

MINUTES  
CARTHAGE ESD #317  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 16, 2011

The Waiver Hearing 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. Stoverink, present; Mr. Ufkes, present; Mrs. Fritz, present; Mr. Menn, present; Mrs. Markley, present; Mr. Pettit, absent; Mrs. Huston, present.

Mrs. Hardy explained that the School Code Mandate Waiver Hearing was required in order to extend two waivers currently in place that will expire at the end of the 2010-2011 school year. The two waivers are for Lincoln's Birthday and Casimir Pulaski Day. By waiving these holidays, we are allowed to be in session on these days. New regulation has eliminated the requirement that the General Assembly approve such requests, they only have to be approved at the local level now and only have to be done once. Due to that change, we were advised by the ISBE to go ahead and recognize all five permissible holidays, i.e., Lincoln's Birthday, Casimir Pulaski Day, Columbus Day, Veterans' Day and Martin Luther King Day thus eliminating the need for a hearing in the future should administration decide to waive observation of any of those holidays.

There were no visitors wishing to address the board about the School Code Mandate Waiver.

It was moved by Mr. Menn and seconded by Mrs. Fritz to adjourn the Waiver Hearing at 7:02 p.m. Roll Call: Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes. Motion carried 6 – 0.

The regular meeting of the Carthage E.S.D. #317 Board of Education was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Board President Linda Stoverink. Roll Call: Mrs. Stoverink, present; Mr. Ufkes, present; Mrs. Fritz, present; Mr. Menn, present; Mrs. Markley, present; Mr. Pettit, absent; Mrs. Huston, present.

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

Administrative reports-

Mrs. Hardy shared that the Middle School science fair was very good today. The projects were judged by the IWHS Chemistry II class.

Mr. Pettit entered the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Diane reported that projected enrollment for next fall so far is 29 students in Pre-K and 32 in kindergarten. The kindergarten projection does include the students moving up from this year's Pre-K class.

The PTO movie night was very well attended. Mrs. Fritz reiterated that it was a very nice activity. Since the PTO now has the copyright permissions, there will be more such activities in the future.

Diane is meeting tomorrow with the IL State Police as well as local police departments and fire department to try to schedule a coordinated drill with all of the emergency services. As of yet she doesn't know when or what the drill will be. She is of the opinion that our Crisis Management Plan needs updated and she would like to have that done before the drill. A SchoolReach call will be made ahead of time so as not to alarm parents. Mr. Gooding doesn't want to know when it is because he wants to truly be surprised.

ISAT testing seemed to go well as far as the students taking it seriously. The PTO provided snacks.

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

It was moved by Mr. Ufkes and seconded by Mrs. Huston to approve the 2011-2012 calendar as presented. Roll Call: Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Mrs. Stoverink would like volunteers to serve on a committee to look into the possibility of leasing buses. Mrs. Hardy stated that if they want to pursue purchasing we will follow the normal procedure. When asked if we need to purchase a new unit Mrs. Hardy replied that we are able to trade a bus and a van for one bus. When asked about the number of spare buses that we have Mrs. Hardy informed the board that there have been days when we have used all three spares. It was shared that several years ago we looked into contracting with Laidlaw and it was cost prohibitive; however, we haven't looked into leasing.

Question was asked if we could go a year without purchasing. It was pointed that we did not buy a unit last fall and we have maintained a two-year rotation however we all realize that the state transportation reimbursement is lacking right now.

Mr. Menn would serve on the committee and would be willing to listen to a lease proposal. Mr. Ufkes will serve on the committee as well.

It was moved by Mr. Pettit and seconded by Mrs. Markley to approve the request to waive no-attendance on the Lincoln's Birthday and Casimir Pulaski holidays and reserve the right to waive no-attendance on Dr. Martin Luther King Day, Columbus Day and Veterans' Day. Roll Call: Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

The board reviewed information pertaining to purchasing a web-based update to our current financial software package, SDS. It was suggested that we look at the program in use before authorizing the purchase. This will be an action item next month.

It was moved by Mrs. Stoverink and seconded by Mrs. Fritz to enter into executive session at 7:51 p.m. for the purpose of discussing bargaining, litigation and personnel. Roll Call: Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

It was moved by Mrs. Stoverink and seconded by Mrs. Fritz to accept the resignation of Ruth Lohrenz, with gratitude for her service, at the end of the 2010-2011 school year. Roll Call: Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

It was moved by Mr. Menn and seconded by Mrs. Fritz to adopt the Resolution to reduce in force full-time certified staff member Rose Fisher at the end of the 2010-2011 school year. Roll Call: Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

It was moved by Mr. Ufkes and seconded by Mr. Menn to adopt the Resolution to reduce in force part-time certified staff member Julia Boyer at the end of the 2010-2011 school year. Roll Call: Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

It was moved by Mrs. Markley and seconded by Mr. Pettit to adopt the Resolution to reduce in force part-time certified staff member Sharon Barr at the end of the 2010-2011 school year. Roll Call: Mrs.

Stoverink, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

It was moved by Mrs. Stoverink and seconded by Mr. Pettit to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. Roll Call: Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.