

CARLYNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Agenda Setting/Committee/Voting Meeting October 6, 2011 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 October 6, 2011 in the library of the junior-senior high school. Those in attendance included President Thomas Brown and School Directors, Ronald McCartney, David Roussos, Nyra Schell, Betsy Tassaró, Ray Walkowiak and Sharon Wilson (via phone). Also present was Solicitor Ira Weiss, Business Manager Kirby Christy, Director of Pupil Services Lee Myford and principals Laura Burns, Jacie Maslyk, Robert Susini and Christopher Very. The audience was comprised of 28 individuals and two members of the press.

CALL TO ORDER - *The meeting was called to order by President Brown at 7:30 pm. He offered a welcome to the new Interim Superintendent, Joseph Dimperio. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Carnegie Elementary fourth grader Amiah Whittington.*

ROLL CALL – *The roll was called by Recording Secretary Michale Herrmann; Directors Hughan and Schirripa were absent.*

PUBLIC COMMENT ON BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD: *Carnegie Elementary Lunchroom/Playground employee Sue Ankrom commented on the playground at Carnegie Elementary, reporting that students have not been able to play on the playground since the beginning of school due to mulch that has not been spread. President Brown explained the recommendations of the districts' insurance company, noting that the board wants the playground to be safe for student use. Dr. Dimperio said he would address the issue with Mr. Recchio, district maintenance foreman. Director Schell noted that weather has been an issue due to rain.*

Carnegie resident Cassandra Gibbs expressed her gratitude to Mr. Very in light of his resignation as principal from Carnegie Elementary. Mrs. Gibbs said Mr. Very gave children hope and determination. Several others spoke on his behalf.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Director McCartney moved, seconded by Director Wilson, to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2011 Regular Voting Meeting as presented.
By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.

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 by school code.*
- **Welcoming Remarks** – *Dr. Dimperio thanked the board for the entrusting him with the responsibility of overseeing the district; he promised to work hard.*
 - **Principals' Reports** – *Mr. Very provided a check to President Brown from The Grable Foundation; the grant monies are designated for continuation of the Carnegie Towers Power Hours program*

Minutes of the September 15,
2011 Meeting

Mrs. Maslyk announced the Students of the Month and summarized the contents of a newsletter she distributed to all Dr. Susini and Mrs. Burns offered an overview and handouts of activities and events occurring at the high school level.

- Director of Pupil Services' Report – *Mrs. Myford provided a handout about the Oleweus Bullying program and offered a brief synopsis; she noted that all schools will kickoff the program by the end of the month*
 - Business Manager Report – *Mr. Christy announced that the Western PA Gas Consortium has locked in on a rate for natural gas that is considerably lower than past years. This should result in substantial savings, he said. Mr. Christy also indicated that an alternate must be assigned to the Tax Study Collection Committee; hence the motion later in the agenda*
 - Legislative Report – *Director Walkowiak commented on two recent items of interest: Senate Bill 200 that will establish standards for the management of student athletes with concussions or head injuries; and House Bill 1610 regarding signs and symptoms of sudden cardiac arrest in relationship to students participating in interscholastic athletics*
- ✓ The minutes of the Parkway West Career and Technology Center Joint Operating Committee of August 2, 2011 were entered into record. (SC Item #1011-01)

BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD:

I. Miscellaneous

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

- C...L.Begg...Chartiers Valley HS...Annual AP Workshop...10/10
 - C...M.Kozy...Chartiers Valley HS...Annual AP Workshop...10/10
 - C...W.Palonis...Chartiers Valley HS...Annual AP Workshop...10/10
 - C...MBVeri...North Allegheny SD...Battery Cars Workshop...10/20
 - C...J.Nagorski...Wheeling Jesuit U...Challenger Ctr Training...10/21
 - C...C.Rex...Wheeling Jesuit U...Challenger Ctr Training...10/21
 - C...J.Nagorski...AIU3...Prof. Development...10/25, 12/9, 2/6, 4/5
 - C...N.Kovanis...SS Sheraton...School Performance Conf...1/31, 2/1-2
 - FT...D.Criste/M.Smoller...AIU...Mosaic Mural w/students...9/27/11
 - FT...MBVeri...Pittsburgh Zoo...Jr. Hi Animal Science Enrich...10/12
 - FT...MBVeri...Pittsburgh Zoo...Elem Animal Science Enrich...10/12
 - FT...M.Mishkin...Three Rivers Ctr...Mentoring Day...10/19
 - FT...D.Mitchell...Pgh Zoo & Aquarium...Animal Behavior...10/26
 - FT...MBVeri...Heinz History Ctr...Jr. Hi History Bowl Comp...11/2
 - FT...MBVeri...Heinz History Ctr...Elem History Bowl Comp...11/2-3
 - FT...MBVeri...Heinz History Ctr...Jr. Hi History Bowl Comp...11/9
 - FT...L.Price/G.DeRoss...Carnegie Museum/Playhouse...Crafton Grade 1...5/18
 - C...S.Lee...PTI...AC Counselors Association Mtg...10/11
 - FT...R. Gevaudan...Apple Store/Shadyside...Computer Class...11/10
- (Miscellaneous Item #1011-01 **REVISED**) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

Conference and Field Trip Requests

II. Finance

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

Treasurer's Report – August 2011

The August 2011 bills in the amount of \$1,714,955.01 as presented;

August 2011 Bills

The Rosslyn Farms Earned Income Tax Audit Report for the period ending June 30, 2010; (Finance Item #1011-01)

Rosslyn Farms EIT Audit

~~The 2011-2012 contract agreement and resolution between the district and the Northeastern Educational Intermediate Unit 19 for Special Education services as presented. Costs are incurred only when services are rendered. (Finance Item #1011-02)~~ **REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA**

~~2011-2012 Contract Agreement and Resolution with NEIU19~~ REMOVED

And to accept grant donation from The Grable Foundation in the amount of \$10,000 for the Carnegie Towers' Power Hours program. (Finance Item #1011-2) **By a ROLL CALL VOTE, the motion carried 7-0.**

Acceptance of Grant from Grable Foundation for Carnegie Towers Program

III. Personnel

Director Roussos moved, seconded by Director Wilson, to approve the following additions to the 2011-2012 Day-to-Day Substitute List as reviewed by the administration and presented:

Additions to the 2011-2012 Day-to-Day Substitute List

- Thomas McMullen – Health and Physical Education
- Dezzarea Schwartzmiller – Elementary
- Robert Riggle – Technology Aide
(Personnel Item #1011-01)

The following addition to the 2011-2012 Athletic Supplemental List:

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- Aleander Norton – Junior High Assistant Soccer Coach
- Nate Milsom – Assistant Athletic Director
(Personnel Item #1011-02 REVISED)

The resignation of Christopher Very, Carnegie Elementary Principal and Elementary Science Curriculum Coordinator, effective October 14, 2011; (Personnel Item #1011-03 REVISED)

Resignation – Christopher Very

Many board members echoed regret to Mr. Very's decision to resign but thanked him for his commitment while employed by the district and wished him the best.

Regina Urso to the position of Acting/Temporary Principal of Carnegie Elementary School, effective October 7, 2011, per the terms as presented; (Personnel Item #1011-04)

Appointment of Carnegie Elementary Acting Principal

Carol Polichio to the position of general cafeteria worker at Crafton Elementary School; (Personnel Item #1011-05)

Carol Polichio – General Cafeteria Worker at Crafton

And the positions of SAT Prep Course instructors for the fall and spring of the 2011-2012 school year to Michael Kozy, mathematics, and Tonilyn Longo, English, at a per diem rate, and under the terms of the Carlynton Federation of Teachers Collective Bargaining Agreement; (Personnel Item #1011-06) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

SAT Prep Course Instructors - Michael Kozy and Tonilyn Longo

Director Schell asked if the course would run in the fall due to low enrollment; the matter was discussed and it was determined to offer the program to benefit those who wished to take the course.

Director Tassaro moved, seconded by Director McCartney, to approve the position of In School Suspension Monitor at Carnegie Elementary to Linda Driscoll, as needed, under the terms of the Secretarial, Cafeteria and Aides Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement; (Personnel Item #1011-07)

In School Suspension
Monitor – Linda Driscoll

The posting of a position for a Life Skills classroom aide, as requested, at the junior-senior high school; (Personnel Item #1011-08)

Posting – Life Skills
Classroom Aide

Recall Kimberly Wagner from furlough due to the above posting for the position of a Life Skills classroom aide. Mrs. Wagner's assignment will be determined via the bidding process based on seniority under the terms of the Secretarial, Cafeteria and Aides Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement.

Recall Kimberly Wagner
From Furlough

Posting for the positions of four (4) after-school tutors/instructors, two (2) for Carnegie Elementary and two (2) for Crafton Elementary, to conduct an after-school tutoring program in each elementary school;

Posting for Four (4) After-
School Tutors for the
Elementary Schools

And Dr. Joseph Dimperio as an alternate voting delegate to the Southwest Tax Study Committee. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

Dr. Dimperio – Alternate
TSC

IV. Student Services

Director Schell moved, seconded by Director Roussos, to approve the list of van drivers for the 2011-2012 school year as presented by Roenigk Van Transportation. (Student Services Item #1011-01) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

2011-2012 Van Drivers

President Brown stated that those on the list are employees of Roenigk but the district maintains a copy of all clearances, which have been reviewed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: *Director Schell questioned whether an earlier field trip request would be re-presented. Dr. Susini said he would stay on top of it. She then presented information pertaining to the Facility Usage Policy and its relationship to a request for facility usage by Special Olympics. She distributed a handout to indicate board policy and pointed out a clause that offers a compromise. Board members said they would review all the information and be prepared to discuss it at the next meeting.*

NEW BUSINESS: *Director Schell said she viewed a webinar that discussed blending lessons with technology in smaller schools. She suggested that as the board begins to budget, perhaps they can further investigate the role technology plays in learning. President Brown said a good starting point would be to discuss the matter in education and technology committee meetings.*

Director Tassaro called attention to an article in the Post-Gazette about math teacher Jake Trombetta and a new curriculum he has developed. Kudos was offered.

OPEN FORUM: *Mrs. Gibbs, audience member, questioned transportation, especially for those parents who do not own a vehicle and cannot pick up or drop off students to school. She suggested that if a shuttle of some sort were provided, she and other parents could become better involved in what their children are doing at the high school.*

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business to discuss, Director McCartney moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 pm, seconded by Director Walkowiak. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kirby Christy, Board Secretary

Michale Herrmann, Recording Secretary