

CARLYNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Agenda Setting/Committee/Voting Meeting October 6, 2014 Carlynton Jr.-Sr. High School Library – 7:30 pm

MINUTES

The Carlynton School District Board of Education held its agenda setting/committee/voting meeting October 6, 2014 in the library of the junior-senior high school. Those in attendance included President David Roussos, Vice President Ray Walkowiak, Treasurer Joe Appel and Directors Monica Dugan, Antriece Hart, Marissa Mendoza-Burcham, Nyra Schell, Jim Schriver and Sharon Wilson. Also present was Superintendent Gary Peiffer, Solicitor Tony Giglio, Business Manager Kirby Christy, Principals Carla Hudson, Michael Loughren and John McAdoo, Special Education Coordinator Hillary Mangis and Curriculum/Data Coordinator Ed Mantich. The audience was comprised of nine individuals and one member of the press.

CALL TO ORDER – *The meeting was called to order at 7:31 pm by President Roussos; former board member Betsy Tassaro was asked to lead the pledge. The roll was called by Michale Herrmann; all board members were present.*

RECOGNITION: *Mr. Peiffer called attention to four persons who have dedicated 25 years to the district. Individually, he recognized teachers Noreen Kelly and Nancy Martin, Crafton aide Debra Walther and Business Manager Kirby Christy. The honorees were presented with certificates. Former school director Betsy Tassaro was acknowledged and thanked for her 18 years of services to the district and was presented a token of appreciation.*

PUBLIC COMMENT ON BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD: *None*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Director Hart moved, seconded by Director Walkowiak, to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2014 Committee/Voting Meeting as presented;
By a voice vote, the motion carried 8-0-1, with Director Wilson abstaining.

REPORTS:

- **Executive Session** – *President Roussos said litigation, contracts and personnel matters were discussed in the closed session.*
- **Administrative Reports**
 - **Superintendent's Report** – *Mr. Peiffer spoke of Act 82, Evaluation of Teachers/Educator Effectiveness Project, saying the recent results show the teacher have done well. Principal Effectiveness is new to this current school year. All of this is tied into student performance and overall ratings of the district.*
 - **Business Manager Report** – *Mr. Christy announced that the Department of Education has established the base index rate for raising taxes next year at 2.4 percent cap without the need to apply for exceptions or going to a referendum. The percentage is equal to approximately \$309,000 based on assessed values or .47 of a mill.*

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- Director of Pupil Services' Report – *Dr. Mangis reported she has scheduled three informative parent nights regarding special education topics. All meetings will be held at Carnegie Elementary. Meetings with Dr. Richard Grubb continue in preparation of the special education monitoring.*
- Curriculum/Data Report – *Mr. Mantich said curriculum writing continues. He is working with the principals to develop supplemental help for those not proficient on state-mandated exams. He is also working on a Civil Rights data collection project.*
- Principals Report – *Mrs. Hudson announced that both elementary open houses were well attended. She and Dr. Maslyk have scheduled three nights for kindergarten transition meetings. The STEAM activities are receiving great responses from students and the after-school programs are flourishing. A number of students, based on positive behavior, will attend a Pittsburgh Penguins practice. And a new character education program, The Leader in Me, is teaching productive habits to children. Mr. Loughren and Mr. McAdoo said the seventh grade transition program is going well and offered credit to the elementary principals for the terrific students. Homecoming went well and the Cougar Den is up and running, Open House is October 23, and the golf outing will be held October 10. Mr. Loughren said there is a general good feeling in the school and discipline infractions are down considerably. The SAP team has been active in supporting students and is currently mentoring 27 individuals.*

I. Miscellaneous

Director Wilson moved, seconded by Director Dugan, to approve the additions to the Conference and Field Trip Requests for the 2014-2015 school year as submitted; (Miscellaneous Item #1014-01 REVISED) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 9-0.**

2014-15 Conference and Field Trip Requests

II. Finance

Director Schriver moved, seconded by Director Schell, to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of August 2014;

August 2014 Treasurer's Report

The August 2014 bills in the amount of \$2,831,594.05;

August 2014 Bills

The October 2014 Real Estate Tax Refunds for the Borough of Crafton as submitted; (Finance Item #1014-01)

October 2014 Crafton RE Tax Refunds

The August 2014 Athletic Fund Report with an ending balance of \$6,637.95 as submitted; (Finance Item #1014-02)

August 2014 Athletic Fund Report

The August 2014 Activities Fund Report with an ending balance of \$56,676.21 as submitted; (Finance Item #1014-03)

August 2014 Activities Fund Report

*And the Food Services Report as submitted by Aramark Educational Services for the end of the 2013-2014 school year and the current month results. (Finance Item #1014-04) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 9-0.***

Aramark Report

III. Personnel

Director Wilson moved, seconded by Director Hart, to approve the addition to the 2014-2015 Day-to-Day Substitute List as submitted; (Personnel Item #1014-01)

The letter of intent to retire from high school teacher Maggi Mishkin, as submitted per the terms of the Carlynton Federation of Teachers Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement and effective the last day of the October 2014; (Personnel Item #1014-02)

Board members praised Mrs. Mishkin for her dedication to the district.

Donna Hope to the Health Assistant position at the elementary level consistent with the terms of the Secretary-Cafeteria-Aides Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement and effective October 28, 2014; (Personnel Item #1014-03)

Michael Kozy to the position of SAT Prep Instructor in the area of mathematics for the fall and spring session at the per diem rate per the Carlynton Federation of Teachers Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement; (Personnel Item #1014-04)

Chris Foley to the position of Temporary Kindergarten Inclusion Aide at Carnegie Elementary, with Chris Trombetta as a substitute, consistent with the terms of the Secretary-Cafeteria-Aides Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement; (Personnel Item #1014-05)

And the following individuals to serve as substitutes for the 21st Century After-School Program at Carnegie Elementary for the 2014-2015 school year as submitted:

- Andrea Harrity
 - Susan Brossman
 - Suzanne Verbanick
- (Personnel Item #1014-06)

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

IV. Student Services

Director Appel moved, seconded by Director Wilson, to approve the agreement for Madison Crown to represent Carlynton and to compete as an independent gymnast in the WPIAL gymnastics division for the 2014-2015 school year under the training and direction of Monaca Turners Gym as presented; (Student Services Item #1014-01)

The agreement for Sydney Franchick to represent Carlynton and to compete as an independent gymnast in the WPIAL gymnastics division for the 2014-2015 school year under the training and direction of All-Star Athletics and Gymnastics as presented; (Student Services Item #1014-02)

The list of approved bus drivers for STA for the 2014-2015 school year as submitted. All appropriate paper work is filed in the transportation office; (Student Services Item #1014-03)

Addition to 2014-2015 Day-to-Day Sub List

Intent to Retire – Maggi Mishkin

Health Assistant – Donna Hope

SAT Prep Instructor – Michael Kozy

Temporary Kindergarten Inclusion Aide – Chris Foley (Chris Trombetta as Sub)

21st Century After-School Substitutes

Independent Gymnast – Madison Crown

Independent Gymnast – Sydney Franchick

2014-2015 STA Bus Drivers

And the list of van drivers for Roenigk Transportation for the 2014-2015 school year as submitted. All appropriate paper work is filed in the transportation office. (Student Services Item #1014-04) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 9-0.**

2014-2015 Roenigk Van Drivers

V. Policy

Director Mendoza-Burcham moved, seconded by Director Hart, to approve the first reading of Policy No. 222, Tobacco Use, as submitted; (Policy Item #1014-01)

First Reading - Policy No. 222

The first reading of Policy No. 113.2, Behavior Support, as submitted; (Policy Item #1014-02)

First Reading - Policy No. 113.2

And the first reading of Policy No. 200, Enrollment in District, as submitted; (Policy Item #1014-03)

First Reading - Policy No. 200

Director Schell suggested that the age for kindergarten be spelled out specifically within the policy.

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

OLD BUSINESS: *Per Parkway West CTC representatives, the following motion was made:*

Director Hart moved, seconded by Director Appel, to appoint Director Dugan as representative to Parkway West CTC and Director Walkowiak as alternate. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 9-0.**

Director Dugan – Parkway Rep / Director Walkowiak - Alternate

NEW BUSINESS: *Director Schriver commented on the Aramark report and suggested that Mr. Graff, Food Service Director, engage parents and administration when reviewing menus.*

OPEN FORUM: *None*

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business to discuss, Director Hart moved, seconded by Director Schriver, to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 pm. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 9-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kirby Christy, Board Secretary

Michale Herrmann, Recording Secretary