

CARLYNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Agenda Setting/Committee/Voting Meeting September 2, 2010 Carlynton Jr.-Sr. High School Library – 7:30 pm

MINUTES

The Carlynton School District Board of Education conducted its Agenda Setting/Committee/Voting Meeting on Thursday, September 2, 2010 in the library of the junior-senior high school. Those in attendance included President Thomas Brown, Vice President Patricia Schirripa and School Directors Thomas DiPietro, Sandra Hughan, Ronald McCartney, Nyra Schell, Betsy Tassaró, Raymond Walkowiak and Sharon Wilson. Also present was Superintendent Michael Panza, Solicitors Ira Weiss and Lisa Colautti, Business Manager Kirby Christy, Director of Pupil Services Lee Myford and Principals Jacie Maslyk, Robert Susini and Christopher Very. The audience was comprised of six individuals and one member of the press.

CALL TO ORDER - *The meeting was called to order by President Brown at 7:30 pm. Principal Chris Very led the pledge.*

ROLL CALL – *The roll was called by Recording Secretary Michale Herrmann. All directors were present.*

PUBLIC COMMENT ON BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD: *Audience member Robert Popichak had some questions about some of the technology at the high school level that was not working as school began. Dr. Panza said he would check on it.*

Audience members Helen Witt and AJ Pescurik, both of Crafton, made a plea to save Crafton Elementary by advocating the neighborhood school environment, stating that it plays an important role in the vitality of the community. They suggested the vacant property across the street from Crafton Elementary be purchased for a parking lot, allowing for the expansion of the school through renovations. Solicitor Weiss said that zoning ordinances and other issues would be a consideration since the property is actually located in the City of Pittsburgh. Ms. Pescurik distributed a letter to all board members, summarizing her statement.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Director Wilson moved, seconded by Director Hughan, to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2010 Regular Voting Meeting as presented. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 9-0.**

REPORTS:

- **Executive Session** – *President Brown noted that contractual and legal issues were discussed in executive session under school code guidelines.*
- **Principals' Reports** – *The principals placed newsletters at the seats of all the directors and touched on some key items within those newsletters. Director Schell called attention to an article in the PSBA Bulletin written by Mrs. Maslyk.*
- **Director of Pupil Services' Report** – *Mrs. Myford noted that a presentation would be held prior to the high school open house*

Minutes of the August 19,
2010 Meeting

- to warn parents of the signs and symptoms of drug usage among students/children
- Business Manager Report – Mr. Christy said an audit has begun with Hosack, Specht, Muetzel and Wood; by October, the district will have a clearer picture of its fund balance
- Superintendent's Report – Dr. Panza summarized the calendar of upcoming events and commented on the following:
 - Letters were sent to some 20 businesses asking for support with the QZAB for technological upgrades
- PSBA-Legislative – The PSBA Focus Video about the state budget was shown

BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD:

I. Miscellaneous

Director Tassaro moved, seconded by Director DiPietro, to approve the following conference and field trip requests as presented:

- FT...F.Zebrasky...Southpointe Country Club...PGA Tour...9/1-2
- FT...M.O'Neil...Pgh. Zoo...Drumline Performance for ALS...9/11
- C...MBVeri...AIU...Gifted Workshop...9/16
- FT...M.O'Neil...CVHS...Band Festival Invitation...9/18
- C...L.Myford/team...Hershey...Spec. Ed / Least Restrictive Environment Training...10/20-21
- C...M. Panza...Hershey...PSBA Legislative Conf...10/12-14
(Miscellaneous Item #0910-01 **REVISED**)
By a voice vote, the motion carried 9-0.

Conference and Field Trip Requests

II. Finance

Director Schell moved, seconded by Director McCartney, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of July 2010 as presented;

Treasurer's Report - July 2010

The July 2010 bills in the amount of \$1,231,801.91 as presented;

July 2010 Bills

Donation of additional playground equipment at Carnegie Elementary School, offered by the Carnegie Elementary PTA; (Finance Item #0910-01)

Donation of Elementary Playground Equipment

The Letter of Agreement between the district and Chartiers Mental Health and Retardation Center, Inc., providing a liaison to the district Student Assistance Program (SAP) team, as presented, at no cost to the district; (Finance Item #0910-02)

Agreement with CMHRC – SAP Liaison

The Letter of Agreement between the district and Chartiers Mental Health and Retardation Center, Inc., for a school-based crisis intervention/assessment in regards to the Student Assistance Program (SAP), as presented, at no cost to the district; (Finance Item #0910-03)

Agreement with CMHRC – SAP Crisis Intervention Assessment

Lakewood Mechanical as the successful bidder for replacement of the pool filter at a cost not to exceed \$21,500 as submitted.

Pool Filter Replacement – Lakewood Mechanical

By a ROLL CALL VOTE, the motion carried 9-0.

III. Personnel

Director Walkowiak moved, seconded by Director DiPietro, to approve the following additions to the 2010-2011 Day-to-Day Substitute List as recommended by administration:

- V. Cindy Harbaugh, Elementary
- Michelle Hassler, Science and Math, grades 6-9 (*returning*)
- Kimberly Jewison, Elementary and English, grades 7-9
- Corinne McDonough, Elementary (*returning*)
- Melissa Pulver, Elementary (*returning*)
- James Rodgers, Elementary
- Jaylynn Sapsara, Elementary
- JoDiane Dukes (*returning*)

(Personnel Item #0910-01 **REVISED**)

The following additions to the 2010-2011 Athletic Supplemental List as recommended:

- Eric Dieterle – Varsity Football, First Assistant
 - Shane Patterson – Junior High Assistant Football
 - Cayll Smith – Eighth Grade Girls' Basketball
 - Megan Carpenter – Varsity Assistant Volleyball Coach
- (Personnel Item #0910-02 **REVISED**)

The following addition to the 2010-2011 Activities Supplemental List as recommended:

- Erin Cummings – Carnegie Elementary Peer Sponsor
- (Personnel Item #0910-03)

Award a Professional Employee Contract to the following individual for three (3) years of satisfactory service to the District per the recommendation of the administrative staff and consistent with the terms of the Carlynton Federation of Teachers Bargaining Unit Agreement:

- Erin Cummings

President Brown said he was happy to be a part of making Mrs. Cummings a permanent member of the staff since she is an alumni of the district.

Award the position of Gifted Support teacher, grades K-8, to Mary Beth Veri, under the terms of the Carlynton Federation of Teachers Bargaining Unit Agreement. (Personnel Item #0910-04)

Award the following long-term substitute positions as recommended:

- Jessica (Durci) Bigler – from one (1) semester to full year
- Stephanie Trbovich – one (1) semester

The Leaves of Absence for Employees CFT#10-04 and CFT#10-05 as presented; (Personnel Item #0910-05)

Karen Eonta for the Class IV position of Security Receptionist at Crafton Elementary School, consistent with the terms of the Secretarial-Cafeteria-Aides Bargaining Unit Agreement; (Personnel Item #0910-06)

Additions to the 2010-11 Day-to-Day Sub List

Additions to the 2010-2011 Athletic Supplemental List

Additions to the 2010-2011 Activities Supplemental List

PE Contract – Erin Cummings

Gifted Support, grades K-8 – Mary Beth Veri

Long-term Substitute Positions

Leaves – Employees CFT#10-06 and CFT#10-07

Security Receptionist at Crafton Elementary – Karen Eonta

Resignation of food service worker Carol Ganoe, effective immediately, as submitted. (Personnel Item #0910-07)

By a voice vote, the motion carried 9-0.

Resignation – Carol Ganoe,
Food Service Worker

IV. Student Services

Director Wilson moved, seconded by Director McCartney, to approve the list of crossing guards for the Borough of Carnegie for the 2010-2011 school year as submitted by the Carnegie Police Department; (Student Services Item #0910-01)

Carnegie Borough Crossing
Guards for 2010-2011

The list of crossing guards for the Borough of Crafton for the 2010-2011 school year as submitted by Crafton Borough; (Student Services Item #0910-02)

Crafton Borough Crossing
Guards for 2010-2011

The Class of 2011 Graduation Project Manual for the 2010-2011 school year as presented. (Student Services Item #0910-03) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 9-0.**

2010-2011 Graduation
Project Manual

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: *Director Schell asked if discussion could take place regarding the Plan Con process and future procedures, in order to maintain openness with the public. Dr. Panza said the process was lengthy, and the board would need to take two steps before moving to the Plan Con stage: 1. Accepting the feasibility study as presented, although not necessarily agreeing with everything; and 2. Hiring an architect. Director Tassaró asked if another architect besides Kimball was being considered. President Brown said that decision would be discussed and made by the board as a whole, although the board did have the foresight to negotiate a low rate with the architects when searching for a company to complete the feasibility study. Dr. Panza expounded upon the agreement. Solicitor Weiss said Kimball's fee was attractive.*

Director DiPietro said he favored the plan to build one new elementary school on the current athletic field site in Crafton. Director Tassaró suggested the board narrow down the provided 10 options to two or three most feasible plans before making any final decisions.

Director Schrippa commented that she concurs with Director DiPietro and also favors the ES5 plan for consolidation and construction at the athletic field. Director Wilson said she was leaning toward plan ES5 or ES2, the option to renovate Carnegie and build a new Crafton Elementary. She added that her primary concern was to provide a building that could better educate the students of the district and be more energy efficient overall.

Director McCartney said he was in favor of a new building. Director Hughan agreed that new construction was the best option, but noted she was uncertain of where, given the pride in Carnegie with its neighborhood school.

Director Walkowiak said he would not make a decision until he had answers to all the logistical and financial questions still looming.

President Brown stated that option ES5 made the most sense, but in fairness, all variations should be considered and the final evaluation and decision of the

board would be taken seriously.

Director Walkowiak said some discrepancies in the square footage of the plans and the cost estimates for building versus new construction needed to be cleared up.

NEW BUSINESS: *None*

OPEN FORUM: *Crafton resident Michael Kozy, Sr. said he saw a gross difference in size options when he reviewed the full report. He distributed a spreadsheet that he developed from the report. He also said he believes bidding for an architect may be the best way to go.*

Greentree resident Rev. Ed Bowen, pastor of the Crafton United Presbyterian Church, presented Mrs. Maslyk with a check for \$300 to purchase incentives for the schools new character education program.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discuss, Director Hughan moved, seconded by Director DiPietro, to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 pm. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 9-0.**