

CARLYNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Agenda Setting/Committee/Voting Meeting June 2, 2011 Carlynton Jr.-Sr. High School Library – 7:30 pm

MINUTES

The Carlynton School District Board of Education conducted its Agenda Setting/Committee/Voting Meeting on June 2, 2011 in the library of the junior-senior high school. Those in attendance included President Thomas Brown, Vice President Patricia Schirripa and School Directors Thomas DiPietro, Sandra Hughan, Ronald McCartney, Nyra Schell, Betsy Tassaró and Raymond Walkowiak. Also present was Superintendent Michael Panza, Solicitor Ira Weiss, Business Manager Kirby Christy and Principals Laura Burns, Jacie Maslyk, Robert Susini and Christopher Very. The audience was comprised of 10 individuals and two members of the press.

CALL TO ORDER - *The meeting was called to order by President Brown at 7:30 pm. Crafton Elementary second grader, Jonah Hunt, led the pledge.*

ROLL CALL – *The roll was called by Recording Secretary Michale Herrmann; Director Wilson was excused from the meeting.*

PUBLIC COMMENT ON BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD: *Crafton Councilman Dan Cindric said he believes there is a disconnect between the board and Crafton Borough Council. Referring to the motion on the agenda about the land survey, he stated that the money should be used to upgrade the current elementary schools. He went on to say that cutting the millage and the pending state budget cuts is making it more difficult for the new board. He encouraged the board to delay the vote on the survey bid and asked them to rethink reducing the millage. President Brown asked Mr. Cindric if he was speaking on his own behalf or representing council. Mr. Cindric said he was offering his own personal viewpoint. President Brown said the majority of the board approved the action to cut the millage and questioned why Mr. Cindric believed it was wrong. Mr. Cindric said he believed the millage cut to be a “manipulative political move.” Director Schirripa asked Mr. Cindric about a judgment against Crafton Borough. Mr. Cindric denied it. At this point, Director Schell asked for the discourse to end. She went on to state that citizens have a right to voice their opinion; the board should listen and move on, whether they agree or disagree.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

President Brown called attention to some changes to the minutes and suggested they be tabled to allow time for board members to review.

*Director Walkowiak moved to table the minutes of the May 19, 2011 Agenda Setting/Committee/Voting Meeting as presented, seconded by Director Hughan. **By a voice vote, the motion to TABLE was approved 8-0.***

REPORTS:

- **Executive Session** – *President Brown stated that employment, legal and labor issues were discussed in executive session, all within the guidelines of board policy.*

- **Principals’ Reports** – *The principals mentioned highlights of activities and end of year events occurring in their buildings, as*

Minutes of the May 19, 2011
Meeting

well as some recent student achievements.

- Director of Pupil Services' Report – *Mrs. Myford presented a report about the State Performance Plan*
- Business Manager Report – *Mr. Christy, in reference to the budget, offered an explanation of staffing numbers and salaries in the gifted support department*
- Superintendent's Report – *Dr. Panza reviewed the calendar of upcoming events and asked permission to dismiss the elementary schools after lunch on the last day of school. This was recommended because the high school students are dismissed early on the days of finals, allowing more time for studying and preparation. Other news: Textbooks, recommended for next year, are on display in the board conference room; RFP's for the running track replacement were distributed; Retirees will be invited to the meeting of June 30 for recognition; Plans for the upcoming band festival include inviting alumni. The planners also asked for permission to provide a fireworks display and a sky diver. Dr. Panza is checking with the insurance company. The Crafton Elementary sixth grade gift of a bike rack was approved by the solicitor; The playground equipment at both elementary sites will be inspected this summer; June 9th will be a budget meeting, starting at 6 pm in the high school library; The Crafton building inspector has given a verbal "okay" to use the Crafton Elementary balcony in the auditorium. Director DiPietro and Schirripa asked that something be provided in writing before using the balcony. Director Walkowiak asked the solicitor if the verbal consent is considered suitable. Solicitor Weiss said a written letter is best, but if he has given verbal consent, the balcony can be available for use.*

BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD:

I. Miscellaneous

Director DiPietro moved, seconded by Director McCartney, to approve the Kennedy School of Driving program for the 2011-2012 school year for the students of the district, which is to include theory, behind-the-wheel instruction, and certification. This course will be offered at no cost to the district. (Miscellaneous Item #0611-01) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 8-0.**

Director McCartney asked if the class would be available to students outside the district. Dr. Panza said students of the district are given the first option; any open seats are then available to the general public. Director Tassaro questioned the "no cost to the district" clause, asking if there was a cost to students. Dr. Panza said there will be a fee for students to take the class, but no cost to the district in terms of posters or flyers, which will be provided by the driving school. The driving school will also rent a room per the facility usage policy. Director Schell asked when the classes will begin and Dr. Panza said the classes will be offered in the fall.

II. Finance

Director Schirripa moved, seconded by Director McCartney, to approve a three-year Athletic Training Services Agreement through Nova Care Rehabilitation as presented. The agreement includes one athletic trainer for

Kennedy School of Driving
Program for 2011-2012

Athletic Trainer Agreement
for Three Years

forty (40) hours per week, up to six (6) days per week, as dictated by the Athletic Director. Terms of payment are as follows:

- 2011-2012 - \$31,000
- 2012-2013 - \$31,500
- 2013-2014 - \$32,000 (Finance Item #0611-01)

The Request for Services Agreement between the district and Holy Family Learning/Emsworth Campus School for the 2011-2012 school year as presented. Costs are incurred only when services are rendered; (Finance Item #0611-02)

The Educational Services Agreement between the district and the Allegheny Intermediate Unit for special educational services for the 2011-2012 school year as presented. Costs are incurred only when services are rendered; (Finance Item #0611-03)

And the Speech-Language Pathologist Agreement between the district and Evelyn M. Bainbridge, certified speech-language pathologist, as presented, at a rate of \$60 per hour. (Finance Item #0611-05) **By a ROLL CALL VOTE, the motion carried 8-0.**

President Brown moved, seconded by Director McCartney, to approve the front sidewalk replacement bid submitted by Sangro, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder, at a cost not to exceed \$7,800; (Finance Item #0611-06)

The front sidewalk replacement, Alternate 1 bid, submitted by Sangro, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder, at a cost not to exceed \$11,170; (Finance Item #0611-07)

And the front sidewalk replacement, Alternate 2 bid, submitted by Sangro, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder, at a cost not to exceed \$9,788. (Finance Item #0611-08) **By a ROLL CALL VOTE, the motion carried 8-0.**

Dr. Panza said the total cost for sidewalk repair came in at \$28,758, well under the budgeted \$45,000. Director Tassaro asked if the sidewalk near the pool could be included because the bids came in under budget. Solicitor Weiss said a change order could be considered; President Brown said the area in need would not need to be rebid if the project could be included in a change order. Solicitor Weiss said he was inclined to agree because it was related work. Director Walkowiak asked about the curbing areas along the sidewalk and was told by Dr. Panza that John Recchio indicated that he and his staff would complete that work.

Director Hughan moved, seconded by Director McCartney, to approve the Topographical and Reconnaissance Wetland Survey bid submitted by Mackin Engineering Company, the lowest responsible bidder, at a cost not to exceed \$8,600; (Finance Item #0611-04)

Director DiPietro asked why this motion was not considered in two motions; Dr. Panza explained the two are tied into one another. Director DiPietro said it might have been better to vote on this in two sections and suggested it makes more sense to table the motion. He went on to say that if a new elementary school is not constructed, the board is throwing money out the window. Director Schell said the

Request for Services – Holy Family Learning

Educational Services Agreement - AIU

Speech-Language Pathologist Agreement

Front Sidewalk Bid

Front Sidewalk Bid, Alternate 1

Front Sidewalk Bid, Alternate 2

Topographical and Reconnaissance Wetland Survey Bid

survey offers a definitive answer as to whether the site is suitable should the board decide to build, but she also understands the other viewpoint.

With that said, Director Tassaro moved, seconded by Director Walkowiak to TABLE the motion on the floor. **By a ROLL CALL VOTE, the motion to table carried 7-1 with Director McCartney voting NO.**

III. Personnel

Director McCartney moved, seconded by Director Hughan, to approve the following additions to the 2011-2012 Athletic Supplemental List as recommended and presented:

- Kevin Trost – Varsity Head Boys’ Basketball
- Mary Cay Dunmyer – Bowling Coach
(Personnel Item #0611-01)

The following additions to the 2011-2012 Activities Supplemental List as recommended and presented:

- Janet Loos – Audio-Visual Coordinator
- Rena Taylor – Auditorium Manager
- Todd Obidowski – Band Director
- Lori Dedola – Junior Class Sponsor and Musical Producer
- Mary Kay Smith – Senior Class Sponsor and Musical Director
- Suzanne Meyer – Sophomore Class Sponsor
- Cynthia Eddy/Michelle Smoller – National Honor Society Co-Sponsors
- Cynthia Eddy/Michelle Smoller – National Junior Honor Society Co-Sponsors
- Diane Criste – Carnegie Intramurals and Carnegie Patrol Sponsor
- Heidi Aitken – Carnegie Intramurals
- Nicholas DeRoss – Crafton Intramurals
- Stephen Baldanzi – Musical Instrumental Assistant
- Janet Supko – Crafton Patrol Sponsor
- James Nagorski – Crafton Peer Sponsor
- Tonilyn Longo – Play Director
- Laura Begg – Senior High Student Council Sponsor
- Marlynn Vayanos – Yearbook Sponsor
(Personnel Item #0611-02)

The following individuals be employed as Summer Custodial Helpers for the period of June 13 through August 19, 2011:

- Daniel Lee
- Christopher Doyle
(Personnel Item #0611-03 REVISED)

And a Summer Extended School Year (ESY) program as presented with the positions listed below and to post for anticipated openings. Salary would be at the teacher’s per diem rate under the terms of the Carlynton Federation of Teachers Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement:

- 20 hours of instruction for an elementary student at Carnegie Elementary

2011-2012 Athletic
Supplemental Contracts

2011-2012 Activities
Supplemental Contracts

Additional Summer 2011
Custodial Helpers

Summer ESY Positions

- 24 hours of instruction for a secondary student at the student's residence
- 12 hours of instruction for a secondary student at the junior-senior high school
(Personnel Item #0611-04)

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

Director Walkowiak moved, seconded by Director Hughan to remove the following motion from the table: The following individuals for the positions of Summer Maintenance Helpers for the period of June 13 through August 19, 2011, in accordance with the terms of the Custodial/Maintenance Collective Bargaining Agreement and as presented:

- Greg Gazella
- Thomas Kelsey
- Gary Mitkoski
(Personnel Item #0611-06)

Director McCartney moved, seconded by Director DiPietro, moved to approved the above motion. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 8-0.**

It was explained that the motion was originally tabled pending a greater number of applicants as summer helpers.

Director McCartney moved, seconded by Director Hughan, to approve the posting for a District-wide Technology Coach for the 2011-2012 school year as presented; (Personnel Item #0611-05) **By a ROLL CALL VOTE, the motion carried 6-2, with Directors Schell and Tassaro voting NO.**

Prior to voting, there was discussion about the above motion. Director Schell said she had reservations with the work load and list of responsibilities. Director Tassaro suggested the motion be tabled until the budget meeting of June 9. President Brown noted that this action was only posting for a position. Director Tassaro commented that it implies that a position is being eliminated. She said the issue is with the timing and again asked for it to be tabled. Several board members said they were prepared to vote and action was then taken.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: *Director Schell announced she would not be available for the June 9 budget meeting and asked that money be set aside to take care of elementary school building needs. Director Walkowiak mentioned that when Director Schirripa presented her financial report in the prior month, she indicated that \$500,000 was set aside for updates to the elementary schools. Director Schell said the elementary needs should be a priority.*

NEW BUSINESS: *Director Hughan recalled a conversation from a past meeting regarding a suggestion to hire a mental health counselor. She said she found some special resources online through a CHIPs program that offers insurance coverage for children. She also learned the program intends to form partnerships with local communities and school districts. Director Hughan said*

that while online, she chatted with a representative from CHIPs and learned that the program provides benefits for mental health counseling. She passed the information along to Lee Myford and hoped Mrs. Myford would examine the program more closely.

*Remove from table: Summer
2011 Maintenance Helpers*

*District-wide Technology
Coach*

OPEN FORUM: *Carnegie Mayor Jack Kobistek said he attended an education meeting at Carnegie Elementary and the subject of online grading was discussed. He asked if the district has the capabilities. Dr. Panza said the capability is available but it becomes a contractual issue. Mr. Kobistek said he was stunned, adding that he believes the system would save time for the teachers and be advantageous to the district. He went on to say the district appears to be behind in online grading.*

In conclusion, Mr. Kobistek thanked Carnegie principal Christopher Very for his work in organizing career lunches for students throughout the school year.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further comments or business to discuss, Director Hugan moved, seconded by Director McCartney, to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 pm. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 8-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kirby Christy, Board Secretary

Michale Herrmann, Recording Secretary