

MINUTES
CARTHAGE ESD #317
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 19, 2023

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 Luke Burling.

Roll call: Linda Housewright/present; Dillon Darbyshire/present; Sean Dickerson/present; Derrick Nelson/present; Stephanie Fitch/present; Jacob Murphy/present; Luke Burling/present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additional Agenda Items. Mr. Day requested an action item be added to authorize Joyce Biery to conduct business on the Corporate Sweep Account at Fortress Bank. This will be action item 9:F

There were no individuals wishing to speak on stated agenda items.

Administrative Reports:

Mr. Day gave an oral board report which included updates on the custodians' progress; the bathroom remodel project at the middle school; the fence at the primary school, which needs a gate switched out; storm damage to the fiberoptic line and fence at the middle school, which has been reported to our insurance carrier; all grants are completed and submitted; a 12' x 16' shade canopy will be installed at the primary school; He has spoken to the Mayor and the Sheriff in regards to a School Resource Officer, which the Board would like more information on so they can make a decision; the double doors dividing the high school and primary school buildings were discussed and the Board would like quotes and more information on this matter so a decision can be made; the door from the multi-purpose room to the playground at the Primary School was discussed again and the Board would like quotes to make the door more secure. The Board also inquired about investing an additional \$1 million dollars in a CD and instructed Mr. Day to get rates from each bank in town for a 6-month CD.

Mrs. Jacoby had no additional items to report.

Mr. VanCamp was out of town.

It was moved by Mr. Darbyshire and seconded by Mr. Murphy to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll Call: Mrs. Housewright/yes; Mr. Darbyshire/yes; Mr. Dickerson/yes; Mr. Nelson/yes; Mrs. Fitch/yes; Mr. Murphy/yes; Mr. Burling/yes. Motion carried 7-0.

The August 16th board meeting will begin at 6PM with a tour of the buildings, starting at the primary school.

There were no bids submitted by any bread vendors.

It was moved by Mr. Darbyshire and seconded by Mrs. Fitch to accept the low escalator milk bid from Prairie Farms for the 2023-2024 school year. Roll Call: Mrs. Housewright/yes; Mr. Darbyshire/yes; Mr. Dickerson/yes; Mr. Nelson/yes; Mrs. Fitch/yes; Mr. Murphy/yes; Mr. Burling/yes. Motion carried 7-0.

It was moved by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Dickerson to accept the low snow removal bid from Jordan White for the 2023-2024 school year. Roll Call: Mrs. Housewright/yes; Mr. Darbyshire/yes; Mr. Dickerson/yes; Mr. Nelson/yes; Mrs. Fitch/yes; Mr. Murphy/yes; Mr. Burling/yes. Motion carried 7-0.

It was moved by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Mrs. Housewright to accept the low garbage disposal bid from GFL (formerly Area Disposal) for the 2023-2024 school year. Roll Call: Mrs. Housewright/yes; Mr. Darbyshire/yes; Mr. Dickerson/yes; Mr. Nelson/yes; Mrs. Fitch/yes; Mr. Murphy/yes; Mr. Burling/yes. Motion carried 7-0.

It was moved by Mr. Darbyshire and seconded by Mr. Dickerson to accept the low firm fuel bid from West Central FS for the 2023-2024 school year. Roll Call: Mrs. Housewright/yes; Mr. Darbyshire/yes; Mr. Dickerson/yes; Mr. Nelson/yes; Mrs. Fitch/yes; Mr. Murphy/yes; Mr. Burling/yes. Motion carried 7-0.

It was moved by Mr. Darbyshire and seconded by Mr. Burling to approve the 2023-2024 Primary School Handbook changes as presented. Roll Call: Mrs. Housewright/yes; Mr. Darbyshire/yes; Mr. Dickerson/yes; Mr. Nelson/yes; Mrs. Fitch/yes; Mr. Murphy/yes; Mr. Burling/yes. Motion carried 7-0.

It was moved by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Dickerson to approve the 2023-2024 Middle School handbook changes as presented. Roll Call: Mrs. Housewright/yes; Mr. Darbyshire/yes; Mr. Dickerson/yes; Mr. Nelson/yes; Mrs. Fitch/yes; Mr. Murphy/yes; Mr. Burling/yes. Motion carried 7-0.

It was moved by Mr. Dickerson and seconded by Mrs. Housewright to declare the following Middle School items as surplus: 11 Teacher Desks and 11 Teacher Chairs. Roll Call: Mrs. Housewright/yes; Mr. Darbyshire/yes; Mr. Dickerson/yes; Mr. Nelson/yes; Mrs. Fitch/yes; Mr. Murphy/yes; Mr. Burling/yes. Motion carried 7-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Fitch and seconded by Mrs. Housewright to approve a 12-month CD at First Bankers Trust Company in the amount of \$2.3 million dollars, at 5.05% interest. Roll Call: Mrs. Housewright/yes; Mr. Darbyshire/yes; Mr. Dickerson/yes; Mr. Nelson/yes; Mrs. Fitch/yes; Mr. Murphy/yes; Mr. Burling/yes. Motion carried 7-0.

It was moved by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Mrs. Fitch to approve a 12-month CD at Marine Bank in the amount of \$1 million dollars, at 5.0% interest. Roll Call: Mrs. Housewright/yes; Mr. Darbyshire/yes; Mr. Dickerson/yes; Mr. Nelson/yes; Mrs. Fitch/yes; Mr. Murphy/yes; Mr. Burling/yes. Motion carried 7-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Fitch and seconded by Mr. Dickerson to authorize Joyce Biery and Mr. Day as designated signers and to transact business on the Corporate Sweep Account at Fortress Bank, with Ryanne Jacoby having “view only” access to the account. Roll Call: Mrs. Housewright/yes; Mr. Darbyshire/yes; Mr. Dickerson/yes; Mr. Nelson/yes; Mrs. Fitch/yes; Mr. Murphy/yes; Mr. Burling/yes. Motion carried 7-0.

It was moved by Mr. Darbyshire and seconded by Mrs. Housewright to enter into executive session at 8:14 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel. Roll Call: Mrs. Housewright/yes; Mr. Darbyshire/yes; Mr. Dickerson/yes; Mr. Nelson/yes; Mrs. Fitch/yes; Mr. Murphy/yes; Mr. Burling/yes. Motion carried 7-0.

It was moved by Mr. Darbyshire and seconded by Mr. Dickerson to exit executive session at 10:31 p.m. Roll Call: Mrs. Housewright/yes; Mr. Darbyshire/yes; Mr. Dickerson/yes; Mr. Nelson/yes; Mrs. Fitch/yes; Mr. Murphy/yes; Mr. Burling/yes. Motion carried 7-0.

It was moved by Mr. Darbyshire and seconded by Mr. Dickerson to approve the resignation of Ashley Huffman as Middle School Special Education Teacher, effective August 4, 2023. Roll Call: Mrs. Housewright/yes; Mr. Darbyshire/yes; Mr. Dickerson/yes; Mr. Nelson/yes; Mrs. Fitch/yes; Mr. Murphy/yes; Mr. Burling/yes. Motion carried 7-0.

It was moved by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Darbyshire to employ Amber Parrish as a teacher, at the certified contract rate beginning with the 2023-24 school year, pending successful completion of her certified teaching credentials. Roll Call: Mrs. Housewright/yes; Mr. Darbyshire/yes; Mr. Dickerson/yes; Mr. Nelson/yes; Mrs. Fitch/yes; Mr. Murphy/yes; Mr. Burling/yes. Motion carried 7-0.

It was moved by Mr. Dickerson and seconded by Mrs. Housewright to employ Dina Gamboa as custodian at the non-certified support staff contract rate, beginning with the 2023-24 school year. Roll Call: Mrs. Housewright/yes; Mr. Darbyshire/yes; Mr. Dickerson/yes; Mr. Nelson/yes; Mrs. Fitch/yes; Mr. Murphy/yes; Mr. Burling/yes. Motion carried 7-0.

It was moved by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Dickerson to approve Zack Burling as Head Baseball Coach for the 2023-24 school year at the certified contract rate. Roll Call: Mrs. Housewright/yes; Mr. Darbyshire/yes; Mr. Dickerson/yes; Mr. Nelson/yes; Mrs. Fitch/yes; Mr. Murphy/yes; Mr. Burling/abstain. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Mr. Darbyshire and seconded by Mrs. Fitch to approve the resignation of Sheila Huls as assistant cook, effective July 19, 2023. Roll Call: Mrs. Housewright/yes; Mr. Darbyshire/yes; Mr. Dickerson/yes; Mr. Nelson/yes; Mrs. Fitch/yes; Mr. Murphy/yes; Mr. Burling/yes. Motion carried 7-0.

The motion to approve the new contract for Primary School Principal/Special Education Coordinator Ryanne Jacoby was tabled. Roll Call: Mrs. Housewright/yes; Mr. Darbyshire/yes; Mr. Dickerson/yes; Mr. Nelson/yes; Mrs. Fitch/yes; Mr. Murphy/yes; Mr. Burling/yes. Motion carried 7-0.

It was moved by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Mrs. Fitch to approve the resignation of Lyle Klein, effective at the end of the 2026-27 school year, with thanks for his many years of service. Roll Call: Mrs. Housewright/yes; Mr. Darbyshire/yes; Mr. Dickerson/yes; Mr. Nelson/yes; Mrs. Fitch/yes; Mr. Murphy/yes; Mr. Burling/yes. Motion carried 7-0.

It was moved by Mr. Darbyshire and seconded by Mr. Dickerson to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 p.m. Roll Call: Mrs. Housewright/yes; Mr. Darbyshire/yes; Mr. Dickerson/yes; Mr. Nelson/yes; Mrs. Fitch/yes; Mr. Murphy/yes; Mr. Burling/yes. Motion carried 7-0.