

## CARLYNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Voting Meeting

August 18, 2014

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

### MINUTES

The Carlynton School District Board of Education held its regular voting meeting August 18, 2014 in the library of the junior-senior high school. Those in attendance included President David Roussos and School Directors Joe Appel, Antriece Hart, Nyra Schell, Jim Schriver by way of phone, Ray Walkowiak by way of phone, and Sharon Wilson. Marissa Mendoza-Burcham and Monica Dugan joined the school board as new directors after taking an oath of office. Also present was Superintendent Gary Peiffer and Solicitor Bill Andrews. The audience was comprised of 12 individuals and two members of the press.

**CALL TO ORDER** – *The meeting was called to order at 7:34 pm by President Roussos; Superintendent Peiffer led the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called by Michale Herrmann; Director Tassaro was absent. The two new school board members had yet to take a seat at the table.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD:** *None*

Director Hart moved, seconded by Director Schell, to accept the resignation of school director Betsy Tassaro effective August 18, 2014; **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

*President Roussos and other board members expressed thanks for Mrs. Tassaro's contributions to the board.*

Director Wilson moved, seconded by Director Hart, to appoint Marissa Mendoza-Burcham to the position of school director, replacing the vacancy created by Carl Hunt; **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

Director Schell moved, seconded by Director Appel, to appoint Monica Dugan to the position of school director, replacing the vacancy created by Betsy Tassaro. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

*Former school director and notary Carl Hunt facilitated the swearing in of the new school directors by leading the oath of office. Director Mendoza-Burcham and Director Dugan then took a seat at the table.*

Director Wilson moved, seconded by Director Schell, to accept the resignation of Ray Walkowiak as treasurer. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 9-0.**

Director Wilson nominated Ray Walkowiak as Vice President of the Board (replacing the role of Betsy Tassaro). *Director Appel moved to close the nomination, seconded by Director Schell.* **By a voice vote, the motion carried 9-0.**

Director Schell nominated Joe Appel as Treasurer of the Board. *Director Hart moved to close the nomination, seconded by Director Wilson.* **By a voice vote, the motion carried 9-0.**

Resignation – School  
Director Betsy Tassaro

Appointment of School  
Director – Marissa Mendoza-  
Burcham

Appointment of School  
Director – Monica Dugan

Resignation as Treasurer –  
Ray Walkowiak

Appointing Vice President –  
Ray Walkowiak

Appointing Treasurer – Joe  
Appel

*At this point, Director Schriver decided to leave the meeting (via phone).*

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD:** *None*

**PRESENTERS:**

- ✓ *Jacob Bickus – A senior, Jacob shared a plan to lead an effort to collect care packages/supplies for troops in conjunction with Military Connections. He provided a mission, goals and the start date of October 6. A list of desired supplies was also made available.*
- ✓ *John Hayes – Renovation updates were provided along with photos; Mr. Hayes said the changes at Carnegie are dramatic and most work should be done by the start of school. There was some discussion about the leaking roof at Carnegie. Crafton Elementary renovations were to a lesser degree and moving along. The new offices and hallways with new dry wall and paint are bright and clean. The renovations have fallen under budget although a few changes orders were necessary and they will be presented for ratification at the next meeting. The PA system at Crafton is antiquated and nearly useless. Thomas and Williamson is getting pricing for a replacement. Before school begins, additional cleaners will be brought in to assist the custodial staff in preparing the buildings for opening day of school.*
- ✓ *Paul Riedinger – A proposal for stadium bleachers for the high school hillside was presented with drawings for 2050 seats and a press box. Mr. Riedinger discussed the construction process and said the project would come in around \$560,000. This price excluded restrooms and concession. Mr. Riedinger offered suggestions to produce revenue through signage at the site, tournaments, leasing to private schools, VIP seating and title sponsorships. Mr. Appel said more parking would be necessary at the high school should the bleachers be installed, adding the upgrades would qualify the site for use by more athletic teams.*
- ✓ *Brian Durica – Mr. Durica provided an itemized list of equipment and software ready for the new school year. All computers have been reimaged and/or upgraded/or replaced, and older computers are being repurposed. New laptops for teachers should be delivered soon and phased in during the first half of the school year. Renovations at the elementary levels have postponed the installation of Promethean boards and projectors, although they will be installed shortly after the school year begins.*
- ✓ *Dennis McDade – Building and grounds at the high school are 95 percent ready for the start of the school year. The new pool filter will be installed by October 24; fire extinguishers are to be inspected and the tall grass and weeds on the high school hillside will be cut. Crafton Elementary is about 75 percent clean; the roof will be checked within the week per the maintenance agreement and the gym has been cleaned. Carnegie requires the most attention. Custodians have been juggling work around contractors in an effort to clean and move furniture back into classrooms. The scoreboard at Honus Wagner Field is malfunctioning; Mr. McDade is bringing someone in to check on it. Per the parking policy, signs have been ordered and a game plan has been*

*developed with the help of Mr. Loughren. Mr. McDade said the curbs and some sidewalks at the high school are in bad condition and will need redone in the future. President Roussos suggested that striping be painted along curb on the field side for parallel parking.*

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Director Hart moved, seconded by Director Wilson, to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2014 Agenda Setting/Committee/Voting Meeting as presented. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 5-0-3, with Directors Dugan, Mendoza-Burcham and Schell abstaining.**

Minutes of August 4, 2014 Meeting

### **REPORTS:**

- **Executive Session** - *President Roussos said real estate, negotiations, litigations and personnel matters were discussed in closed session.*

#### **I. Miscellaneous**

Director Schell moved, seconded by Director Hart, to approve the additions to the Conference and Field Trip Requests for the 2014-2015 school year as submitted; (Miscellaneous Item #0814-01 REVISED) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 8-0.**

2014-15 Conference and Field Trip Requests

#### **II. Finance**

*Removed from the agenda:*

~~The agreement between the district and Dr. Richard Grubb for consultation services to the Special Education Department relative to the March 2015 audit.~~

~~Consultation Service – Dr. Grubb~~

#### **III. Personnel**

Director Wilson moved, seconded by Director Hart, to approve the addition to the 2014-2015 Athletic Supplemental List as submitted; (Personnel Item #0814-01 REVISED)

Addition to 2014-15 Supplemental Athletic List

Jim Goonen to the position of custodian, effective August 19, 2014, under the terms of the Custodial-Maintenance Bargaining Unit Agreement; (Personnel Item #0814-02)

Custodian – Jim Goonen

Timothy Sasson to the position of Special Education Teacher at the secondary level under the terms of the Carlynton Federation of Teachers Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement; (Personnel Item #0814-03)

Special Education Teacher – Timothy Sasson

*Removed:*

~~The salary increases for the Act 93 administrative team for the 2014-2015 school year as submitted.~~

~~Act 93 Salary Increases~~

The posting for STEAM facilitators at Carnegie and Crafton Elementary Schools to monitor the daily lunch periods at an hourly wage of \$23; (Personnel Item #0814-04)

Posting of STEAM Facilitator – Crafton Elementary

*Director Hart asked for clarification. Mr. Peiffer said the expense for*

*facilitators could be paid through Ready to Learn funding.*

The Leaves of Absence as submitted by employees CFT14-15-03 and SCA14015-04; (Personnel Item #0814-05)

Award long-term substitute positions at Carnegie Elementary for the first semester of the 2014-2015 school year to the following individuals as recommended by the administration:

- Brenda Potkrajac -5<sup>th</sup> Grade (First Semester)
- Mary Ferro – Music Education  
(Personnel Item #0814-06)

Zachary Caine to the four-hour daily position of Cafeteria Van Driver pending the background check of his driving record, and under the terms of the Secretary-Cafeteria-Aides Bargaining Unit Agreement; (Personnel Item #0814-07)

The posting for the position of a LPN to support the district nursing department under the terms of the Secretarial-Cafeteria-Aides Bargaining Unit Agreement;

*And* the Speech-Language Pathologist Contract Agreement between the district and Leah Javonovich for the 2014-2015 school year until the terms as submitted per the recommendation of administration. (Personnel Item #0914-08) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 8-0.**

**OLD BUSINESS:** *Board members discussed and came to a consensus on colors for the branding developed by KMA Design. A motion was made:*

Director Wilson moved, seconded by Director Appel, to adopt the colors for the KMA branding effort as 574c for the green and 7405c as the gold. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 8-0.**

*Director Schell questioned the replacement of carpeting at Carnegie, the cost and expected installation. Mr. Peiffer said three bids were obtained and the lowest bid fell under the legal cap for advertising. Mr. McDade, Director of Maintenance and Custodial Services, said the carpeting will be installed before the start of school.*

**NEW BUSINESS:** *None*

**OPEN FORUM:** *Audience member Maureen Nelson asked where a STEAM room will be located at Carnegie Elementary per the earlier motion for facilitators. Mr. Peiffer said the program will initially be held in classrooms. Mrs. Nelson also asked about the need for so many bleachers given the sports teams that would utilize the high school field. Mr. Peiffer said the talk for bleachers was preliminary.*

*In closing, Mrs. Nelson said she had a chance to walk through Carnegie elementary and the first floor work is very nice.*

Leaves of Absence

Long-Term Substitutes –  
Brenda Potkrajac and Mary  
Ferro

Cafeteria Van Driver –  
Zachary Caine

Posting of a LPN Position

Speech-Language Contract –  
Leah Javonovich

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business to discuss, Director Hart moved, seconded by Director Appel, to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 pm. **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