

MINUTES  
CARTHAGE ESD #317  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 16, 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: Mrs. Huston, present; Mrs. Stoverink, present; Mr. Ufkes, present; Mrs. Fritz, present; Mr. Menn, absent; Mrs. Markley, present; Mr. Pettit, absent.

There were no additional agenda items or individuals wishing to address the Board on stated agenda items.

Administrative Reports:

Mrs. Hardy reported that Governor Quinn's proposed FY12 budget has just been released and it calls for immediate elimination of all Regional Offices of Education. The Governor's budget also reduces the allocation for school transportation, which will cause additional hardship for rural districts such as ours.

Diane has filed one of the two e-rate claims which will be approximately \$13,000 for our telecommunications. She has not received all of the bids yet on internal connections. We may be eligible for reimbursement up to 84% on internal connections based on our free and reduced numbers.

Diane also shared that the 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys played a very good basketball game in spite of the score. The boys will be honored by the Board at next month's meeting.

The stability balls that the PTO ordered are coming in. Diane is having parents and community members come in tomorrow evening to help with cleaning projects that the teachers have identified beyond the scope of the custodial responsibilities.

It was moved by Mrs. Markley and seconded by Mrs. Huston to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll Call: Mrs. Huston, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Mrs. Hardy will contact Jack Curfman to seek FEMA reimbursement for snow removal costs for the blizzard on February 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Mrs. Hardy also shared that she had spoken with Rusty Willey of the Illini West Sports Boosters and informed him that the Board was considering contributing \$2,000 toward the cost of the football field project and he was pleased with that.

It was moved by Mrs. Stoverink to approve contributing \$2,000 toward the project cost upon completion of the project. Motion died due to lack of a second.

Mrs. Huston would like to contribute \$2,500 or \$3,000 because it is our property and reflects upon us.

It was asked about maintenance costs once the project has been completed to which Mrs. Hardy replied that her impression, based on conversations with Rusty Willey, is that Illini West will be responsible for maintenance.

It was moved by Mrs. Huston and seconded by Mr. Ufkes to approve contributing \$3,000 toward the football field project upon completion of the project. Roll Call: Mrs. Huston, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.

The Board reviewed the draft of the 2011-12 calendar. Mrs. Hardy reported that this is only a draft at this point as Mr. Campbell may request that the January teacher institute day be moved back to October at the request of his staff. It was noted that the calendar includes an extra day at both Thanksgiving and Easter thus providing for a longer "spring break". Approval of the calendar will be an action item next month.

It was moved by Mrs. Fritz and seconded by Mr. Ufkes to extend the contract with Gorenz and Associates for the FY12 school year for a sum of \$8,580 and for FY13 for a sum of \$8,835 to prepare the financial statement audits. Roll Call: Mrs. Huston, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.

In reviewing transportation information, the Board received a listing of the entire fleet's depreciation schedule as well as a spreadsheet showing vehicle mileage, age, capacity, etc. It was suggested that a transportation committee be established and look into leasing as well as purchasing.

It was moved by Mrs. Stoverink and seconded by Mrs. Markley to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing bargaining, litigation and personnel.

It was moved by Mr. Ufkes and seconded by Mrs. Stoverink to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. Roll Call: Mrs. Huston, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.