

## CARLYNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Voting Meeting

August 18, 2011

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

### MINUTES

The Carlynton School District Board of Education held its Regular Voting Meeting on August 18, 2011 in the library of the junior-senior high school. Those in attendance included President Thomas Brown, Vice President Patricia Schirripa and School Directors Sandra Hughan, Ronald McCartney (via phone), Nyra Schell, Betsy Tassaro, Ray Walkowiak and Sharon Wilson. Also present was Solicitor Janet Burkardt, Business Manager Kirby Christy, Director of Pupil Services Lee Myford and principals Laura Burns, Robert Susini and Christopher Very. The audience was comprised of 15 individuals and two members of the press.

**CALL TO ORDER** - *The meeting was called to order by President Brown at 7:34 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Principal Burns.*

**ROLL CALL** – *The roll was called by Recording Secretary Michale Herrmann; all board members were in attendance (Director McCartney by phone).*

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD:** *Audience member Dr. Mona Rush asked about the activities fund, under finance, asking for an explanation. Director Walkowiak explained it was an account that pertained to student clubs and activities.*

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Director Hughan moved, seconded by Director Tassaro, to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2011 Agenda Setting/Committee/Voting Meeting as presented. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 8-0.**

Minutes of the August 4,  
2011 Meeting

### **REPORTS:**

- **Executive Session** – *President Brown explained the board was in executive session prior to the meeting to discuss labor, legal and other matters as is permitted in school policy*
  - **Principals' Reports** – *The principals offered news in preparation of the opening of school; Mr. Very expressed thanks for the donations of back packs from Costco and Carnegie United Presbyterian Church and to a local company that landscaped the school grounds, funded by the PTA; there was some discussion to indicate Blacks Bridge on Crafton Boulevard will have a sidewalk open for use by walkers by the first day of school*
  - **Director of Pupil Services' Report** – *Mrs. Myford made mention that the Pennsylvania Department of Special Education was recognized among the top in the country*
  - **Business Manager Report** – *Mr. Christy noted the auditors will be in the building next week*
- **Secretary's Correspondence**
  - *The minutes of the Parkway West Career and Technology Center Joint Committee Meeting of June 7, 2011 were entered into record. (SC #0811-01)*

- Pathfinder Report – Director Wilson reported that 84 students have enrolled in the school, the very same school that threatened to close due to low enrollment; the pre-vocational school has taken off and the school was awarded a Healthy High 5 grant.
- Parkway West CTC Report – Director McCartney said the robotics program will be placed on hold due to low enrollment, which is believed to have occurred because word did not get out soon enough about the opportunity. Over \$10K was invested into the start-up of the course. Director Hughan noted that in July, Jack Highfield, director of the school, presented a program to superintendents regarding the creation of a fund balance for emergencies; it was rejected.
- PSBA-Legislative – Director Walkowiak read an article that discussed the inequities in school cuts and mentioned information about Easy Pro-Care Rebates, a program used by several districts, to which a debit or credit card is used. Mr. Christy said the question lies in who oversees the spending and monitors it, and although the district has looked into it, he believes the purchase order system is still the best way to go. In closing, Director Walkowiak called attention to an article written by Tom Gentzel, Executive Director of PSBA, regarding vouchers. Director Tassaro questioned the suspension of Act 48 hours; Dr. Susini says the district still provides Act 48 opportunities during in-service program in the event the program continues.

## **BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD:**

### **I. Miscellaneous**

Director Tassaro moved, seconded by Director Hughan, to approve the field trip requests as reviewed by administration and presented:

- FT...T.Obidowski...Glassport Stadium...S.Alleg. Band Fest...9/10
- FT...T.Obidowski...Montour HS...Montour Band Fest...9/24

(Miscellaneous Item #0811-01) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 8-0.**

### **II. Finance**

Director Wilson moved, seconded by Director Walkowiak, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of June 2011 as presented;

The June 2011 bills in the amount of \$10,115,319.58 as presented;

*Director Walkowiak questioned the high amount for June bills and Mr. Christy explained that \$8 million was investments.*

The Carnegie Real Estate Tax Refunds for the month of August 2011 as presented; (Finance Item #0811-01)

The July 2011 Athletic Fund Report with an ending balance of \$2,423.79 as reviewed by administration and presented; (Finance Item #0811-02)

The July 2011 Activities Fund Report with an ending balance of \$24,294.60 as reviewed by administration and presented; (Finance Item #0811-03) **By a ROLL CALL VOTE, the motion carried 8-0.**

Conference and Field Trip Requests

June 2011 Treasurer's Report

June 2011 Bills

Carnegie RE Tax Refunds

July 2011 Athletic Fund Report

July 2011 Activities Fund Report

### III. Personnel

Director Tassaro moved, seconded by Director McCartney, to approve the additions to the 2011-2012 Day-to-Day Substitute List as reviewed by the administration and presented; (Personnel Item #0811-01 REVISED)

2011-2012 Day-to-Day Substitute List

The following additions to the 2011-2012 Supplemental Athletic List as reviewed by the administration:

Addition to the 2011-2012 Athletic Supplemental List

- Michael Donovan, Varsity Assistant Football Coach
  - Jesse Valentine, Junior High Football Head Coach
  - Ryan Levenger, Junior High Football Assistant Coach
  - Richard Griffin, Varsity Head Girls' Basketball and Junior High Girls' Basketball – Grades 7 and 8
- (Personnel Item 0811-02 REVISED)

The Leaves of Absence for Employees #CFT11-10 and #SCA11-11 as submitted; (Personnel Item #0811-03)

Leaves of Absence

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

Deletions to Supplemental Activities List

- Lori Dedola, *resigning* – Junior Class Sponsor
  - Suzanne Meyer, *resigning* – Sophomore Class Sponsor
- (Personnel Item #0811-04)

Name Jamie Dobson as a long term substitute for a half year kindergarten position at Carnegie Elementary under the terms and conditions of the Carlynton Federation of Teachers Collective Bargaining Agreement; (Personnel Item #0811-05)

Jamie Dobson – Half Year Kindergarten Teacher

Award a Temporary Professional Employee contract to Jessica Bigler for the 2011-2012 school year under the terms and conditions of the Carlynton Federation of Teachers Collective Bargaining Agreement;

Jessica Bigler – TPE Contract

Move Jaylynn Sapsara from a half year to a full year long term substitute position at Carnegie Elementary for the 2011-2012 school year under the terms and conditions of the Carlynton Federation of Teachers Collective Bargaining Agreement. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 8-0.**

Jaylynn Sapsara – Half Year to Full Year LTS

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** *Director Hughan asked the elementary principals to be sure to share the CHIPs insurance program information with students and parents*

**NEW BUSINESS:** *Director Schell asked for clarification on changes to NCLB that indicates that funds can be redirected for others and what could it mean to districts. Mrs. Myford said that as in regular Title 1 funding, the district can decide how to use funding.*

*Director Tassaro mentioned a packet of information provided in the board packed by Mrs. Myford pertaining to the furloughing of aides. Director Wilson asked what the necessary process to bring back a furloughed aide would be if the district finds a need for an aide. Mrs. Myford said a request would need to be made by a principal or a parent, in accordance with a student's IEP. Mr. Very said he did believe there was a need for an aide in his building. President Brown suggested the need or request be brought forth in a motion, with the justification*

*to illustrate the need. It was decided that until that happens, the district can use a substitute aide.*

**OPEN FORUM:** *High school teacher Maggi Mishkin presented documents outlining the history and facts about Special Olympics, in her quest to bring the program back into a school district facility. She learned from Dave Oddi that Carnegie Elementary gym would be available for practices and asked what her next step would be. President Brown said the facility usage policy would need to be followed, so the percentage of students must meet the 85 percent threshold of district residents to allow the program to operate at no cost for the use of the space.*

*William Griffin made a plea to be again considered as a volunteer for the football program despite failure to meet an obligation set by the board. He said he believed he was singled out and treated unfairly. Amanda Foley, a parent and resident of the district, spoke on Mr. Griffin's behalf. President Brown said the board remains firm in their decision.*

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business to discuss, Director Hugan moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 pm, seconded by Director Walkowiak. **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