

CARLYNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Regular Voting Meeting

May 17, 2012

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

MINUTES

The Carlynton School District Board of Education held its Regular Voting Meeting May 17, 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, Jim Schriver and Sharon Wilson. Also present was Acting Superintendent Joseph Dimperio, Solicitor Bill Andrews, Business Manager Kirby Christy, principals Laura Burns, Carla Hudson and Robert Susini, and Director of Pupil Services Lee Myford. The audience was comprised of 20 individuals and two members of the press.

CALL TO ORDER – President Roussos called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE and ROLL CALL: The pledge was led by Carnegie Elementary student Kaytlin Stevens. The roll was called by Recording Secretary Michale Herrmann; Directors Schirripa and Walkowiak were absent.

PRESENTATION: President Roussos introduced Jan Brimmeier and Joe Spagnuolo from Architectural Innovations and provided an overview to explain the district-wide works in progress to facilities and grounds. Brimmeier and Spagnuolo spoke about the Carnegie Elementary Back Fill and Window Walls and Crafton Elementary Roof. Spagnuolo discussed the wall design with reinforcement, adding that the work should begin June 11. He then reviewed the scope of work with the Carnegie Elementary roof. Director Tassaro asked about a white roof for better heat reflection. Spagnuolo said a white roof is a bit more costly and that a black roof is better for this area's climate. He went on to say that a rigid insulation to withstand heat has been incorporated into the specs. Some board members said they would like to see a white roof option. Director Schriver asked about ventilation, asking if a large ventilation fan could be added to the specs. Spagnuolo said it could, but cautioned that the additions could back up the time line for work. He did say that because the roof is contained, work could be done while students are in school. Discussion turned again to the window wall replacement at Carnegie for a better understanding of ventilation and a determination as to whether the specs would allow for sunlight into the lower classrooms affected by the wall.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: Two district retirees were recognized and honored for their years of service: Betsy Kohl and Janet Supko. President Roussos read a biography about each teacher and presented them with certificates. Two other retirees, Janet Loos and Dale Woodhall were recognized, although they were not present. The board recessed for 15 minutes to enjoy refreshments with the honorees; the meeting resumed at 8:35 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Director Appel moved, seconded by Director Wilson, to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2012 Agenda Setting/Committee/Voting Meeting as presented.

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

Director Schriver asked for clarification under the Business Manager Report, to which Mr. Christy explained the assessment value with the reduction of the homestead refund.

REPORTS:

- Executive Session – President Roussos said personnel, contractual and legal matters were discussed in the closed session.
- Administrative Reports – Dr. Dimperio
 - Superintendent's Report – Dr. Dimperio said he would forego a report due to the presentation and retirement recognition
 - Business Manager Report – Mr. Christy announced that an audit by the State General's Office would begin the following week and will focus on the years 2008-2009 and 2009-2010.
- Committee Reports
 - ✓ The minutes of the Parkway West CTC Joint Operating Committee of April 3, 2012 were entered into record as submitted. (SC Item #0512-01)
 - Pathfinder Report – Director Wilson said 89 students were enrolled for next year. Six are graduating this year. Landscaping with wheel chair paths on school grounds was being completed as Eagle Scout projects. The school has received the Anne Sullivan Award of \$600,000.
 - Parkway West CTC Report – Director Hughan covered the meeting for Mr. Walkowiak. She said 570 students are enrolled for next year; an online auction will be held to sell some surplus items; and the senior recognition program will be held at Montour High School on June 6.
 - PSBA-Legislative – Director Schell stated that a proposed senate bill could reinstate the Accountability Block Grant; science standards have been proposed; and PSBA has decided not to offer services to charter/cyber schools.

BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD:

I. Miscellaneous

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

- C...B.Palonis...Cincinnati, OH...AP Science Workshop...6/4-8
- C...M.Sywy...Prosoft...Year-End Figures Workshop...6/13
- C...R.Susini...IU 1, 3, 7...Continuing Ed...2/11-12/13; 3/18-19/13; 5/14-15/13 and 6/19-20/13
- FT...Carnegie Gr. 6...High School...Orientation...5/23
- FT...M.Mishkin...Crafton UP Church...Food Bank Work...6/4
- C...Mickolay/Sacco...Marriott City Ctr...VMWare Solutions...5/31

Minutes of the May 3, 2012 Meeting

Conference and Field Trip Requests

(Miscellaneous Item #0512-01 REVISED)

Resolution No. 448-12 to support reform of the Charter and Cyber Charter School Funding Formula by the Board of School Directors of the Carlynton School District; (Miscellaneous Item #0512-02)

*All board members were in favor of reformation. Director Hughan said, “It’s about time we take a stand. This is an injustice to taxpayers.” Director Schell agreed the funding is unfair. She asked if the resolution should refer to “charter and cyber charter schools” in every place that stated only charter schools. It was agreed that it should and the motion was amended: Director Schell moved, seconded by Director Hughan, to reference “Charter and Cyber Charter Schools” throughout the resolution. **By a voice vote, the amendment carried 7-0.***

*And the discarding of an old Zenith 48” television at Crafton Elementary that is no longer in working condition. (Miscellaneous Item #0512-03) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.***

II. Finance

Director Wilson moved, seconded by Director Schriver, to approve the Treasurer’s Report for the month of April 2012 as presented;

The April 2012 bills in the amount of \$1,673,131.74 as presented;

The Real Estate Tax Refund for the Borough of Carnegie as presented; (Finance Item #512-01)

The March 2012 Cafeteria Operating Report as presented by Aramark Education Services; (Finance Item #0512-02)

The one-year renewal agreement with Aramark Educational Services as food service provider for the district for the 2012-2013 school year as presented; (Finance Item #0512-03)

*And increase school meal prices for the 2012-2013 school year to remain in compliance with The Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act of 2010 or Paid Lunch Equity mandate as presented. Elementary lunches will increase by five (5) cents; the secondary Grille Line will increase by ten (10) cents and the Works and Pizza Lines will increase by five (5) cents; (Finance Item #0512-04) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.***

President Roussos said the meal price increase is a mandated measure to cover expenses of stringent guidelines with meals. Food Service Director Deena Mitchell said the program was spearheaded by Michelle Obama.

Director Appel moved, seconded by Director Wilson, to approve the 2012-2013 proposed final budget in the amount of \$24,999,583 (Option 3) with a millage rate of 23.15 and to advertise the proposed final budget for a period of 30 days prior to the adoption of the annual budget. This amount represents no increase to the current millage rate. **By a ROLL CALL VOTE, the motion carried 6-1, with Director Hughan voting NO.**

Prior to voting, President Roussos said the preliminary budget will be available for public review for a minimum of 30 days and it can be

Resolution 448-12 – Charter and Cyber Charter Funding Reform

Discard Old Television

Treasurer’s Report – April 2011

April 2012 Bills

RE Tax Refund - Carnegie

March 2012 Cafeteria Operating Report

Renewal Agreement with Aramark

Increase in School Meal Prices for 2012-2013

2012-2013 Proposed Final Budget

modified before the final vote June 30.

Director Hughan asked what would happen to the budget if the effort of Rosslyn Farms residents to secede was successful. Solicitor Bill Andrews said he does not believe there is educational merit for the secession, but should it occur, the budget and fund balance would remain with the district through the 2012-2-13 school year budget. Solicitor Andrews said the secession process would most likely not hit the district for five or more years, due to appeals and other measures.

Director Hughan said she took exception to items in the budget such as a new truck with snow plow, an LED sign, and funding for the addition of staff. Dr. Dimperio said the items are presented in the budget but may not necessarily be approved. President Roussos said the funds are in place should the new superintendent see a need to add staff, though presently, it is not foreseeable.

President Roussos asked Mr. Christy if he estimates a surplus to the present budget. He offered a “conservative” surplus figure of \$500,000. Director Hughan asked if the district will receive monies back once the state budget is approved; Mr. Christy said he could not say for certain since the budget has yet to pass, but historically, the district does receive funding.

Director Schell said the board has always been austere with the budget and she is in favor of using the larger number or option for the budget. She said the budget is a good starting point, especially if monies are used for staffing. Dr. Dimperio said funding could be used for additional staffing support to address curriculum standards to help students reach academic goals.

Director Schriver said he wants to uphold fiscal responsibilities, but there are monies to spend and both facility and academic issues need to be addressed. Director Hughan said “having millions in our coffers is not fair to those in our district who struggle.” President Roussos agreed, saying the district needs to use the fund balance and invest in facilities. Rather than borrowing, the board can use these monies for facility upgrades, while recognizing it is the money of the taxpayer and remain prudent. Director Schriver agreed, saying that by thoughtfully using the taxpayer money for improvements, the improvements will last for years ahead. Director Schriver said addressing these facility needs and avoiding interest payments – which would have been unavoidable with the former plan to build an elementary school, is the wiser thing to do. Director Hughan asked if the new superintendent has been kept in the loop. Dr. Dimperio said yes, adding that he will be meeting again with Mr. Peiffer.

President Roussos then asked if Option 3 was the board’s favored option. He said the budget could be reviewed further and discussed. He noted that Option 3 did not include a tax increase. Director Schell agreed, stating she felt it better to go higher and then possibly lower the amount after review, adding it may cause suspicion should they use a lower option and then have to raise the budget. The roll call vote was then held.

Director Tassaró moved, seconded by Director Schriver, to approve the purchase of eight (8) chairs for the high school library at an approximate cost of \$1,600, and the purchase of a kiln for the art room at Crafton Elementary at an approximate cost of \$3,000;

Director Appel asked if the cost of the kiln included removal and installation, to which Dr. Dimperio said “yes.”

Award the bid for the Carnegie Elementary Front Area Window Way Wall to Gary Metzinger Cement Contractor, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder, at a base bid amount of \$84,500, as submitted, and the possible unit pricing for additional work as presented; (Finance Item #0512-05)

Director Appel questioned the reference to terra cotta pipes and cameras within the scope of work; Dr. Dimperio said it was a protective measure for the drainage system.

The Memorandum of Understanding regarding the retirement option for employer contributions to the Employee 403(b) Plan, as presented; (Finance Item #0512-06)

The proposal as submitted by Curran Taylor, Inc., for the design to the high school cafeteria service lines at a cost not to exceed \$1,900 as presented; (Finance Item #0512-07)

The Allegheny Intermediate Unit’s Notice of Adoption Policies, Procedures and Use of Funds as part of the IDEIA Application for the 2012-2013 school year as presented; (Finance Item #0512-08)

The Real Estate Tax Refunds for the Borough of Crafton as presented; (Finance Item #0512-09)

The Earned Income Tax Refunds for the Borough of Rosslyn Farms as presented; (Finance Item #0512-10)

The Request for Proposal packet from Loftus Engineering for the domestic hot water tank at the high school and to advertise for bids, subject to adjustments as needed and approved by administration;

The Request for Proposal packet from Loftus Engineering packet for the sanitary tank system at Carnegie Elementary to advertise for bids, subject to adjustments as needed and approved by administration. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

III. Personnel

Director Schell moved, seconded by Director Hughan, to approve the following persons to the 2012-2013 Activities Supplemental List as recommended and presented. All individuals are returning from the prior school year:

- Todd Obidowski, Band Director
- Brady Amerson, Assistant Band Director
- Adam Wazenegger, Assistant Band Director
- Rachel Smith, Sophomore Class Sponsor

Purchase of Library Chairs and Elementary Art Room Kiln

Carnegie Elementary Front Area Window Way Wall Bid

MOU – Employee 403(b) Option

Upgrades to HS Cafeteria

AIU’s Notice of Adoption Policies, Procedures and Use of Funds

Crafton RE Tax Refunds

Rosslyn Farms EIT Refund

RFP – Domestic Hot Water Tank at the HS

RFP – Sanitary Tank System at Carnegie Elementary

2012-13 Activities Supplemental Contracts

- Heidi Aitken, Carnegie Intramural Lunch
 - Diane Criste, Carnegie Intramural Lunch and Patrol Sponsor
 - Nicholas DeRoss, Crafton Intramural Lunch
 - Lori Dedola, Musical Producer
 - Mary Kay Smith, Musical Director/Drama Coach
 - Cynthia Eddy, National Honor Society
 - Renee Orlovsky, Carnegie Peer Sponsor
 - James Nagorski, Crafton Peer Sponsor
 - Tonilyn Longo, Play Director
 - Laura Begg, Senior High Student Government Sponsor
 - Marlynn Vayanos, Yearbook Sponsor
- (Personnel Item #0512-01)

Increase the hourly wage for summer custodial helpers from \$7.25 per hour to \$8.50 per hour;

The posting for the positions of three (3) Summer Maintenance Helpers and one (1) Summer Head Custodian for the period of June 11 through August 17, 2012, in accordance with the terms of the Custodial/Maintenance Collective Bargaining Agreement;

Director Hughan said she hopes preference is given to district residents.

Brian Harewicz and Andrea Harrity for the positions of Summer Reading and Writing teachers for the summer program beginning June 25 through July 20, 2012 for special education students. The teachers will be paid at the per diem rate under the terms of the Carlynton Federation of Teachers Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement; (Personnel Item #0512-02)

Lynsie Merglowski for the position of extended school year (ESY) special education teacher for one student at Carnegie Elementary for 10 hours, 2 hours per day. The teacher will be paid at the per diem rate under the terms of the Carlynton Federation of Teachers Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement; (Personnel Item #0512-03) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

Hourly Wage Increase –
Summer Custodian Helper

Postings - Summer 2012
Maintenance Helpers and
Summer Head Custodian

Summer Reading and Writing
Program Teachers – Brian
Harewicz and Andrea Harrity

ESY Program Teacher for 10
Hours – Lynsie Merglowski

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Purchase of iPods or iPads – Carnegie Elementary PTA / and cart
President Roussos said the board is excited about this gift. Principal Mrs. Hudson said after discussing the options with teachers, the iPads were overwhelmingly favored. It was noted the PTA would donate \$6,000 dollars; the iPads were sold in bundles of 10 for \$4,580, which included a three-year protection plan. A cart to hold the iPads would cost about \$2,000. Mrs. Hudson said that after costing it out, the cost to the district would be \$5,519 plus the cart, which would complete a set of 20 iPads on a mobile cart. The board will vote on the item at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: *Director Schell asked to hold off on discussion of the Facility Use Policy due to other priorities. She went on to ask if there was a need to schedule budget meetings. President Roussos suggested everyone review the budget packet and be prepared to schedule a meeting at the June 7 board*

meeting, should the meetings be necessary.

Director Schriver asked for updates on the Rosslyn Farms issue. Director Roussos said the district received a response from the Rosslyn Farms petitioners on May 7 and plans to respond by early June. Solicitor Andrews said his best guess for the next step in the process would be a preliminary decision, followed by a formal hearing with decision, and then appeals.

Director Schriver asked for a follow-up on the issue of heat in the elementary buildings. Dr. Dimperio explained the process of opening windows and turning on fans. He said he looks forward to meeting with Directors Tassaro and Walkowiak for further facility plans. Director Schriver said he would like to see a listing of long range plans.

President Roussos asked the board if they saw any benefit to holding a retreat of sorts with the new superintendent to discuss plans, accomplishments and goals.

Director Hughan asked when the board could bring their personal lap tops to the meetings and eliminate the waste of paper.

OPEN FORUM: *Director Wilson complimented students and staff on the band and choral concerts. She went on to say there are tremendous facility needs in all three buildings, but the number one responsibility of a school is to educate students. She said she does not want programs and staffing to be left out when discussing the budgetary needs. Director Schell complimented the chalk art drawings. Director Appel called attention to the career presentation at Carnegie Elementary with a Life Flight helicopter and staff; he added the students asked great questions.*

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business to discuss, Director Hughan moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 pm, seconded by Director Schriver. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kirby Christy, Board Secretary

Michale Herrmann, Recording Secretary