

MINUTES  
CARTHAGE ESD #317  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 20, 2011

The regular meeting of the Carthage E.S.D. #317 Board of Education was called to order at 7:30 by Board President Jamie Pettit. Roll Call: Mr. Menn, present; Mrs. Markley, absent; Mrs. Stoverink, present; Mrs. Huston, present; Mr. Pettit, present; Mr. Ufkes, present; Mrs. Fritz, absent.

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

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Mrs. Fritz entered the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

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It was moved by Mr. Menn and seconded by Mrs. Stoverink to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll Call: Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Discussion-

Mrs. Hardy did not have any additional information on transferring the 2005 construction grant submitted by C.U.S.D. #338, but noted that, if the language is received from the attorneys this may be an action item next month.

Since question had arisen regarding curriculum alignment and AYP status, Diane distributed information on our current curriculum. Curriculum Mapper was put in place several years ago but had been abandoned because of cost. Diane did save those forms as a reference however. She handed out recently updated curriculum maps that showed the increased amount of detail as well as a sample showing the national standard compared to the state standard. It was pointed out that the national standard had already been adopted by 39 states. She has gotten word that the state will begin new testing in 2014/2015 that will push skills “down” approximately two grade levels. The presenters that had provided this information gave the illustration that districts that are currently testing at 80% are expected to be at approximately 40% on the new tests.

Diane informed the board that we currently have no textbook for kindergarten, first or second grade math as the series that we had is completely out of production. She has ordered samples but she is hesitant to purchase a new series until the new standards have been completed.

She also handed out minutes from the CAC meetings. CAC only met three times during the year but the “subgroups” have met monthly. Mrs. Fritz and Mrs. Markley have attended CAC meetings as board representatives.

Mr. Pettit would like to have a review of the CAC meeting on the agenda after each meeting of the entire group since that would only be three times per year.

There had been some discussion as to whether the Handbook Committee was the same as the Parent/Teacher Advisory Committee. It was the consensus of the board that they are one in the same.

The board reviewed the fourth quarter revenue and expense summary

It was decided to do a building walkthrough prior to the regular August board meeting. We will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the football field.

It was moved by Mr. Menn and seconded by Mr. Pettit that the Board authorize the administration to enter into a three-year agreement with Central States Bus Sales for the lease of six full sized buses. Roll Call: Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Ben Hanewinkel from Central States was in the audience to answer any questions the board may have. He shared that they are working on setting up a warranty site in Quincy and possibly Ft Madison. They do currently have a local person that does the warranty work for Dallas City and LaHarpe.

It was moved by Mrs. Stoverink and seconded by Mr. Menn to enter into executive session at 9:05 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel. Roll Call: Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes. Motion carried 6 – 0.

It was moved by Mrs. Stoverink and seconded by Mr. Ufkes to approve the retirement of Linda Quinn at the end of the 2011-12 school year with many thanks for her 33 years of service. Roll Call: Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes. Motion carried 6 – 0.

It was moved by Mr. Pettit and seconded by Mr. Menn to approve the resignation of Sharon Barr effective immediately with thanks for her years of service. Roll Call: Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes. Motion carried 6 – 0.

It was moved by Mrs. Fritz and seconded by Mrs. Huston to approve the employment of Ruth Lohrenz as part-time psychologist for the 2011-12 school

year at the current contract rate. Roll Call: Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes. Motion carried 6 – 0.

It was moved by Mr. Menn and seconded by Mr. Ufkes to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 p.m. Roll Call: Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes. Motion carried 6 – 0.

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