

MINUTES  
CARTHAGE ESD #317  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANURY 19, 2011

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 Linda Stoverink. Roll Call: Mr. Pettit, present, Mrs. Huston, present; Mrs. Stoverink, present; Mr. Ufkes, present; Mrs. Fritz, present; Mr. Menn, present; Mrs. Markley, present.

There were no additional agenda items.

Rusty Willey was in attendance to address the Board on Agenda Item VII, C Football Field.

Administrative Reports:

Mrs. Hardy reviewed the historical data charts that were included with her written reports and noted that we are facing a \$234,000 deficit budget for FY12. It was suggested that this information be included with bargaining information.

Diane reported that they had had a good CAC meeting today. Topics discussed included ISAT incentives and scheduling alternatives at the Middle School. The community recognition assembly that she conducted honoring various community members for their contributions to the schools went very well. Also at that assembly, the Carthage Fire Department was presented a check for the fundraising efforts of student Madison Curfman who wanted to help them pay for their expensive gear. Mrs. Markley was in attendance at the assembly and reiterated that it had gone very well.

It was moved by Mr. Menn and seconded by Mrs. Fritz to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll Call: Mr. Pettit, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

The Board reviewed the Food Allergy Plan that was presented last month. Mrs. Hardy pointed out that, while adoption of the plan is mandatory, its purpose is to serve as a guiding document to use in the case of individual needs.

It was moved by Mrs. Fritz and seconded by Mr. Menn to approve the Food Allergy Plan as presented. Roll Call: Mr. Pettit, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

It was moved by Mrs. Stoverink and seconded by Mrs. Huston to approve the second reading and adoption of policies as presented. Roll Call: Mr. Pettit, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Rusty Willey, president of the Illini West High School Sports Boosters, addressed the Board regarding the condition of the football field. He and Athletic Director Joey Dion have met with a representative of Growmark to discuss a solution for the crabgrass that is taking over the field. The estimated cost of resolving the problem is \$5,000 for chemicals and other required products, \$5,000 for a watering machine and an unknown amount to be paid to a yet-to-be-determined landscaping company that will be responsible for maintaining the field once the current issues are resolved. The Boosters are prepared to contribute to this, but are not willing to pay for all of it and are consequently requesting contributions from the districts. Mrs. Hardy pointed out that what we need to decide is how much, if any, we are willing to donate to this endeavor. This will be an action item at next month's meeting.

The superintendents were not able to meet to discuss the 2011-12 calendar yesterday because of the weather. This item will be on the February agenda.

It was moved by Mr. Pettit and seconded by Mr. Menn to extend the contract with Gorenz and Associates for the FY11 school year for a sum of \$6,850. Roll Call: Mr. Pettit, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

It was suggested that Mrs. Hardy contact Gorenz and Associates to see if they would agree to lock in additional years at the current increment.

It was moved by Mrs. Stoverink and seconded by Mrs. Huston to enter into executive session at 8:23 p.m. for the purpose of discussing bargaining, litigation and personnel. Roll Call: Mr. Pettit, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

It was moved by Mrs. Stoverink and seconded by Mrs. Markley to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Service Employees' International Union Local #73 and the Carthage E.S.D. #317 Board of Education. Roll Call: Mr. Pettit, no; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mr. Ufkes, no; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, no. Motion carried 4 – 3.

It was moved by Mr. Pettit and seconded by Mr. Menn to employ Steve Kirby as crossing guard in accordance with the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Service Employees' International Union Local #317 and the Carthage E.S.D. #317 Board of Education. Roll Call: Mr. Pettit, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

It was moved by Mr. Pettit and seconded by Mr. Menn to employ Lisa Fecht as crossing guard in accordance with the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Service Employees' International Union Local #317 and the Carthage E.S.D. #317 Board of Education. Roll Call: Mr. Pettit, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

It was moved by Mr. Menn and seconded by Mr. Ufkes to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. It was moved by Mr. Pettit and seconded by Mr. Menn to employ Steve Kirby as crossing guard in accordance with the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Service Employees' International Union Local #317 and the Carthage E.S.D. #317 Board of Education. Roll Call: Mr. Pettit, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.