

MINUTES  
CARTHAGE ESD #317  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 15, 2020

The regular meeting of the Carthage E.S.D. #317 Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board President Brent Ufkes.

Roll call: Amy Graham/present; Brent Ufkes/present; Luke Burling/present; Robert Menn/present; Andrea Jones/present; Brandon Gooding/present; Trish Markley/present.

There were no additional agenda items.

There were no visitors present wishing to speak on stated agenda items.

Administrative Reports – Mrs. Hardy reviewed her report and gave an overview of the district’s investments and where that money is allocated.

Mr. Butcher reviewed his report.

Mr. Snowden reviewed his report and shared information regarding an upcoming evacuation drill, which will go a step further than usual and allow parents to come to the evacuation site to pick up their child.

It was moved by Mrs. Markley and seconded by Mr. Gooding to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll call: Mrs. Graham/yes; Mr. Ufkes/yes; Mr. Burling/yes; Mr. Menn/yes; Mrs. Jones/yes; Mr. Gooding/yes; Mrs. Markley/yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Maintenance Grant - Mrs. Hardy explained the maintenance grant that will be made available in February or March. If we received the grant, we would have two years to complete the work. They would match up to \$50,000 of our dollars spent. She proposed spending the money to add heating units to the rooftop A/C units on the high school building, which would eliminate the need for the boilers. Illini West is offering to contribute their \$100,000 for the project if the grants go through. Mrs. Hardy will move forward with the grant process.

Group Health Insurance – An insurance committee has been formed to discuss ways of lowering the premiums for health insurance coverage. The committee would like to take bids for the insurance and hopefully find a company with lower rates. Mrs. Hardy reminded everyone that the board would need to approve whatever plan the committee proposed, as there have been issues in the past with “run-off” fees, which cost the district a great deal of money.

It was moved by Mrs. Markley and seconded by Mr. Burling to enter into executive session at 7:40 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel and bargaining. Roll call: Mrs. Graham/yes; Mr. Ufkes/yes; Mr. Burling/yes; Mr. Menn/yes; Mrs. Jones/yes; Mr. Gooding/yes; Mrs. Markley/yes. Motion carried 7-0.

It was moved by Mr. Gooding and seconded by Mrs. Graham to exit executive session at 8:36 p.m. Roll call: Mrs. Graham/yes; Mr. Ufkes/yes; Mr. Burling/yes; Mr. Menn/yes; Mrs. Jones/yes; Mr. Gooding/yes; Mrs. Markley/yes. Motion carried 7-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Markley and seconded by Mr. Gooding to approve the resignation of Wendy Dowell as assistant cook, effective February 1, 2020.

It was moved by Mrs. Markley and seconded by Mr. Gooding to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m. Roll call: Mrs. Graham/yes; Mr. Ufkes/yes; Mr. Burling/yes; Mr. Menn/yes; Mrs. Jones/yes; Mr. Gooding/yes; Mrs. Markley/yes. Motion carried 7-0.