

CARLYNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Agenda Setting/Committee/Voting Meeting November 3, 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 November 3, 2011 in the library of the junior-senior high school. Those in attendance included President Thomas Brown and School Directors Sandra Hughan, Ronald McCartney, David Roussos, Nyra Schell, Patricia Schirripa, and Betsy Tassaró. Also present was Interim Superintendent Joseph Dimperio, Solicitor Janet Burkardt, Business Manager Kirby Christy, Director of Pupil Services Lee Myford and principals Laura Burns, Robert Susini and Regina Urso. The audience was comprised of 14 individuals and two members of the press.

CALL TO ORDER - *The meeting was called to order by President Brown at 7:32 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Carnegie Elementary student Olivia Cindrich.*

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD: *None*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Director McCartney moved, seconded by Director Tassaró, to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2011 Regular Voting Meeting as presented. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

Director Hughan asked that comments made by her during the open forum be added to the minutes. The comments were pertaining to Carlynton graduates and the colleges they attend after graduation, and how this can be used as a good public relations tool.

REPORTS:

- **Executive Session** – *President Brown announced the board held an executive session prior to the meeting to discuss personnel, labor and legal issues as is allowable by school code.*
 - **Superintendent's Report** – *Dr. Dimperio distributed certificates to board members for their long-term contributions to the district as school directors. A video generated by PSBA, "Stand Up for Public Education" was shown to all. Director Schirripa offered some comments about the marketing campaign prior to the viewing of the video.*
 - **Principals' Reports** – *The principals provided information about school happenings and student achievements.*
 - **Director of Pupil Services' Report** – *Mrs. Myford distributed several documents to inform of the board of events related to pupil services.*
 - **Business Manager Report** – *Mr. Christy said he spoke with the auditors and their preliminary findings reveal that district revenues exceeded spending and the excess dollars will bring the district's fund balance to approximately \$13.7 million.*

Minutes of the October 20,
2011 Meeting

BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD:

I. Miscellaneous

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

- C...T.Alex... AIU3...Prof. Development...11/8, 1/9, 3/27, 5/14
 - C...A.Kostrick... AIU3...Prof. Development...11/8, 1/9, 3/27, 5/14
 - C...~~R.Mickolay~~/R.Gevaudan...Learning Alliance...3 Rivers Tech Council...11/16
 - C...P.Banaszak...Doubletree Pgh Airport...RtI Interventions...12/8
 - C...L.Rowley...Sheraton SS...School Performance Conf...1/30-2/1
 - C...S.Kosko...Sheraton SS...School Performance Conf...1/30-2/1
 - FT...M.Smoller...Carnegie Science Ctr...SciTech Days...11/10
 - FT...M.Smoller...Carnegie Science Ctr...Chain Reaction Comp...12/9
 - FT...A.Harrity...Carnegie Museum of Art...Holiday Concert...12/12
 - FT...V.Ferro...HS Auditorium...Concert Dress Rehearsal...12/13
 - FT...R.Pedersen...HS Auditorium...Concert Dress Rehearsal...12/14
 - FT...Pedersen...HS Auditorium...Concert Dress Rehearsal...12/16
 - FT...M.Smoller...Soldiers & Sailors Hall...World Quest Comp...2/3
 - FT...V.Ferro...HS Auditorium...Concert Dress Rehearsal...5/15
 - FT...R.Pedersen...HS Auditorium...Concert Dress Rehearsal...5/16
 - FT...R.Pedersen...HS Auditorium...Concert Dress Rehearsal...5/18
 - C...L.Rowley...AIU3...Title 1 Grant Compliance...11/7
 - C...T.Post...University of Pittsburgh...Current World Affairs...11/7
 - C...C.Rex...Grand Concourse...Science Olympiad Conf...11/18
 - C...N.Kelly...Grand Concourse...Science Olympiad Conf...11/18
 - FT...S.Canty...Nevillewood CC...Rotary Vocational Mtg...11/17
 - FT...MBVeri...Duquesne U...Calculus Competition...11/18
 - FT...M.Mishkin...CCAC West Hills...Trades & Service Fair...11/22
 - FT...R.Susini...Consol Energy Ctr...Positive Behavior Incentive...12/6
- (Miscellaneous Item #1111-01 REVISED) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

Conference and Field Trip Requests

II. Finance

Director Hughan moved, seconded by Director McCartney, to approve the Borough of Crafton Real Estate Tax Refunds for November 2011 as presented; (Finance Item #1111-01) **By a ROLL CALL VOTE, the motion carried 7-0.**

Crafton Borough RE Tax Refunds – November 2011

III. Personnel

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

- Olivia Hipolit – Secondary-Biology, Sciences, Health
 - Melissa Porter – Elementary/Physically Handicapped
 - Bethany Racke – Music Ed.
 - Nicole Welsh – Social Studies
 - Edward Hoffmann - Custodial
- (Personnel Item #1111-01 REVISED)

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

The following teachers to serve as after-school tutors at the secondary level to promote academic achievement as presented, 1-2 hours per week at the teacher's per diem rate per the terms of the Carlynton Federation of Teachers Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement:

- Christine Garland
- Nancy Martin
- Maggi Mishkin
- William Palonis
- Tracy Post

(Personnel Item #1111-02)

Director Hughan questioned how students would be held accountable for attending the tutoring classes in light of the low turn out for the SAT Prep course. President Brown said he would like feedback. Mrs. Myford promised to provide just that and said attendance would be kept and the numbers will be monitored. Dr. Dimperio added that teachers will be asked to encourage student attendance.

The resignation of Dani Mitchell as elementary cafeteria worker as presented; (Personnel Item #1111-03)

*And the Speech-Language Pathologist Agreements for Theresa Bleil and Charlotte Steimer as presented. Ms. Bleil will work two days per week for five hours at an hourly rate of \$65; Ms. Steimer will work three days per week for five hours at the same hourly rate. (Personnel Item #1111-04) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.***

IV. Student Services

President Brown moved, seconded by Director McCartney, to approve the agreement for Kelsey Ponick to compete as independent gymnast in the WPIAL gymnastics division under the training and direction of Monaca Turners Gym. (Student Services Item #1111-01)

President Brown said this agreement is consistent with past practice.

Director Hughan added that there is no cost to the district.

*And the list of school bus and van drivers as presented by STA (Student Transportation of America). All proper clearances have been submitted and on file. (Student Services Item #1111-02) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.***

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: *Mrs. Maggi Mishkin, a high school teacher and volunteer leader with Special Olympics, asked permission to use district facilities for the program's practices. This was one of several discussions before the board. Mrs. Mishkin said she has spoken with Dr. Dimperio and shared numbers, ages, and place of residency, which was to be shared with board members. She attended the meeting to offer further explanations if necessary. President Brown thanked her for the information.*

Director Hughan said she watched a program on CBS regarding autistic children and their success of communicating with I-pads. She said it was a wonderful program.

Director Schirripa questioned expenses related to the Public Educational Channels. She said it was rumored that there was a cost of some \$40,000 with

After-School Tutors for Academic Achievement

Resignation – Dani Mitchell, Cafeteria Worker

Speech-Language Pathologist Agreements – Bleil and Steimer

Independent Gymnast – Kelsey Ponick

List of School Bus and Van Drivers

the Comcast agreement. Mr. Christy said he was only aware of start up costs for equipment in the \$20,000 range.

NEW BUSINESS: *Director Schell asked if Special Olympics would be discussed further and suggested an agreement should be formulated. She said the matter has been discussed several times and a resolution needed to be reached. Director Roussos agreed, offering that if a draft is generated, the board could review it and make a decision. President Brown suggested a decision be made once the new board takes their seats. Director Schell said the superintendent has the authority to make a decision and draw up an agreement, according to policy; Director Roussos again recommended a draft be produced by Dr. Dimperio and Mrs. Mishkin. It could then be presented to the new board and they could move forward with a decision. Director Tassaró said she would like consideration for no costs for facility usage, especially since neighboring districts have allowed the program to operate at no cost in their schools and Carlynton students have benefited.*

OPEN FORUM: *Mrs. Mishkin mentioned that I-pads are already being used in the school district with great results among special education students. Mrs. Myford said the district has 20 I-pads.*

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business to discuss, Director Hughan moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 pm, seconded by Director McCartney. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kirby Christy, Board Secretary

Michale Herrmann, Recording Secretary