

CARLYNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Agenda Setting/Committee/Voting Meeting October 7, 2013 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 7, 2013 in the library of the junior-senior high school. Those in attendance included President David Roussos, Vice President Betsy Tassaro and School Directors Joe Appel, Nyra Schell and Jim Schriver. Also present was Superintendent Gary Peiffer, Solicitor Anthony Giglio, Principals Michael Loughren, John McAdoo, and Carla Hudson and Business Manager Kirby Christy. The audience was comprised of nine individuals and one member of the press.

CALL TO ORDER - *The meeting was called to order by President Roussos at 7:30 pm. Carnegie Elementary fifth grader Evan Yaros led the pledge.*

The roll was called by Michale Herrmann; Directors Hughan, Schirripa, Walkowiak and Wilson were absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD: *None*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Director Tassaro moved, seconded by Director Appel, to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2013 Committee/Voting Meeting as presented. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 4-0-1 with Director Schriver abstaining due to absence.**

Minutes of September 16,
2013 Meeting

REPORTS:

- **Executive Session** – *President Roussos said legal and contractual issues were discussed in the closed session.*
- **Administrative Reports**
 - **Superintendent's Report** – *Mr. Peiffer called attention to the Student Performance Profile rating and noted that the high school numbers were held due to some inaccuracies.*
 - **Business Manager Report** – *Mr. Christy said the Department of Education has published the school district index rate as part of Act 1 of 2006. The district's rate is 2.7 percent, which would generate about \$355,000 should there be a need to increase the millage rate when planning next year's budget.*
 - **Director of Pupil Services Report** – *Mr. Mantich provided building level scores and measures from the Student Performance Profile, adding that this year will be a baseline year.*
 - **Principals' Report** – *The principals reminded all of important upcoming dates; Mrs. Hudson offered information about a new after-school program for behavior support. High school principals Mr. Loughren and Mr. McAdoo said they plan to take a proactive approach to discipline with the goal of aiding all students. Mr.*

Loughren said staff is working in unity to build a higher level of engagement with students for a higher level of thinking. All principals distributed a newsletter with building highlights.

- Report from Mr. Eric Zagrocki, of Ryan Homes Developers, asked the board for consideration of a tax abatement for 59 townhomes planned for the Pressley Ridge development in Collier Township and Carnegie Borough (the development includes both communities). The abatement would be for the property and not the property owner. Mr. Zagrocki and several others representing Ryan Homes cited two options for abatement and said an abatement offer would help to jump start the sale of townhomes in the community. It was noted that Carnegie Borough will not consider the option until the district offers its consent. Discussion ended with the board deciding to hold a meeting with Carnegie officials to discuss the matter further.
- Construction Update – John Hays of Thomas and Williamson provided a brief update regarding renovations; in particular, he addressed the heating in the elementary schools and when it will be ready in relation to colder weather in the days ahead.

Due to the length of the meeting, President Roussos offered consideration to Kelly Ferris, a parent in the audience. Mrs. Ferris approached the board about bussing for her children. She lives within the 'half-mile radius' for walking to school, but due to a health condition, the daily walk is difficult for her. She provided photos and pleaded for a bus for her two young children. Board members said they would review the matter and get back to her.

I. Miscellaneous

Director Appel moved, seconded by Director Schriver, to approve the additions to the 2013-2014 conference and field trip requests as presented and approved by administration. (Miscellaneous Item #1013-01) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 5-0.**

II. Finance

Director Tassaro moved, seconded by Director Appel, to approve the October 2013 Real Estate Tax Refunds for the Borough of Carnegie as presented; (Finance Item #1013-01)

The 2013-2014 Memorandum of Understanding dated September 19, 2013 agreeing to the use of the PA-ETEP electronic evaluation portal as submitted; (Finance Item #1013-02)

Director Schriver asked for a better understanding of this evaluation tool. Mr. Peiffer explained the circumstances based on contractual issues, adding that the system is a component of record-keeping and it will facilitate faculty observations. Director Schriver noted the risks and preventive measures in the event of third-party hacking.

And the lease agreement between the Borough of Crafton and the District for use of the Crafton miniature golf course for the month of October at a cost of one dollar (\$1); (Finance Item #1013-03) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 5-0.**

Additions – 2013-2014
Conference and FT Requests

Carnegie RE Tax Refunds

MOU – PA-ETEP Evaluation
Portal

Lease Agreement – Crafton
Miniature Golf

III. Personnel

Director Schriver moved, seconded by Director Tassaro, to approve the additions to the Day-to-Day Substitutes for the 2013-2014 school year as recommended by administration and submitted; (Personnel Item #1013-01 REVISED)

Day-to-Day Substitutes 2013-2014

The 2012-2013 annual and semi-annual ratings for Temporary Professional Employees and Professional Employees and to direct administration to file said ratings with the appropriate agencies consistent with Section 1108 of the Pennsylvania School Code.

Annual and Semi-Annual Rates of TPEs and PEs

The additions to the 2013-2014 Supplemental Athletic List as recommended by administration and submitted; (Personnel Item #1013-02 REVISED)

Additions to Supplemental Athletic List

Appoint Daniel Hahn to a one-semester Long-Term Substitute position in the secondary science department as recommended by administration and under the terms of the Carlynton Federation of Teachers Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement; (Personnel Item #1013-03)

LTS Position – Daniel Hahn

And the reassignments of the following educators under the terms of the Carlynton Federation of Teachers Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement:

Reassignments: Cynthia Eddy, Jamie Sonnie, Zeffie Carroll

- Cynthia Eddy – Gifted Facilitator K-12
- Jamie Sonnie – High School Librarian
- Zeffie Carroll – English/Reading

Director Schell moved, seconded by Director Schriver, to appoint Michael Kozy and Tonilyn Longo as the SAT Prep course instructors for the 2013-2014 fall and spring semesters for math and English/Language Arts, respectively, and under the terms of the Carlynton Federation of Teachers Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement; (Personnel Item #1013-04)

SAT Prep Course Instructors – Michael Kozy and Tonilyn Longo

Appoint the position of 2.5 hour playground aide at Crafton Elementary to Sharon Daley, as submitted, and under the terms of Secretarial, Cafeteria and Aides Bargaining Unit Agreement; (Personnel Item #1013-05)

Crafton Playground Aide – Sharon Daley

Appoint the following to share the positions of after-school tutors for the After-School Tutoring Program to be offered at the junior-senior high school and funded by ACCESS:

After-School Tutoring Program at Jr.-Sr. High School

- Maggi Mishkin
- William Palonis
- Gerald Pepe
- Pamela Stone

(Personnel Item #1013-06)

Appoint the following to the after-school tutoring positions for the 2013-2014 21st Century Learning Community program based as submitted:

Posting – After-School Tutors for the 21st Century Learning Community Program

- Jamie Sonnie – 7th Grade Reading at JSHS
- Lisa Rowley – 8th Grade Reading at JSHS
- Teacher – Jeanine Butts (3-hour position)
- Teacher – Brian Harewicz (2-hour position)
- Teacher – Andrea Harrity (2-hour position)
- Physical Activity Teachers – Susan Brossman and Rachel Foltz

- Guidance Counselors (2) – Amanda Graham and Patricia Serdy
- Lead Teacher – shared by Andrea Harrity and Chris Colonna (Personnel Item #1013-07)

Appoint Carol Rust to the position of instructional aide at Crafton Elementary, as submitted, and under the terms of Secretarial, Cafeteria and Aides Bargaining Unit Agreement; (Personnel Item # 1013-08)

Crafton Instructional Aide –
Carol Rust

And an after-school tutoring program at Carnegie and Crafton Elementary as submitted for three hours each week beginning in October through April and funded by the Accountability Block Grant. Positions for these programs will be posted accordingly. (Personnel Item #1013-09) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 5-0.**

After-school Tutoring
Program

IV. Student Services

Director Appel moved, seconded by Director Schell, to approve the list of bus drivers for STA as submitted. All appropriate paper work is on file; (Student Services Item #1013-01)

STA Drivers

And the list of van drivers for Roenigk Transportation as submitted. All appropriate paper work is on file. (Student Services Item #1013-02) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 5-0.**

Roenigk Drivers

OLD BUSINESS: *Director Schell asked if there was an update on the girls' softball coaching position. She was told no. Director Schell also asked when the meeting between the district and Carnegie Borough officials would be scheduled to discuss the Ryan Homes abatement matter; President Roussos said he would have the superintendent contact Carnegie.*

NEW BUSINESS: *Director Schriver asked if the board would be holding another retreat/work session. Mr. Peiffer said he would begin making arrangements for a session in the near future or shortly after the holidays.*

OPEN FORUM: *None*

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business to discuss, Director Schriver moved, seconded by Director Appel, to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 pm. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 5-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kirby Christy, Board Secretary

Michale Herrmann, Recording Secretary