<u>MINUTES</u>
NOTE : Be advised that the Board may recess into executive session at anytime during the meeting.
OPENING - Meeting called to order by President at 7:00 pm
ROLL CALL Mr. Acanfora_x_ Mrs. Allen_x_ Mr. Cox_x_ Mrs. Hamilton _7:09_ Mr. Lopez _7:02_ Mr. Offreda _ x_ Mr. Riveros _7:04_ Mr. Young _ x_ Mrs. Lahullier _x Superintendent Kollinok _ x_ Mr. Arifaj _ x_ Mrs. Henke _ x_ FLAG SALUTE
OPENING STATEMENT The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Carlstadt Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be announced by having the time, date, and location and, to the extent known, the agenda of the meeting thereof, posted on the official bulletin board of this public body more than 48 hours prior to said meeting.
Further action was taken by forwarding a copy of said meeting notice more than 48 hours in advance to the following persons or newspapers:
Office of Carlstadt Borough Clerk Business office of The Record, Star Ledger and The South Bergenite
PRESENTATIONS: N/A
APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 22, 2016 Regular Meeting March 22, 2016 Executive Session
Moved: Mr. Young Seconded Mr. Cox Mr. Acanforax Mrs. Allen_Abstain Mr. Coxx Mrs. HamiltonMr. Lopez Mr. Offreda _x Mr. Riveros Mr. Young _x Mrs. Lahullierx

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

GOOD EVENING. I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WELCOME THOSE OF YOU IN ATTENDANCE AT TONIGHT'S BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING.

- 1. PARCC testing began prior to the spring break and again resumed yesterday morning. I will keep the Board updated continually as the testing continues. The parental refusal rate as of this morning was 5.5 % which is considerably less than last year's number at this point in the testing. Unfortunately, I cannot guarantee that this number will not increase. However, there is a measurable improvement over the numbers that we had at the same time last year.
- 2. As we move ahead with additional district security, it should be noted that the legislature has a bill in the works that would require school buildings to be equipped with emergency light and panic alarms linked to local law enforcement. I guess being proactive can work to our advantage.
- This year marks our 150th Annual Picnic for the children in Carlstadt. The date has been 3. set for Saturday June 18, 2016.
- 4. Esther Fletcher has been selected as this year's recipient of the Bergen County Teacher/Educational Services Professionals Recognition Program for the 2014-2015 school year. Congratulations to Mrs. Fletcher on this award.
- 5. We had briefly discussed taking the Friday prior to Memorial Day weekend as a full day off this year. It is currently a one session day. That would move our last day of school and graduation to Tuesday, June 21, 2016.
- 6. Under the Harassment, Intimation, and Bullying Law, I as Superintendent am required to report to the Board of Education no later than the date of the next Board meeting results of investigations regarding HIB when those investigations have been completed. We had three incidents investigated since the last Board of Education meeting where it was determined that HIB did not take place in any of the three incidents.

MRS. LAHULLIER, SO ENDS MY REPORT.

REPORT OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR/BOARD SECRETARY

GOOD EVENING. I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WELCOME THOSE OF YOU IN ATTENDANCE AT TONIGHT'S BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING.

- 1. The budget was submitted to the county and we received their approval. It will be advertised and the public hearing will be at our next meeting on May 2nd. Changes can be made to the budget submission up until the public hearing date.
- 2. I would like to thank the custodians for their hard work spreading the playground mulch.

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- 3. Over the spring recess, I had the custodian's use the lift to both inspect and clean the vents in the gymnasiums. This is something that we are going to include in our summer maintenance.
- 4. As I had mentioned at the last meeting, we have now moved ahead with upgrading all the classrooms in the building and hallways. The work began during the spring recess on the third floor. The plan is for the electricians to come back at the end of the school day and finish the project over a several week timeline.
- 5. I would like to inform the Board that you will see in the report that I gave to you tonight that there were not detected levels of lead in the schools water supply. We thought that being proactive would serve the district immediately since mandated lead testing in schools in New Jersey is probably not that far away.
- 6. I would like to thank the majority of you for filing your disclosure statements.

Reminder – 2016 Personal/Relative and Financial Disclosure Statements must be filed by every school official, which includes board members and certain administrators. Newly elected or newly appointed school officials must file the Disclosure Statement within 30 days of taking office or assuming a position. Officials who have previously filed in the District, the deadline is April 30. We are still waiting for a few sitting members to file. I would like to encourage everyone to complete their forms as soon as possible. Failure to file a statement by the deadline may subject you to disciplinary action up to and including removal pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:12-25.

You should receive an email from the School Ethics Commission for instructions for filing the Disclosure Statements. Please check your spam folder if you have not received it. Please do not delete this email. If you require any assistance to file, please contact me.

Mrs. Lahullier so ends my report.

HEARING OF CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY None

Any citizen present who wishes to be heard on agenda items only, should raise his/her hand to be recognized, state name and address, and limit remarks to five minutes in accordance with board policy. Another Hearing will be conducted after new business for any other matter. The hearing of citizens shall not exceed one hour.

President closes hearing of citizens.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

INSTRUCTIONAL/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: (Mr. Young)

- 1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board accepts, with regret, the resignation of Mary Maulbeck, Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant effective July 1, 2016.
- **2.** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the Algebra Readiness Plan to be utilized in Grades 4 through 8.

- 3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the attendance at the NJASA Annual Spring Conference, May 11-12, 2016, for Stephen Kollinok with a registration cost of \$450 and approval for one night stay at Caesars at a cost of \$100 and a total cost of \$550.
- 4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the attendance of Maura Barrett at the workshop "The Awaken Summit (Rachel's Challenge)", sponsored by Rachel's Challenge and Marzano Research, on June 23-25, 2016, in Dallas, TX with a registration fee of \$395 and a maximum reimbursement of \$200.
- 5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves to grant tenure to Michelle Eckert, secretary, effective January 3, 2016.
- **6.** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves Sharon Dunn as substitute teacher for county certification for the 2015-2016 school year, pending completion of all paperwork.
- 7. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the revised leave of absence for maternity/disability to Jessica Gutowski, using 20 accumulated sick days from April 18, 2016, through May 13, 2016. The Superintendent also recommends that the Board approves an unpaid leave of absence for Jessica Gutowski in accordance with the New Jersey Family Medical Leave Act from May 16, 2016 through June 30, 2016, with an intended return date of September 1, 2016.

ADDENDUM

- 1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board recognizes and commends Esther Fletcher, math teacher, on her selection as recipient of the Bergen County Teacher/Educational Services Professionals Recognition Program for the 2015-16 school year. The Superintendent certifies that Esther Fletcher meets the established criteria/guidelines for the award.
- 2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the attendance of Bruce Young at the workshop "NJSBA School Security & Safety Conference" on Friday, June 3, 2016, sponsored by NJSBA in West Windsor, with a registration fee of \$99.

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Moved: Mr. Young Seconded: Mrs. Allen Mr. Acanfora_x_ Mrs. Allen_x_ Mr. Cox_x_ Mrs. Hamilton _--- Mr. Lopez _x_ Mr. Offreda __x__ Mr. Riveros__x__ Mr. Young __x__Mrs. Lahullier _x__

Minutes

LEGISLATIVE/POLICY COMMITTEE: (Mr. Offreda)

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves on first reading the following Policies and Regulations:

Policy-Revised #P5330 Administration of Medication (M)

Regulation-Revised #R5330

Policy-Revised #P5339 Screening for Dyslexia (M)

Policy-Revised #P5615 Suspected Gang Activity

Policy-Revised #P5756 Transgender Students

Policy-Revised #P8540 School Nutrition Programs

Regulation-Abolished #R8540 Free and Reduced Rate Meals Policy-New #P8550 Outstanding Food Service

Charges

Policy-Revised #P8820 Opening Exercises/

Ceremonies

Moved: Mr. Offreda Seconded: Mrs. Allen

Mr. Acanfora_x_ Mrs. Allen_x_ Mr. Cox_x_ Mrs. Hamilton _--- Mr. Lopez _x_

Mr. Offreda __x_ Mr. Riveros__x_ Mr. Young _x__ Mrs. Lahullier __x__

BUILDING/ GROUNDS/HISTORICAL COMMITTEE: (Mr. Cox) N/A

FINANCE COMMITTEE: (Mrs. Hamilton)

- 1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the Board Secretary's report for the month ending February 2016 as presented pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2:11(a), the Carlstadt Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the secretary's certification, and after review of the monthly financial report (appropriations section) certifies that, to the best of knowledge, as of February 2016 no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2:11(b), and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.
- 2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the Cash Report of School Moneys for the month ending February 2016 as presented per N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)4.
- **3.** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the transfer of funds for the month ending February 2016 as presented in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1 and 18A:22-8.2 within the adopted 2014/2015 budget.

- 4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the current bills for April as presented.
- 5. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves a contract with the South Bergen Jointure Commission for the 2015-16 school year in the amount of \$18,750 prorated for student ID#22729.
- 6. BE IT RESOLVED by the Carlstadt Board of Education, County of Bergen, New Jersey, that pursuant to State Law N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5 all purchases and contracts exceeding the bid threshold of \$40,000, shall be awarded by board resolution at a public meeting including all State Contracts purchases that exceed \$40,000; therefore the Board hereby authorized purchases in excess of \$40,000 via State Contract with the vendor National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance.

Moved:	Mrs.	Hamilton		Seconde	ed:	Mr. Young			
Mr. Acanfora	ıx_	Mrs. Allen_	_x	Mr. Cox	x	Mrs. Hamilton _	_xM	Ir. Lopez _	X
Mr. Offreda	X	Mr. Riveros_	_X	Mr. Young	_x_	Mrs. Lahullier	x_		

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Kollinok handed out to all board members The School Ethics Commission Advisory Opinion -A31-15. Mr. Kollinok will have additional discussions with the Attorney and seek out other districts recommendations. This will be discussed further at our next meeting.

A motion was added to Instructional/Personnel to change the school calendar for Friday, May 27, 2016 from a half a day off to full day off.

NEW BUSINESS

HEARING OF CITIZENS: None

Any citizen present, who wishes to be heard, should raise his/her hand to be recognized, state name and address, and limit remarks to five minutes in accordance with board policy. Matters of a personal nature must first have been exhausted through the proper channels. The hearing of citizens shall not exceed one hour.

President closes hearing of citizens.

ANY ACTION ARISING FROM HEARING OF CITIZENS

RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION N/A

WHEREAS,	the Open Public Meetings Act and Carlstadt board policy reserve the right					
	within the constraints of state law to sit in executive session: and					

there now exists a need for this board to meet in an executive session; now, WHEREAS,

therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Carlstadt Board of Education hold an executive session for the purpose of personnel and litigation and be it further

RESOLVED, that the public will be informed either later this evening after reconvening the public meeting; or at a future public meeting, said date is not predictable at the present time.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjournment meeting at 7:15 pm

Moved: Mr. Riveros Seconded: Mrs. Allen
Mr. Acanfora__x__ Mrs. Allen__x_ Mr. Cox_x__ Mrs. Hamilton_x__ Mr. Lopez_x__
Mr. Offreda_x__ Mr. Riveros__x_ Mr. Young __x_Mrs. Lahullier__x__

Respectfully Submitted,

Bert Arifaj School Business Administrator/Board Secretary