

MINUTES
CARTHAGE ESD #317
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 15, 2011

The regular meeting of the Carthage E.S.D. #317 Board of Education was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Board Vice-President Brent Ufkes. Roll Call: Mrs. Fritz, present; Mr. Menn, present; Mrs. Markley, present; Mrs. Stoverink, present; Mrs. Huston, present; Mr. Pettit, absent; Mr. Ufkes, present.

There were no additional agenda items. Sarah Nelson and Rod Clark wished to address the board on Item V, B – Builders Club.

Mr. Pettit entered the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Certificates of Recognition were presented to the members of the Middle School track teams that advanced to state competition.

Sarah Nelson did a very nice job of addressing the Board on behalf of the Builders Club. The members of the club had previously submitted copies of a petition that they had circulated regarding the program being acknowledged as part of the school as well as compensating the sponsor. Mr. Rod Clark spoke on behalf of the Carthage Kiwanis Club, the sponsoring organization of the Builders Club. He emphasized the accomplishments and works done by the Builders Club pointing out that this group had received national recognition by being placed on the national website for raising \$2,000 for Traci Twaddle. Mr. Clark emphasized that the organization understands the money issue but they would like it to be recognized that the Builders Club is a school-sanctioned organization.

Administrative Reports:

Mrs. Hardy handed out the Selective Insurance policies breakdown. It was asked whether or not we would carry the insurance on leased buses to which Mrs. Hardy replied that, yes, we would be liable for that.

She also reported that the insurance committee did meet and voted to stay with BlueCross BlueShield. There was some discussion regarding changing the deductible amount in order to reduce premiums, but it was ultimately decided to leave the deductible at \$500.

Diane reported that the ISAT scores are not the final scores since anyone who moved into the district after May 10th of last year has not been included in the state's data. She does, however, have those students included in her data. She commended our teachers for the gains that were achieved.

She was commended for the collaboration with the Kibbe Museum and reported that representatives from the Kibbe Museum will be coming to CAC and students will have curriculum-related activities to do at the museum when they go for their field trips/walking tours.

She attended a standards meeting at which she learned that the state will soon begin pushing everything ahead by two years. They plan to have new math tests in place in three years and are already warning of its level of difficulty and potential impact on test scores. They have gone so far as to say that if a district is currently at 80% it will probably be at 40% when the new testing starts.

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

Mrs. Hardy informed the Board that she had been approached by Rob Dunham regarding naming the high school gym for former girls' basketball coaches Jerry Logan and Sci Hickenbottom. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to table the issue.

Mr. Ufkes was out at the football field yesterday and thought it looked alright. In spite of some things not being done when or how they were planned it seems that it is now progressing more the way it was intended. It was asked what the project is now expected to cost and Mrs. Huston shared that her understanding is that the final cost will be dependent upon the success of the project. Mrs. Hardy will get figures in order to clarify what is being paid by each party.

The Board reviewed the itemization of the summer projects being done by the custodial and maintenance staff. Diane explained that there was a need to move so many rooms at the Middle School because there is a handicapped student entering fifth grade this year and the stairs would be very difficult for her. Also, the fifth grade students will now be closer to their lockers.

It was noted that it is a good idea to have music in the portable classroom due to its volume. Also as a result of the moves, two regular education teachers will have larger classrooms than they have had in the past.

The Board discussed leasing buses and Ben from Central States Bus Sales was present to answer any questions that may arise. A quote had previously been received from Midwest Transit for International buses, however, it was decided to explore other options. It was requested that the transportation committee make a recommendation for action next month.

Mrs. Hardy pointed out that BlueBird would take three months to order but the International quote was for in-stock units so it could be that, by delaying action, the International units would no longer be available.

It was moved by Mr. Menn and seconded by Mrs. Stoverink to approve the Prevailing Wage Ordinance as presented. Roll Call: Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, no. Motion carried 6 – 1.

It was moved by Mr. Ufkes and seconded by Mrs. Markley to accept the low bread bid from Interstate Brands for the 2011-2012 school year. Roll Call: Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

It was moved by Mrs. Stoverink and seconded by Mrs. Fritz to accept the low escalator milk bid from Prairie Farms for the 2011-2012 school year. Roll Call: Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, abstain; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes. Motion carried 6 – 0 – 1.

It was moved by Mrs. Markley and seconded by Mr. Pettit to accept the low firm fuel bid from West Central FS for the 2011-2012 school year. Roll Call: Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

It was moved by Mr. Menn and seconded by Mr. Ufkes to accept the low garbage disposal bid from Area Disposal for the 2011-2012 school year. Roll Call: Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

It was moved by Mr. Ufkes and seconded by Mrs. Markley to accept the low snow removal bid from Andy Redenius for the 2011-2012 school year. Roll Call: Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

It was moved by Mrs. Huston and seconded by Mrs. Fritz to approve the use of the depositories as presented for the 2011-12 school year. Roll Call: Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

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

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

It was moved by Mr. Menn and seconded by Mrs. Huston to approve the resignation of Jeri Schuster from the position of volleyball coach effective immediately. Roll Call: Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

It was moved by Mrs. Fritz and seconded by Mrs. Markley to approve the employment of Dana Hendricks as 7th and 8th grade volleyball coach. Roll Call: Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

It was moved by Ms. Markley and seconded by Mr. Menn to adjourn the meeting at 10:19 p.m