

## **CARMAN-AINSWORTH BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**

### **Regular Meeting**

**Tuesday, October 17, 2023, 6:30 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m., by President Koegel in the Conference Room of the Carman-Ainsworth Administration Building.

**Members Present:** Gary Cousins, La Cracha Handy, James Johnson, Lisa Koegel, Gloria Nealy, Chase Pelky, Anastasia Livingston

**Members Absent:** Crystal Dahl, Katina Wilborn

**Others Present:** Superintendent McGilvery, Russ Parks, Gina Ryan, Bob Hetherton, Detra Fields, Milissa Kenworthy, Charles LaClear, Lisa Murphy, and other guests

President Koegel called the meeting to order, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Mr. James Johnson recited the mission statement.

### **RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

#### Carman-Ainsworth Middle School Band Representatives

Superintendent McGilvery welcomed and thanked the Carman-Ainsworth Middle School Band student representatives, parents, and Mrs. Melissa Kenworthy, middle school music teacher. Superintendent McGilvery shared it is exciting to celebrate the tradition of our outstanding music department. Superintendent McGilvery thanked the students for the wonderful performance this evening and voiced appreciation to the parents for supporting the music program.

#### Carman-Ainsworth High School National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist

Superintendent McGilvery introduced Mr. Charles LaClear, Principal, at Carman-Ainsworth High School. Mr. LaClear presented Miss Celia Peters; 12<sup>th</sup> grade student at Carman-Ainsworth High School who is recognized as a “National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist” in the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program. Mr. LaClear explained every year the top PSAT high scores, representing less than 1% of the nation’s high school graduating seniors, will qualify as Semifinalists and receive a \$2500.00 National Merit Scholarship. Mr. LaClear commented that we are incredibly proud of the accomplishments of Miss Peters, her curiosity, perseverance, passion for learning, and willingness to face challenges head-on are truly inspiring. This recognition of Miss Peters’ scholastic achievement is a testament to the support and education provided by her family, and the staff of Carman-Ainsworth High School where she participates in multiple extracurricular activities.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Community Comments: President Koegel inquired if any individuals wished to address the Board.

Ms. Mary Margaret Gidcumb, 1429 Eggelston Avenue, Flint, inquired about the special needs student population and paraprofessional opportunities.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

#### Headlee Override Ballot Proposal Update

Superintendent McGilvery presented an update regarding the communication plan for the November 7, 2023, ballot proposal. Superintendent McGilvery noted two informational sessions have taken place, reminded Board Members of upcoming opportunities to share election information and stated yard signs will be available tomorrow.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

President Koegel attended the District Continuous Improvement and Curriculum Committee meetings. Continuous Improvement members reviewed the Continuous Improvement Process along with an evaluation of last year's Improvement Plans regarding fidelity monitoring and implementation of adjustments and chose resource allocations for monitoring this year. The District Curriculum team viewed presentations on the High School Science Pilot, along with informational reports on Fine Arts and K-12 Art curriculums, noting proposals for both are expected later this year.

Ms. Handy commented the October Genesee County Association of School Board Members (GCASBM) meeting will take place on October 19, 2023, during the Genesee Career Institute (GCI) Presentation and Tour and reminded Board Members of the Holiday Dinner, November 30, 2023, at Zehnder's of Frankenmuth.

Mr. Johnson noted his attendance at the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) Board of Directors meeting, sharing a brief summary, which included the state's high turnover rate for superintendents and the creation by the MASB of over 100 new classes for this year and next. Mr. Johnson reported the National School Boards Association (NSBA) Advocacy Institute will take place January 2024 in Washington, D.C. and the MASB Annual Leadership Conference will take place November 9-12 in Lansing.

Ms. Nealy attended the Early Head Start Parent Policy Committee meeting and reported on various discussion items including enrollment availability in the program and upcoming field trips and activities.

## BOARD GENERAL DISCUSSION

President Koegel asked if the members had any items for general discussion. There was no response.

The business portion of the meeting was called to order at 6:51 p.m.

## ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were none.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

Motion by Cousins, supported by Nealy, to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 3, 2023, and that they be approved as presented.

Motion unanimously carried.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion by Johnson, supported by Nealy to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented and authorize payment of bills, as follows:

### General Fund, Food Service, Community Education, and Athletics

Checks #102075-102261 dated September 1, 2023 – September 30, 2023

*\*\*102142 Misprint/Void*

General Fund .....	\$2,087,247.52
Checks #102122, 101833 Late Print .....	\$1,073.04
Food Service .....	\$25,543.62
Community Education.....	\$13,371.13
<b>Grand Total.....</b>	<b>\$2,127,235.31</b>

Building & Site

Checks #1896-1897

Dated September 1, 2023 – September 30, 2023 ..... \$26,150.00

Capital Projects

NA

Community Education

NA

Purchase Order Checking

Checks #031700, 031884, 031886, 031929-031931

Dated September 1, 2023 – September 30, 2023 ..... \$678.00

Merchant Detail Report

PNC Bank Purchasing Cards

Dated August 5, 2023 – September 4, 2023 ..... \$16,115.65

Payroll

September 1, 2023 ..... \$854,276.28

September 15, 2023 ..... \$948,600.75

September 29, 2023 ..... \$974,817.18

Motion unanimously carried.

**PERSONNEL ITEMS**

There were none.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was none.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Recommendation to Renew Annual Summer Tax Collection Resolution

Superintendent McGilvery referenced the Annual Summer Tax Collection Resolution of December 21, 1993, which determined to impose a summer property tax level to collect one hundred percent of school property taxes, including debt services upon property located within the Carman-Ainsworth Community School District, beginning with 1994, and continuing from year to year until specifically revoked by the Board of Education.

Motion by Cousins, supported by Handy, to renew the resolution for the Carman-Ainsworth Community Schools to collect one hundred percent (100%) of the taxes as part of the summer collection, as recommended by Superintendent McGilvery.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Cousins, Handy, Johnson, Koegel, Nealy

Nays: None

Absent: Dahl, Wilborn

Motion unanimously carried. Resolution declared adopted.

### Acceptance of Donation

Motion by Johnson, supported by Handy, that the Board accept the donation as indicated below in support of the Carman-Ainsworth Community Schools, as recommended by Superintendent McGilvery.

- Drive Medical Ultra Full - Electric Bed for the High School Nursing Simulation Lab from Ms. Kobierzyski.

Motion unanimously carried.

### **ITEMS FROM ADMINISTRATORS**

- Mr. Hetherton recognized Dr. Barbara Dunn, School Psychologist, who passed away yesterday.
- Mrs. Ryan noted the district's Title I Application has been approved. Mrs. Ryan reported the District Attendance Committee met last week with Mrs. Jennifer Thornton facilitating the meeting which focused on attendance/truancy data and barriers/solutions for families.
- Mrs. Fields commented that the Promoting Positive School Climate teams have been meeting in each building and are in the process of collecting climate data from families, students, and staff.
- Mr. Parks shared bids are due Friday for replacement of the middle school bleachers. Mr. Parks noted the district will be accepting roofing bids in the near future for the Administration Building and band room at the high school, for installation over the summer.
- Superintendent McGilvery attended the Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame press conference, noting 2004 Carman-Ainsworth graduate, Dan Skuta, will be inducted in December. Superintendent McGilvery thanked those who participated in a successful Homecoming Parade. Superintendent McGilvery noted attendance has been positive at the recent conferences at the high school and middle school; conferences at Atlantis High School will take place this week.

### **ITEMS FROM TRUSTEES**

- Ms. Handy voiced appreciation for the middle school band students and congratulated Miss Peters on her academic accomplishment.
- Mr. Johnson shared gratitude for the building principals, noting the importance of having committed individuals to lead and inspire.
- Miss Livingston was pleased with the Homecoming events, noting the dance was a lot of fun and was well attended.
- Mr. Pelky echoed the comments of Miss Livingston, sharing many said it was the best dance they had attended; the atmosphere was full of energy, exciting and fun. Mr. Pelky noted Student Council is working to coordinate with high school clubs for future community events.
- Mr. Cousins thanked Mrs. Kenworthy and the middle school band students for the presentation this evening; it is always a highlight of the meeting. Mr. Cousins congratulated Miss Peters and noted the Homecoming Parade was fun, although the game was miserable with the rain. Mr. Cousins voiced appreciation to the district for purchasing new equipment for the football chain crew.
- President Koegel thanked those involved in organizing the Homecoming Parade and voiced appreciation to the middle school band students and families.

### **ADVANCED PLANNING**

Board of Education Regular Meeting, November 14, 2023, 6:30 p.m., Carman-Ainsworth Administration Building

Board of Education Student Discipline Subcommittee Meeting, November 28, 2023, 5:30 p.m., Carman-Ainsworth Administration Building

#### **SUGGESTED AGENDA ITEMS**

- Superintendent Evaluations
- Regular Instruction, Curricular, and Assessment Topics
- Year's Growth Data
- Continuous Improvement Monitoring

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

President Koegel declared the Regular Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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Gary Cousins, Board Secretary