

**CARLYNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Agenda Setting/Committee/Voting Meeting  
June 7, 2012  
Carlynton Jr.-Sr. High School Library – 7:30 pm**

**MINUTES**

The Carlynton School District Board of Education held its Agenda Setting/Committee/Voting Meeting June 7, 2012 in the library of the junior-senior high school. Those in attendance included President David Roussos and School Directors Joe Appel, Sandra Hughan, Nyra Schell, Patricia Schirripa, Jim Schriver, Ray Walkowiak 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 initially comprised of 12 individuals and two members of the press.

**CALL TO ORDER** – *President Roussos called the meeting to order at 7:43 pm. He apologized for the delay, indicating the discussion in the executive session went a little longer than expected.*

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE and ROLL CALL**: *Members of the elementary band, directed by Mr. Russ Pedersen, performed a patriotic number for the board and then led the pledge. The roll was called by Recording Secretary Michale Herrmann; Director Tassaro was absent.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD**: *In regards to an item on the agenda under “Finance” for the purchase of iPads, Carnegie Elementary PTA president Angela Zenone informed board members of an additional donation from the PTA for iPads in the amount of \$2500. Board members thanked her for the generous donation.*

**PRESENTATION**: *Jim Kosinski, one of the principles of Tower Engineering, addressed the board about options for an exhaust fan and/or cooling systems for the elementary buildings. Mr. Kosinski distributed a handout with a listing of five options. He offered the pros and cons of each option and the approximate costs for installation. After reviewing each option, he suggested Options 4 and 5 made the most sense for the elementary schools. Board members asked many questions and discussed timelines for the work from start to finish. When all was said and done, the board asked Mr. Kosinski to provide cost estimates for all three floors in both Carnegie and Crafton Elementary.*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Director Wilson moved, seconded by Director Appel, to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2012 Regular Voting Meeting as presented. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0-1 with Director Walkowiak abstaining due to absence.**

**REPORTS:**

- **Executive Session** – *President Roussos reported that personnel and potential litigation issues were discussed in the closed session.*

Minutes of the May 17, 2012 Meeting

- Administrative Reports – Dr. Dimperio
  - Principals’ Reports – *The principals provided hand-outs and touched on key events or honors*
  - Director of Pupil Services’ Report – *Mrs. Myford notified the board that some \$33,000 in contingency funds were reimbursed*
  - Pathfinder Report – *Director Wilson said the graduation ceremony at Pathfinder was special*
  - Parkway West CTC Report – *Director Walkowiak reminded all of the career camp in the summer. He also mentioned costs for the ACE program will be reduced by 26 percent and costs for the technical school will rise 1.2 percent. In closing, he said the committee gave the nod to operate the robotic course next year with only six individuals enrolled at this point.*

## **BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD:**

### **I. Miscellaneous**

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

- C...R.Susini...Pittsburgh...Writing/Core Standards...6/19
  - C...R.Susini...University of Pgh...Law Workshop...6/21
  - FT...T.Obidowski...Crafton...Crafton Celebrates Parade...7/2
- (Miscellaneous Item #0612-01 **REVISED**) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 8-0.**

Conference and Field Trip Requests

### **II. Finance**

Director Schriver moved, seconded by Director Walkowiak, to approve the Athletic Fund Report for the month of April with an ending balance of \$7,462.74 as presented; (Finance Item #0612-01)

April Athletic Fund Report

The Activities Fund Report for the month of April with an ending balance of \$54,193.43 as presented; (Finance Item #0612-02)

April Activities Fund Report

The purchase of twenty-five (25) iPads for Carnegie Elementary School with Apple Care Protection and a mobile iPad table cart at a total cost of \$13,659, less the donated amount of \$8,500 from the Carnegie Elementary PTA, for a district total cost of \$5,159; (Finance Item #0612-03)

iPads and Cart for Carnegie Elementary School

*Director Hughan asked if the money for the iPads was a designated line item in the past year’s budget. Mr. Christy said the money is available in the 2011-2012 budget.*

The April 2012 Cafeteria Operating Report as presented by Aramark Educational Services; (Finance Item #0612-04)

April 2012 Cafeteria Operating Report

The Speech-Language Pathologist Agreement between the district and Evelyn M. Bainbridge, certified speech-language pathologist, as presented, at a rate of \$65 per hour, for the 2012-2013 school year; (Finance Item #0612-05)

Speech-Language Pathologist Agreement

The Letters of Agreement for Student Assistance Program (SAP) services between the district and Chartiers Mental Health and Retardation Center, Inc., for the 2012-2013 school year as presented. No costs are incurred by the district for these services; (Finance Item #0612-06)

SAP Services Agreement

Resolution No. 2012-1 adopting the proposed 2012-2013 Administrative Budget of the South Central Area Special Schools (Pathfinder) Jointure operating budget, as submitted; (Finance Item #0612-07)

2012-2013 Pathfinder Budget

*Director Appel noticed a deficit in the Pathfinder budget. Director Hughan said the school rents out unused rooms to generate income. Mr. Christy said the district does not pay any fees because it is part of the consortium.*

The design specifications for upgrades to the junior-senior high school cafeteria as submitted by CurranTaylor; (Finance Item #0612-08)

Upgrades to HS Cafeteria - Design

And award the contract for construction upgrades to the junior-senior high school cafeteria to Color Point / Low Temp Industries, as per state contract, in the amount of \$215,000. Construction, supply materials and labor are included in this cost. (Finance Item #0612-09) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 8-0.**

Upgrades to HS Cafeteria – Construction / State Contract

*Mr. Christy explained the work is being funded by excess money or profit from the cafeteria fund. Currently, there is \$260,000 in the fund and the end of this budget year will add an additional \$44,000. Director Hughan asked why the district does not “give back” to students. Director Schell and Food Service Manager Deena Mitchell said the improvements in the cafeteria will make it better for the students at all grade levels.*

Director Wilson moved, seconded by Director Schriver to amend the minutes of June 2, 2011 to reflect an hourly rate of \$65 per hour for Evelyn Bainbridge, certified speech-language pathologist for the 2011-2012 school year;

Amendment to 2011-2012 Hourly Rate for Evelyn Bainbridge

The annual membership dues for affiliation with the University of Pittsburgh Tri-State Area School Study Council for the 2012-2013 school year in the amount of \$600; (Finance Item #0612-10)

Annual Membership Due – Tri-State Area School Study Council

*Director Hughan asked why the board is joining this organization. President Roussos said Tri-State managed the superintendent search. Dr. Dimperio said it will provide some local networking opportunities and symposiums. The organization also offers assistance with AYP issues and curriculum development.*

And continuation of special education services by the Allegheny Intermediate Unit for the 2012-2013 school year as presented; (Finance Item #0612-11) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 8-0.**

Continuation of AIU Services for the 2012-2013 School Year

Director Hughan moved, seconded by Director Wilson, to approve the purchases by the technology department to enhance technology district-wide with funds remaining in the 2011-2012 school year budget at an amount not to exceed \$70,000 as presented. (Finance Item #0612-12) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 8-0.**

Technology Purchases with Funds in 2011-2012 Budget

*Technology department heads Robert Mickolay and Frank Sacco explained the needs and reasoning for this purchase. Mr. Mickolay said*

*the money was not used from the 2011-2012 budget and was available; it had originally been designated for repair, but was not applied. Board members questioned why they were not given more time to review the spending of this large lump sum. Director Schell and President Roussos asked that processes and procedures of planning ahead be handled better within the technology department so the board would have a larger window to review and ask questions. It was explained that the urgency was due to e-rate qualifications and the hardware would be purchased through PEPPM or state contracts.*

### III. Personnel

Director Hughan moved, seconded by Director Schriver, to approve the following addition to the 2012-2013 Athletic Supplemental List as recommended and presented. This individual is returning from the prior school year:

- Tonya Temoff, Jr. High Cheerleader Coach  
(Personnel Item #0612-01)

The following addition and deletion to the 2012-2013 Activities Supplemental List as recommended and presented:

- Cynthia Eddy, Audio-Visual Coordinator and National Jr. Honor Society Sponsor
- Rachel Smith, *Resignation* - Sophomore Class Sponsor
- Carl Gore, Drum Instructor / Percussion
- Nina Kovanis, Crafton Elementary Patrol Sponsor
- Lynne Cramer, Junior High Student Government Sponsor  
(Personnel Item #0612-02)

The following individuals for the positions of Summer Maintenance Helpers for the period of June 11 through August 17, 2012, in accordance with the terms of the Custodial/Maintenance Collective Bargaining Agreement and as presented:

- Greg Gazella
- Thomas Kelsey
- Gary Mitkoski  
(Personnel Item #0612-03)

Michael Dudicz as 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. (Personnel Item #0612-04)

The following individuals be employed as Summer Custodial Helpers for the period of June 11 through August 17, 2012:

- Kristina Roland
- Christopher Doyle
- Dayshia Hatcher
- Alexander Verikas
- Marc Keating
- Grant Schuler
- Dakota Houy
- Donald Kaercher

2012-13 Athletic  
Supplemental Contracts

2012-13 Activities  
Supplemental Contracts

Summer 2012 Maintenance  
Helpers

Summer 2012 Head  
Custodian

Summer 2012 Custodial  
Helpers

- Greg Petronsky
- Regis Patton III
- Julian Rankin

Alternates: Robert Valentine, Zachary Zofcin and Colin Doyle  
(Personnel Item #0612-05 **REVISED**)

The addition of ten (10) hours to the number of hours for the 2012 Summer Extended School Year Program at Carnegie Elementary School to reflect 20 hours total or ten (10) hours per goal, as presented. (Personnel Item #0612-06)

Furloughing of the following aides for the 2012-2013 school year due to realignment within the district and, in order of most seniority to least:

- Michael Schneiderlochner
- Kimberly Wagner

*Director Wilson asked what caused the realignment. Mrs. Myford, Director of Pupil Services, said it was caused by students (with aides) who graduated this year.*

And the request for a full-year educational sabbatical by Crafton Elementary teacher Amy Rynn as submitted. (Personnel Item #0612-07) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 8-0.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** *Director Hughan suggested the administrators be permitted to leave due to the late hour. They were dismissed at 9:46 pm.*

*Director Schell brought up the issue of a white vs. black roof for Carnegie Elementary. She said she prefers black after reading that there are condensation issues with the white. Dr. Dimperio said the spec was written for either white or black and suggested the issue be discussed further with Director Tassarò.*

**NEW BUSINESS:** *President Roussos said the board is prepared to update the community regarding the action the district is taking to oppose the petition by Rosslyn Farms to secede from the district. He reviewed the submission process with information to the State and indicated that the matter now lies with the decision of the State. Referring back to the letter, President Roussos said he would like to send it to every resident within the district. Director Hughan suggested the cover page, or synopsis, be the only page sent to the residents because the entire document was lengthy. She also suggested posting the document in whole on the district website. President Roussos said that given the importance of the issue, he believed it appropriate to send the full document to all.*

Director Roussos moved, seconded by Director Appel, to mail the letter in opposition to Rosslyn Farms' efforts to secede to every home within the district to explain the district's efforts and stance to residents. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-1 with Director Hughan voting NO.**

**OPEN FORUM:** *Crafton resident Nicole MacMurdo mentioned that the information about the Parkway West CTC camp did not reach the sixth graders; she also commented that sending the entire letter (regarding the Rosslyn Farms issue) was a good idea. Mrs. MacMurdo then informed the board of the action of the sixth grade at Crafton and the sixth grade committee to "leave" the gift of a bike rack to the school. She asked for the board's approval. Solicitor Andrews*

2012 Summer ESY Program  
– 20 hours

Furloughing of Two Aides  
for the 2012-2013 School  
Year

Request for Educational  
Sabbatical – Amy Rynn

*suggested the matter be reviewed with the insurance company. Director Appel commented on the involvement of the parents groups and complimented them on their dedication to civic involvement.*

*Budget Discussion:*

*Director Walkowiak questioned the purchase of a truck with a snow plow, asking the age of the current vehicles. Director Schell questioned the funds in the budget which were not specifically dedicated; President Roussos explained these funds were to allow movement in the event the new superintendent wished to make changes to curriculum or other important items. Director Schell asked if additional funds were dedicated to legal services should the issue with Rosslyn Farms be taken further, i.e., appeals. Mr. Christy and President Roussos said there were comfortable with the amount set aside for these services.*

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business to discuss, Director Hughan moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 pm, seconded by Director Wilson. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 8-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Kirby Christy, Board Secretary

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Michale Herrmann, Recording Secretary