

CARLYNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Voting Meeting

August 26, 2013

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

MINUTES

The Carlynton School District Board of Education held its Regular Voting Meeting on August 26, 2013 in the library of the junior-senior high school. In attendance were President David Roussos, Vice President Betsy Tassaros, Directors Joe Appel, Sandra Hugan, Nyra Schell, Jim Schriver, Ray Walkowiak and Sharon Wilson. Also present was Superintendent Gary Peiffer, Solicitor Anthony Giglio, Business Manager Kirby Christy, Principals Carla Hudson, Michael Loughren and Jacie Maslyk and Director of Pupil Services Lee Myford. The audience included six individuals and two members of the press.

CALL TO ORDER CALL TO ORDER - *The meeting was called to order by President Roussos at 7:37 pm. School board candidate Antreice Hart, who was in the audience, led the pledge*

The roll was called by Michale Herrmann; Director Schirripa was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD: *Audience member Greg Diulis asked if and when a softball coach would be hired; Carnegie Mayor Jack Kobistek mentioned that he was pleased to see Carnegie Elementary teachers Mary Campbell and Julie Lewis on the agenda for tenure approval. Mr. Kobistek said the teachers are dedicated and he appreciates working with them.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Director Appel moved, seconded by Director Hugan, to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2013 Regular Voting Meeting as presented. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 6-0-2, with Director Schell and Wilson abstaining due to absence.**

REPORTS:

- **Executive Session** – *President Roussos said personnel and legal matters were discussed in the closed session.*

✓ **Administrative Reports**

- **Superintendent's Report** – *Mr. Peiffer said contractors are working double time to ready the elementary buildings for the first day of school. He reassured everyone that the air quality has been checked and the facilities are safe to enter. Mr. Peiffer said he appreciates the teachers' flexibility and willingness to keep the students as the number one priority. Mr. Peiffer also introduced Mr. Loughren, new high school principal, and welcomed him to the district.*
- **Renovation Update** – *John Hays provided monthly progress reports to school board members. He said the work time table is right where it was expected to be. Work will continue in the evening and night hours when no one is in the buildings. He explained the working process of the HVAC system and said some will be operable soon with heat available by October.*

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Meeting

- Director of Pupil Services Report – Mrs. Myford said the advisory committee for the 21st Century Learning Community has met and they are beginning to put plans in place for the after-school program.
- Curriculum/Data – Mr. Mantich shared information about the new Pennsylvania Performance Profile (PAPP) which is based on five categories or indicators.
- Principals' Report – The principals said they are ready to begin school; Mr. Loughren said he was impressed by the faculty and their enthusiasm.
- PSBA Legislative – Director Schell reported that Pennsylvania was granted an NCLB waiver; she briefly reviewed some of the new trends with expected improvements.

I. Miscellaneous

Director Tassaro moved, seconded by Director Wilson, to approve the additional 2013-2014 conference and field trip requests as presented and approved by administration; (Miscellaneous Item #0813-01)

And established the meeting dates for the remainder of the school year to fall on the first and third Monday of the month, unless otherwise noted, as presented, and to advertise accordingly. (Miscellaneous Item #0813-02) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 8-0.**

II. Finance

Director Schell moved, seconded by Director Wilson, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of July 2013 as submitted;

The July bills in the amount of \$1,945,926.97 as presented;

The Rosslyn Farms Earned Income Tax Audit Report for the year ending June 30, 2012 as presented;

The July 2013 Athletic Fund Report with an ending balance of \$3,462.11 as submitted; (Finance Item #0813-01)

And the July 2013 Activities Fund Report with an ending balance of \$40,079.80 as submitted; (Finance Item #0813-02) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 8-0.**

Director Appel moved, seconded by Director Schriver, to approve the list of change orders for renovation work for the Carnegie Elementary HVAC and Electrical Upgrades, the Crafton Elementary HVAC and Electrical Upgrades, and the high school track replacement project as submitted. (Finance Item #0813-03) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 8-0.**

Director Schell asked for a total amount for all the change orders. Several board members quickly added up the amount; roughly \$60,000.

III. Personnel

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

Additions – 2013-2014
Conference and FT Requests

Meeting Dates Through End
of Year

Treasurer's Report – July
2013

July 2013 Bills

Rosslyn Farms – EIT Audit
Report

July 2013 Athletic Fund
Report

July 2013 Activities Fund
Report

Change Orders for
Renovation Projects

Day-to-Day Substitutes 2013-
2014

The additions to the 2013-2014 Supplemental Athletic Contract List as presented:

- John Crawshaw – Assistant Varsity Girls’ Soccer Coach
- Andrew Bogats – Head Junior High Girls’ Soccer Coach
- Paige Bogats – Assistant Junior High Girls’ Soccer Coach
- David Dedola – Head Junior High Wrestling Coach
(Personnel Item #0813-02)

Award Professional Employee Contracts to the following teachers who have completed three years of satisfactory service to the district under the terms of the Carlynton Federation of Teachers Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement:

- Tracy Alex
- Jessica Bigler
- Mary Campbell
- Anna Kostrick
- Daniel Kuhn
- Ashley Lea
- Julie Lewis
- Andrea Mackey
- Matthew Stagl
- Nicole Uhrin

The letter of resignation from Laura Burns, assistant high school principal as submitted. (Personnel Item #0813-03)

President Roussos said Mrs. Burn’s time and hard work was appreciated.

And award substitute and long term substitute positions for the following educators, under the terms of the Carlynton Federation of Teachers Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement:

- Matthew Panucci – Art, Crafton Elementary & high school (LTS)
- Breann Kaufman – Grade 1, Crafton (LTS)
- Rachel Geis – RtI, Crafton (D-D)
(Personnel Item #0813-04)

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

IV. Student Services

Director Wilson moved, seconded by Director Schell, to approve the 2013-2014 Carnegie and Crafton Elementary Student Handbooks as submitted. (Student Services Item #0813-01) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 8-0.**

OLD BUSINESS: *President Roussos spoke up about the laundry list for the maintenance truck, discussed at the last meeting and mentioned in the minutes. He said the truck is currently in the shop for an inspection and a review of the trucks’ needs. Director Hughan asked for the name of the shop; Mr. Peiffer said it was Al’s Texaco near Bridgeville. She asked why it was not taken to a Ford dealership as she requested and was told the shop has been used for all maintenance on district vehicles. Director Hughan said she was disgruntled.*

The preliminary report from Joe’s Texaco said the truck was rusted out in the wheel wells and doors, had a hole in the seat and a number of other issues.

President Roussos moved to take from the table the motion to purchase a new Ford 350 truck for the purpose of revisiting the item. Director Appel seconded the motion. **The motioned carried by a 7-0-1 roll call vote, with Director Hughan abstaining.**

The motion and vote brought on considerable debate. Director Hughan said she would prefer to see the full report about the current truck before taking any action. Director Schell agreed. Director Tassaró said the present truck

Additions –Supplemental Athletic Contract 2013-2014

Awarding of PE Contracts

Resignation – Laura Burns

Substitute and LTS Positions

2013-2014 Carnegie and Crafton Student Handbooks

has obvious needs and purchasing a new one through the government is less expensive. President Roussos said the older truck has 16 years of snow plowing behind it. Reviewing the laundry list, Director Walkowiak asked if a 2013 vehicle was considered. Mr. Peiffer said the original purchase was set up for a 2013 and not a 2014 as presented in the original motion. Director Schell said she would like to have assurance that the money for the purchase is available because the item was not budgeted. Mr. Christy said Mr. Recchio felt he could hold off on sidewalk repairs that were included in the budget, using those funds to cover the cost of the truck. Director Appel suggested exploring the option to finance the vehicle over several years. Director Walkowiak proposed the option to commit to voting at the next meeting and holding off now.

Director Roussos asked for the board's direction: Bring the motion to approve the purchase of the truck to the floor or to table the truck once again.

Hearing no decision, Director Roussos then called for a roll call vote to approve the purchase of the 2013 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. **By a ROLL CALL VOTE, the motion failed 4-4, with Directors Hughan, Schell, Schriver and Walkowiak voting NO.**

NEW BUSINESS: Director Wilson asked if anyone had given any thought to the appointment of a delegate in reference to the PSBA materials in the board packets. Board members said they were unable to commit to the responsibility at the time.

OPEN FORUM: Audience member Maureen Nelson asked if the door hardware replacement would enable doors to be locked from both the interior and exterior. She was told yes, it would have both capabilities. She asked if facial recognition (biometrics) was considered. She was told no, mainly because the technology is so new and extremely costly. Alex Popichak, one of the boys who serve on the student tech team, expressed concerns about getting into the building when the team has to set up for events. President Roussos said policies would have to be developed. High school principal Mr. Loughren said he would be happy to sit down and work that out with the boys.

Antreice Hart of Carnegie said her son attended two summer reading programs, one sponsored by Duquesne University and the other through Carnegie Elementary. She said her son favored the district program with Mr. Harewicz over the university program.

High school teacher Michael Kozy said he wished Laura Burns well on behalf of the staff.

Mayor Kobistek asked the district to consider patronizing a local shop for future repairs and inspections to vehicles versus the relationship with the shop in Bridgeville.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business to discuss, Director Hugan moved, seconded by Director Schell, to adjoin the meeting at 9:42 pm. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 8-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kirby Christy, Board Secretary

Michale Herrmann, Recording Secretary