

CARLYNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Agenda Setting/Committee/Voting Meeting August 12, 2013 Carlynton Jr.-Sr. High School Library – 7:30 pm

MINUTES

The Carlynton School District Board of Education held its Agenda Setting/Committee/Voting Meeting on August 12, 2013 in the library of the junior-senior high school. In attendance were President David Roussos, Vice President Betsy Tassaró, Directors Joe Appel, Sandra Hugan, Jim Schriver, Patricia Schirripa and Ray Walkowiak. Also present was Superintendent Gary Peiffer, Solicitor John Smart, Business Manager Kirby Christy, Principal Jacie Maslyk and Director of Pupil Services Lee Myford. The audience included nine individuals and one member of the press.

CALL TO ORDER CALL TO ORDER - *The meeting was called to order by President Roussos at 7:44 pm. High school student Jonah Schriver led the pledge.*

The roll was called by Michale Herrmann; Directors Schell and Wilson were absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD: *None*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Director Appel moved, seconded by Director Walkowiak, to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2013 Regular Voting Meeting as presented. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

Minutes of July 22, 2013
Meeting

REPORTS:

- Executive Session – *President Roussos announced that litigation and personnel issues were discussed in the closed session.*
- Administrative Reports
 - Superintendent's Report – *Mr. Peiffer said he has visited the school and it is exciting to see the changes. He expects the buildings to be ready for the first day of school. Mr. Peiffer also discussed state law changes to Chapter 4, the PA Common Core and Act 82, the new framework for a teacher evaluation system*
 - Business Manager Report – *Mr. Christy said the auditors from Hosak, Specht, Muetzel and Wood would be at the school in the upcoming week to begin the district audit.*
 - Director of Pupil Services Report – *Mrs. Myford said the Department of Education/Special Education Division visited the autistic support space/classroom at Carnegie Elementary and gave the green light. This year's 21st Century Learning Community Advisory Board is planning to incorporate more community resources into the programming*
 - Principals' Report – *Dr. Maslyk provided good news about the STEAM studio at Crafton and the integration of MAKESHOP from the Pittsburgh Children's Museum.*

I. Miscellaneous

Director Tassaro moved, seconded by Director Appel, to approve the list of 2013-2014 conference and field trip requests as presented and approved by administration. (Miscellaneous Item #0813-01) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

Additions to the 2013-2014
Conference and Field Trip
Requests

II. Finance

Director Schriver moved, seconded by Director Tassaro, to approve the VMWare renewal agreement for a one-year period at a cost of \$11,881.95 as submitted by E-Safe Technologies, LLC; (Finance Item #0813-01)

VMWare Renewal
Agreement

The list of kitchen/cafeteria equipment and to declare as surplus for the purpose of obtaining sealed bids with proceeds allocated to the food service account as presented; (Finance Item #0813-02)

Surplus Kitchen Items –
Sealed Bids

The grant received from the Grable Foundation to provide academic support to children through the Carnegie Towers' Power Hour program as submitted; (Finance Item #0813-03)

Grable Foundation Grant for
Towers Power Hour

And the purchase of a 2014 Ford F-350 truck for the maintenance department at a cost not to exceed \$29,491.00 as presented. The price includes a snow plow and trailer hook up; (Finance Item #0713-04)

Truck for Maintenance Dept.

Director Schirripa suggested, and others agreed, to amend the motion to reflect only the first three items under finance.

Director Schriver moved, seconded by Director Schirripa, to amend the motion to include only the first three items. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

Director Hughan then asked to table the motion to purchase the Ford F-350 pending a thorough review by a Ford Service Center. Director Hughan moved, seconded by Director Schirripa, to table the motion. **By a ROLL CALL VOTE, the motion failed 4-3.**

A lengthy discussion took place to determine the need to purchase the truck. Mr. Christy said the truck was initially put in the budget and later removed. Board members discussed payment arrangements and other potential solutions. Director Schirripa proposed obtaining an estimate to make repairs to the truck and compare the costs. Hearing all the questions and concerns about the truck, President Roussos said a board member who opposed tabling the original motion could reconsider to table the motion.

With that, Director Tassaro moved, seconded by Director Schriver to reconsider the original motion to table. **By a ROLL CALL VOTE, the motion to reconsider passed 7-0.**

Director Tassaro then moved, seconded by Director Appel, to table the motion to purchase a Ford 350 truck. **By a ROLL CALL VOTE, the motion carried 7-0.**

Mr. Peiffer was directed to provide a "laundry list" of items pertaining to the current truck to the maintenance foreman John Recchio to affirm a definite need for a new truck before bringing the motion to the table again.

III. Personnel

Director Walkowiak moved, seconded by Director Schriver, to approve the List of Day-to-Day Substitutes for the 2013-2014 school year as recommended by administration and submitted; (Personnel Item #0813-01)

Day-to-Day Substitutes 2013-2014

The Supplemental Athletic Contract List for the 2013-2014 school year as presented:

Supplemental Athletic Contract 2013-2014

- Larissa Russo – Junior High Head Cheer Coach (Personnel Item #0813-02)

The following individual be appointed to the Supplemental Activities Contract List for the 2013-2014 school year as presented:

Supplemental Activities Contract 2013-2014

- Brady Amerson, Assistant Band Director – Resigned
- Jennifer Searles, Assistant Band Director (Personnel Item #0813-03)

And award Temporary Professional Employee Contracts to the following under the terms and conditions of the Carlynton Federation of Teachers Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement as such:

Awarding of TPEs

- Ashley Ferraro – Secondary Reading/English
- Stephen Hope – Guidance Counselor
- Allison Fekety – Special Education, Elementary
- Kristen Tatara – Special Education, Elementary
- Nickolas Vayansky – Special Education, Elementary (Personnel Item #0813-04 REVISED)

Director Schirripa said she had several questions about awarding the TPE contracts and asked if the board could move on the first three items only.

Director Schirripa moved, seconded by Director Hughan, to amend the motion to include only the first three items. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

Director Walkowiak moved, seconded by Director Schriver, to approve the first three items under personnel. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

Director Schirripa asked why there was a need for an elementary guidance counselor. Mr. Peiffer and Mrs. Myford explained that a counselor was needed at Crafton because the shared elementary counselor was being used more at Carnegie and Crafton was being neglected. Director Schirripa asked if Wesley could offer services. Mrs. Myford said they generally handle crisis management on a case-by-case basis and can only handle a small case load. A counselor could work with the general population in a variety of areas such as character development, behavior management and the anti-bullying program and with students who have counseling needs.

Director Tassaro moved, seconded by Director Walkowiak, to approve the motion to award Temporary Professional Employee contracts to those listed in the original motion above. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 5-2 with Directors Schirripa and Hughan voting NO.**

Director Tassaro moved, seconded by Director Appel, to award the three-hour/day general cafeteria worker position at the junior-senior high school to Patricia Kormick, as submitted, and under the terms and conditions of the Secretarial-Cafeteria-Aides Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement; (Personnel

General Cafeteria Worker – Patricia Kormick

Item #0813-05)

The Leaves of Absence for Employee #CFT13-14-04 and Employees #CFT13-14-05 as submitted; (Personnel Item #0813-06)

Employee LOA

The resignation of Zachary Rice, elementary special education teacher, as submitted. (Personnel Item #0813-07)

Resignation of Zachary Rice

The termination of the positions of high school librarian aide and one instructional aide position at Carnegie Elementary, effective immediately;

Termination of Two (2) Aide Positions

And the creation of a position for a life skills aide for Carnegie Elementary and to post for said position. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

Creation of Life Skills Aide Position

Director Walkowiak asked why the life skills aide position was needed. Mrs. Myford explained the necessity due to the new autistic support classroom.

IV. Student Services

Director Appel moved, seconded by Director Tassaro, to approve the 2013-2014 Carlynton Junior-Senior High School Student Handbook as submitted. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

2013-2014 JSHS Student Handbook

OLD BUSINESS:

- ✓ Wireless network service [Aerohive or Aruba] – *Mr. Peiffer said these wireless access points would improve integrated technology within the classroom. He thanked Director Schriver for his expertise.*

Director Tassaro moved, seconded by Director Walkowiak, to approve a five-year agreement with Aerohive at a cost of \$30,284, which includes 15 wireless access points per building for a total of 45. The cost includes a five-year warranty. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

Aerohive Wireless Points

NEW BUSINESS:

Two separate items were approved under new business, motivated by discussion held earlier in the executive session:

Director Schriver moved, seconded by Director Tassaro, to compensate Patricia Fisher, retired administrative secretary, for unused vacation days in the amount of \$22,000. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

Compensation to Patricia Fisher for Unused Vacation Days

Director Tassaro moved, seconded by Director Appel, to name Michael Loughren as principal of the junior-senior high school at an annual salary of \$100,000 under the terms of the Act 93 Agreement, provided all required clearances are current and forthcoming. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

Michael Loughren – Principal of Junior-Senior High School

Mr. Pieffer said the search and interview process for a new principal took place during the summer months and Mr. Loughren comes as highly recommended. He hails from the Plum Borough School District and will be a good fit for Carlynton.

OPEN FORUM: None

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business to discuss, Director Hugan moved, seconded by Director Schriver, to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 pm. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kirby Christy, Board Secretary

Michale Herrmann, Recording Secretary