuit Challenger Ctr...Space Ctr...5/1
- FT...R. Pedersen...Carnegie Honors Band to Crafton...Rehearsal...5/1
- FT...R.Foltz +...Gettysburg...Ninth Grade American Cultures...5/9
- FT...F.Zebrasky...Noble Manor Lanes...Out-based Instruction...5/9
- FT...MBVeri...Crafton...Carnegie GATE to Crafton/Business Lunch...5/9
- FT...Clark/Dobson/Sapsara...National Aviary...Birds & Habitats...5/22
- FT...Nagorski/Rex...Carlynton HS...Sixth Grade Orientation...5/23
- FT...F.Zebrasky...CVHS...Life Skills Prom...5/29
- FT...Carnegie Gr. 2...Pgh Zoo & Aquarium...Wildlife, Plants & Habitats ...5/29
- FT...Crafton Gr. 1 & 6 ...Oakwood Park...Study Buddies Picnic...5/30
- FT...Crafton Gr. 3...Beechwood Farms Reserve...Watersheds...6/6
- C...R.Donovan...AIU...PennData Child Count...5/9
- C...M.Sywy...Bethel Park...ProSoft Technologies/Payroll...5/17
- C...C.Rex...Central Elem/Hampton SD...Science Olympiad...5/31
- C...N.Kelly...Central Elem/Hampton SD...Science Olympiad...5/31
- FT...Longo/Zebrasky...Carnegie/Crafton Elem...Puppet Shows...5/14
- FT...B.Chenette...Marion Manor...Choral Program...5/21
- FT...T.Obidowski...Carnegie...Memorial Day Parade...5/27
- FT...T.Obidowski...Crafton...Memorial Day Parade...5/28
- FT...C.Rex...South Fayette...Challenge by Choice w/ 6th graders...6/4
- FT...T.Obidowski...PNC Park...Band to perform National Anthem...9/5

(Miscellaneous Item #0512-01 REVISED)

By a voice vote, the motion carried 8-0.

Conference and Field Trip Requests

II. Finance

Director Wilson moved, seconded by Director Hughan, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of March 2012 as presented;

The March 2012 bills in the amount of \$1,932,286.87 as presented;

The March 2012 Athletic Fund Report with an ending balance of \$10,714.99 as submitted; (Finance Item #0512-01)

The March 2012 Activities Fund Report with an ending balance of \$46,051.52; (Finance Item #0512-02)

The contract agreement between the district and Northeastern Educational Intermediate Unit for Programs and Services for the 2012-2013 school year as presented; (Finance Item #0512-03)

The Letter of Agreement between the district and St. Philip Elementary School to reflect a reduction in funding of Title I services for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year or June 30, 2012. This is due to a reduction of Title 1 funding; (Finance Item #0512-04)

And the Letter of Agreement between the district and Three Hierarchs of the Eastern Orthodox School in Heidelberg to reflect a reduction in funding of Title I services for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year or June 30, 2012. This is due to a reduction of Title 1 funding. (Finance Item #0512-05)

By a voice vote, the motion carried 8-0.

III. Personnel

Director Tassaro moved, seconded by Director Hughan, to approve the additions to the 2011-2012 Day-to-Day Substitute List as presented:

- Lee Szymkiewicz, Biology
- Caitlin McManus, English 7-12
- Melissa Uram, Elementary
(Personnel Item #0512-01 REVISED)

The deletions to the 2011-2012 Athletic Supplemental List as presented and to post for said openings:

- Kevin Trost – Boys' Varsity Head Basketball / resigning
- Megan Carpenter – Girls' Varsity Assistant Volleyball / resigning
- Jason Knox – Boys' Varsity Head Wrestling/ resigning
(Personnel Item #0512-02)

The names of those coaches returning to positions for the 2012-2013 Athletic Supplemental List as presented:

- Richard Griffin – Girls' Varsity Head Basketball Coach
- MaryCay Dunmyer – Bowling, Boys/Girls
- Samantha Wooster – Jr. Varsity Cheerleading Coach
- Rachel Smith – Varsity Cheerleading Coach
- Terry George – Varsity Head Football
- Kimberly Steiner-Squires – Girls' Varsity Assistant Soccer Coach
- Jocelyn Rowe – Girls' Varsity Head Soccer Coach
- Susan Brossman – Varsity Assistant Swimming Coach
- Caitlin McManus – Varsity Head Swimming Coach
- James Glaser – Girls' Varsity Head Tennis Coach

Treasurer's Report – March 2012

March 2012 Bills

Athletic Fund Report – March 2012

Activities Fund Report – March 2012

NEIU19 Program and Services Agreement

LOA – Title I Funding Reduction: St. Philips

LOA – Title I Funding Reduction: THEOS

Additions to the Day-to-Day Substitute List

Deletions to the 2011-2012 Athletic Supplemental List

Returning Coaches – 2012-2013 Athletic Supplemental List

- Emily Tupi – Varsity Head Volleyball Coach
(Personnel Item #0512-03 REVISED)

The letter of resignation from Carnegie Elementary teacher Heather Casserly, who is currently on an unpaid child rearing leave, effective May 4, 2012. (Personnel Item #0512-04)

The 2011-2012 Leave of Absence for Employee #CFT12-09 as presented; (Personnel Item #0512-05)

The 2012-2013 Leaves of Absence for Employees #CFT12-01, #CFT12-02 and #CFT12-03 as presented; (Personnel Item #0512-06)

A Summer Reading and Writing Support program for students in grades four through 12. The program will be held for four (4) weeks beginning June 25, 2012 and end July 20, 2012. Each session will begin at 8:00 am and end at 12:00 pm. The posting for two (2) Special Education teachers would be required; teachers would be compensated at the per diem rate. (Personnel Item #0512-07)

Director Schell noted that this program is offered with ACCESS funds. Mrs. Myford said it was funded in the past by Stimulus funding, but will now fall under ACCESS. The purpose of the summer program is to maintain reading progress throughout the summer for those in remedial programs during the school year.

And a summer Extended School Year program for one student in grades four. Program would include a total of 10 hours of instructional time with one Special Education teacher required and compensating at the per diem rate. (Personnel Item #0512-08) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 8-0.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Director Schell asked for a report about the process with the proposed action by Rosslyn Farms to secede. President Roussos said the surveys have been submitted to the state and all parties are now given a chance to respond to each of the surveys. Once a review is completed of all three submissions, a letter will be drafted to inform the public.

Director Schell asked for an update on the cafeteria upgrades. Dr. Dimperio said he hopes to have something to present for the next meeting.

Director Schell asked about the Keystone Exams. Dr. Susini said the process is still rather ambiguous. He would prefer to wait a year or so to see how things “shake out.”

Director Schell suggested the facility usage policy be discussed and reviewed for consistency. President Roussos asked Director Schell to consider taking a closer look and bringing some definitive improvements before the board.

Director Schriver said the outdoor temperatures have made the indoor temperatures in the elementary schools somewhat intolerable. He asked the board to consider some short term fixes with eventual long term improvements. Dr. Dimperio said the custodial staff has been given a procedure to follow on days when higher temps are forecasted and children and staff have been told to dress in lighter clothing. President Roussos said the heat has been a

Resignation – Heather Casserly

Leave of Absence 2011-2012

Leaves of Absence 2012-2013

Summer 2012 Reading and Writing Program

Summer 2012 ESY Program

continuous issue; it can obviously have an impact on learning, so some creative solutions must be developed. Director Schriver said it is reasonable to identify some short term issues while not impacting larger issues. Going on, he said he hopes, as plans are made for building improvements, some are recognizable rather than hidden behind walls and ceilings. He called attention to the carpeting on the walls of Crafton Elementary and the air quality on the lower levels of Carnegie Elementary. Director Tassaro said John Recchio is working on a “summer list” and the board can continue to talk with Mr. Recchio about what and how things can be addressed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion:

Gift from the Carnegie Elementary School PTA of 27-30 8GB iPod Touches at an approximate cost of \$5,500. To add to this gift, the district could consider the purchase of a cart to hold and store the iPods at a cost of \$2,200 and purchase the Apple Care Protection Plan in the approximate amount of \$1,700.

President Roussos commented on the generous donation from the PTA. Board members questioned iPods versus iPads. Robert Mickolay, Technology Director, said the iPods provide the most bang for the buck. Principal Carla Hudson said they are perfect for small hands and are used for math facts, language builders and they improve motor skills. Director Appel suggested Mr. Mickolay look at pricing differences and compare values. There was discussion about synchronization of software and warranties. Director Hughan questioned the warranty package and if the hardware would be purchased at an educational rate. President Roussos suggested putting money aside for a protection plan versus paying the money upfront since Apple has a great reputation and Mr. Mickolay admitted the hardware seldom needs repair in the first couple years. It was ultimately agreed to have Mrs. Hudson speak to staff to determine the most effective purchase (iPods or iPads).

PSBA – Charter and Cyber Schools –

An example of a resolution adopted by Bethel Park to support reform for funding of Charter and Cyber Schools was presented. Dr. Dimperio said he will have Kirby Christy provide our costs and compare. Off the top of his head, Mr. Christy said the district pays close to \$600,000 per year for students within the district who attend Charter or Cyber Schools. Director Schell noted that home districts have no say in the curriculum of these schools, yet it is approved by PDE. Director Schriver said students attend these schools for the “benefits” per their individual needs.

Director Hughan asked when budget discussion will begin. Dr. Dimperio said he and Mr. Christy have been spending much time on the budget and he hopes to have some options for the board by next week. Director Hughan asked if budget meetings would be held. President Roussos said a preliminary budget will be on the May 17 agenda; discussions and analyzing can begin once this is available. Board members were encouraged to bring their calendars to the next meeting to determine the best days to review and discuss the budget.

OPEN FORUM: *Rosslyn Farms resident Jeremy Meyer spoke of the progress his children have made while attending Carlynton schools. He said they have been engaged and challenged and the teachers are caring. In contrast, he said he is*

appalled by the workings of some Rosslyn Farms residents to undermine and secede from the district. In his final comments, he asked Director Schirripa to step down as a school board member, alluding to irresponsible behavior as a school director.

Crafton resident Linda Sheariss, a representative for the Wrapped in Love Foundation, thanked members of the National Honor and National Junior Honor Societies for making 54 blankets for the foundation. She said the organization was thrilled to have young people making the blankets.

Director Wilson called attention to an upcoming book fair at the Crafton Library and the Relay for Life, June 16. Going in a different direction, Director Wilson said board members serve the district with various talents, but seldom do they hold educational degrees. She offered that many entities, such as the AIU and PSBA, offer professional development opportunities for board members. The opportunities provide a poignant reminder of the purpose of a school director, she encouraged everyone to take advantage of these opportunities when presented.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business to discuss, Director Hughan moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 pm, seconded by Director Schriver. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 8-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kirby Christy, Board Secretary

Michale Herrmann, Recording Secretary