

## CARLYNTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Regular Voting Meeting November 17, 2011 Carlynton Jr.-Sr. High School Library – 7:30 pm

#### MINUTES

The Carlynton School District Board of Education held its Regular Voting Meeting on November 17, 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, Betsy Tassaró and Raymond Walkowiak. Also present was Interim Superintendent Joseph Dimperio, Solicitor Janet Burkardt, Business Manager Kirby Christy, Director of Pupil Services Lee Myford and principals Jacie Maslyk, Robert Susini and Regina Urso. The audience was comprised of 18 individuals and two members of the press.

**CALL TO ORDER** - *The meeting was called to order by President Brown at 7:30 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Crafton Elementary students Shawna and Shayna Prah, sixth graders.*

**ROLL CALL** - *The roll was called by Recording Secretary Michale Herrmann; Director Wilson was absent.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD:** *None*

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Director McCartney moved, seconded by Director Roussos, to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2011 Regular Voting Meeting as presented. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 7-0-1, with Director Walkowiak abstaining due to absence at that particular meeting.**

Minutes of the November 3,  
2011 Meeting

#### **REPORTS:**

- **Executive Session** – *President Brown announced that an executive session was not held*
  - **Superintendent's Report** – *Dr. Dimperio offered the floor to Director Schirripa to introduce a short video about the mural project at the AIU. Fifteen Carlynton School District students took part in creating the mosaic mural. Following the video, Dr. Dimperio recognized and thanked President Brown and Director McCartney for their dedicated service to the school board.*
    - The minutes of the October 4, 2011 meeting of the Parkway West Career and Technology Center Joint Operating Committee were entered into record. (SC Item #1111-01)
  - **Principals' Reports** – *The principals provided brief updates of happenings in their buildings*
  - **Director of Pupil Services' Report** – *Mrs. Myford reminded everyone of the drug presentation at Carnegie Elementary on November 30*
  - **Business Manager Report** – *Mr. Christy reported that Act 97 will affect the dollar requirements for formal advertising on bids for school district projects. He said this new law will go into effect January 1, 2013.*

- SHASDA – Director Schirripa said the October meeting featured speaker Vic Wallczak. He discussed cyber bullying, dress codes, lap top privacy and cell phone searches.
- PSBA-Legislative – Director Walkowiak provided an update to Act 101 of 2011, the Safety and Youth Sports Act, regarding head injuries and specifications dealing with such injuries. President Brown said that Athletic Director Dave Oddi has informed him that the WPIAL has set up meetings to discuss implementation.

## **BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD:**

### **I. Miscellaneous**

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

- C...M.Sywy...Prosoft Office...Year-End Payroll Training...12/13
  - C...J. Sweeney...Hershey...Child Accounting Conference...3/21-23
  - FT...M.Herrmann...AIU3...Students to view finished mural...11/17
  - FT...B.Chenette...Pgh. Inter. Airport...Concert Performance...12/6
  - FT...J.Maslyk/Parents...Consol Energy Ctr...Penguins Practice...12/6
- (Miscellaneous Item #1111-01 REVISED) **By a voice vote, the motion carried 8-0.**

### **II. Finance**

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

The October 2011 bills in the amount of \$1,872,676.98 as presented;

*Director Tassaro questioned tuition costs for outplacement and cyber schools. Mr. Christy said the costs may differ because there are different periods of time when individual students were enrolled and he went to on explain the differences in costs.*

Resolution #444-11 indicating continuation of membership in the Joint Purchasing Board for the 2012-2013 school year along with the Allegheny Intermediate Unit and other local school districts, which will empower the district to make bulk purchases of selected items for its use. It is further recommended that the appropriate Carlynton School District official be authorized to sign the Joint Purchasing Agreement and that Mr. Kirby Christy be named said representative to the purchasing board and Dr. Joseph Dimperio named as the alternative; (Finance Item #1111-01)

Accept the performance audit report of the district presented by State Auditor General Jack Wagner for the period of January 27, 2009 through November 23, 2010 as submitted; (Finance Item #1111-02)

The August/September 2011 Cafeteria Report as submitted by Aramark Educational Services; (Finance Item #1111-03)

*Director Hughan asked if the red ink or negative balance in the account was due to sluggish sales. Mr. Christy said the cafeteria has typically shown a loss in the beginning of the school year as they attempt to fine tune meals and sizes but it generally reverses within a month or so.*

Conference and Field Trip Requests

October 2011 Treasurer's Report

October 2011 Bills

Membership in the AIU Joint Purchasing Board

State Auditor Performance Audit Report

August/September 2011 Cafeteria Report

<p>The October 2011 Cafeteria Report as submitted by Aramark Educational Services; (Finance Item #1111-04)</p> <p>The October 2011 Athletic Fund Report as submitted with an ending balance of \$12,307.60. (Finance Item #1111-05)</p> <p>The October 2011 Activities Fund Report as submitted with an ending balance of \$30,536.69. (Finance Item #1111-06)</p> <p>Renewal of Curtailment Services Agreement on a voluntary basis as submitted by ClearChoice Energy for the Demand Response Program/ Emergency Load Response Program for the term June 1, 2012 through May 31, 2013; (Finance Item #1111-07)</p> <p><i>Director Walkowiak said the district will not realize gains as large as the past due to higher costs/charges for energy, but by remaining diligent, those gains should increase. Director Roussos agreed.</i></p> <p><b>By a ROLL CALL VOTE, the motion carried 8-0.</b></p>	<p>October 2011 Cafeteria Report</p> <p>October 2011 Athletic Fund Report</p> <p>October 2011 Activities Fund Report</p> <p>Renewal of Curtailment Service Agreement with ClearChoice Energy</p>
<p><b>III. Personnel</b></p> <p>Director Schell moved, seconded by Director Roussos, to approve the following addition to the 2011-2012 Day-to-Day Substitute List as reviewed by the administration and presented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Jill Shinsky – K-12 Art and Reading (Personnel Item #1111-01)</li></ul> <p>The following additions to the 2011-2012 Athletic Supplemental List as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Andrew Monahan – Varsity Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach</li><li>▪ Kurt Ross – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' Basketball Coach</li><li>▪ Ryan Levinger – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys' Basketball Coach</li><li>▪ Thomas McMullen – Varsity Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach</li><li>▪ Sean Welsch – Varsity Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach</li><li>▪ Jesse Valentine – Junior High Head Wrestling Coach</li><li>▪ David Dedola – Junior High Assistant Wrestling Coach</li><li>▪ Joshua Valentine – Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach (Personnel Item #1111-02)</li></ul> <p><i>And the Leave of Absence as requested by Employee #CFT11-14 for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year. (Personnel Item #1111-03) <b>By a voice vote, the motion carried 8-0.</b></i></p>	<p>Addition to the 2011-2012 Day-to-Day Substitute List</p> <p>Additions to the 2011-2012 Athletic Supplemental List</p> <p>Leave of Absence – Employee #CFT11-14</p>
<p><b>UNFINISHED BUSINESS:</b> <i>Director Tassaro asked Dr. Susini if a guidance counselor had been approved in the absence of Mrs. Barnes. He said yes, and Dr. Dimperio explained that the substitute was on the day-to-day list. Mrs. Tassaro asked about the athletic recruitment seminar. Dr. Susini said approximately 25 parents attended. President Brown said speaker Tom Donohoe did a nice job and was not disappointed by the attendance level. He said that only one coach was at the presentation.</i></p> <p><i>Director McCartney asked about the filling of the position at Carnegie Elementary due to the retirement of Ruth Charles. Dr. Dimperio said someone should be in place by the next meeting.</i></p>	

Director Schirripa thanked Dr. Susini for sending out the PSSA data. She asked if he attended the recent principal's meeting that discussed the PSSAs. Dr. Susini said he did not. Director Schirripa questioned the rotation the district is in; Dr. Susini said he and the staff are focusing across all levels and departmentally. She asked when curriculum would be written. Dr. Susini said he and Laura Burns plan to facilitate it over a period of time. Principal Jacie Maslyk said that when she attended the last curriculum meeting, Dr. Hippert of the AIU cautioned everyone about curriculum writing and the purchase of textbooks until everything from the state is aligned. Director Schirripa questioned the PSSA alignment with Foresights. Mrs. Maslyk said the elementary schools have found a nice correlation but the high school levels have not.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Discussion – Junior and Senior High Programs of Studies for the 2012-2013 school year: Dr. Susini said this is usually discussed in December and approved in December or January. Director Tassaro asked that the assistant athletic director be listed on the page with the names of staff members. She questioned why some science courses require pre-requisites. Dr. Susini said the science department encouraged the addition of the pre-requisites. Director Tassaro asked if PSSA scores are recorded on student transcripts. Dr. Susini said they are not but said it might be something to consider. President Brown said the trend appears to be the inclusion of the scores on the transcript, adding that it might be a motivating factor to perform better on the test. Director Tassaro suggested it be considered to withhold senior athletes from participating in a sport if they do not score proficient on the PSSA. Dr. Susini said the question as to whether some students test well while other do not might come into play at that point.

President Brown read a letter from Solicitor Ira Weiss regarding information that referred to retention of his services once the new board members take office. The letter said he has heard the new board may not wish to retain the services of his office. President Brown asked if there have been discussions on this issue. Director Roussos said he personally spoke to Ira and expressed his opinion that the board may not wish to retain his services. He said he did this so Mr. Weiss would not be caught off guard at the reorganization meeting. President Brown asked if this was discussed among others; Director Roussos said it has in a casual format. President Brown read the letter from Mr. Weiss in its entirety, which stated that he will continue to offer fair and unbiased service to the district and its board members. Director Roussos said he shares a friendship with Ira and appreciates his services.

#### **OPEN FORUM:**

Director Roussos called attention to the passing of former Crafton mayor and councilman Ed Stewart, adding that Mr. Stewart has always shown his support of the school district.

Director Roussos announced that it is his intention to bring up the matter of the building project at the December school board meeting since there has been no discussion or change in the issue despite his attempts to discuss in October.

Director Roussos applauded the services of departing board members Tom Brown and Ron McCartney, stating that he appreciates their hard work and

*conviction. On behalf of the board, he extended best wishes.*

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business to discuss, Director Hughan moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm, seconded by Director McCartney. **By a voice vote, the motion carried 8-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Kirby Christy, Board Secretary

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Michale Herrmann, Recording Secretary