

MINUTES
CARTHAGE ESD #317
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 21, 2011

INTERFUND TRANSFER HEARING

The interfund transfer hearing was called to order at 7:30 by Board President Jamie Pettit. Roll Call: Mrs. Stoverink, present; Mrs. Huston, present; Mr. Pettit, present; Mr. Ufkes, absent; Mrs. Fritz, present; Mr. Menn, present; Mrs. Markley, absent.

Mr. Ufkes entered the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

The purpose of this hearing was to discuss transferring \$41,816.74 of unused lease levy money from the Operations and Maintenance Fund to the Education Fund.

Mrs. Hardy noted that the full .05 lease levy would raise approximately \$22,000 however, we only spend approximately \$10,000 per year on the copier lease, so we cannot levy for more than that.

There were no visitors wishing to address the board regarding the interfund transfer.

Mrs. Markley entered the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

It was moved by Mr. Menn and seconded by Mr. Ufkes to adjourn the interfund transfer hearing at 7:37 p.m. Roll Call: Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

BUDGET HEARING

The budget hearing of the Carthage E.S.D. #317 Board of Education was called to order at 7:37 by Board President Jamie Pettit. Roll Call: Mrs. Stoverink, present; Mrs. Huston, present; Mr. Pettit, present; Mr. Ufkes, present; Mrs. Fritz, present; Mr. Menn, present; Mrs. Markley, present.

Following discussion on the proposed FY12 budget, it was decided to add \$5,000 to line item 10-1190-402 district technology for the purchase of a new server.

Mrs. Hardy noted that that addition will increase the education fund deficit to \$88,708 for FY12.

She also noted that it may be required to amend the budget if any line item of any of the working funds varies by more than 10%.

There were no visitors wishing to address the board regarding the proposed FY12 budget.

It was moved by Mrs. Markley and seconded by Mrs. Stoverink to adjourn the budget hearing at 7:50 p.m. Roll Call: Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Carthage E.S.D. #317 Board of Education was called to order at 7:51 by Board President Jamie Pettit. Roll Call: Mrs. Stoverink, present; Mrs. Huston, present; Mr. Pettit, present; Mr. Ufkes, present; Mrs. Fritz, present; Mr. Menn, present; Mrs. Markley, present.

There were no additional agenda items.

Admin Reports-

Mrs. Hardy pointed out that there is a report from the Sports Boosters at each member's seat. The group will be sending a report monthly.

She provided information from Brian Braun's workshop entitled "The Education Reform Act: Implications, Adjustment and Practical Considerations" that she had recently attended.

Mrs. Fritz expressed concern regarding the nutritional content of some of the meals being served in the buildings. Mrs. Hardy informed the board that steps such as ordering only skim and 1% milk instead of 2% as well as using all wheat bread products have been taken to begin addressing this very issue.

Diane reported that she has an interactive whiteboard presentation scheduled for Friday. The McGraw-Hill representative will be visiting our district to discuss their math programs and crisis management flipcharts.

She has not had a lot of interest from the teachers to check out her iPad. Currently there are two teachers waiting at the middle school and 1 at the primary school.

It was asked how the Kindles were going over at the middle school. She has not worked first-hand with that project but there has been no negative impact as far as Diane is aware.

She is working on updating crisis management plan and will involve emergency personnel as its development continues. She is using Illini West's as a model and to maintain uniformity when possible but there are variances of course due to age differences.

Diane also pointed out that the "cell phone use prohibited" signs have been put up in front of the buildings and offered thanks to Melita Finney of the Hancock County Health Department for writing the grant which enabled the purchase of the signs.

She shared that the meetings of the PBIS and RTI teams are scheduled from 3:30 to 4:00. Staff members are free to leave at 4:00 should they need to. So far only two individuals have left a meeting as most of the staff is genuinely interested in what they're doing.

The traffic situation is going much more smoothly this year.

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

There was no interest in attending the Western Division dinner meeting in Knoxville.

Mrs. Hardy identified three topics for the lease committee meeting on the 27th: 1) Sports Boosters, 2) live broadcasting of IW sports and 3) IW billing percentages based on square footage.

No additional topics were mentioned.

Mrs. Hardy discussed the establishment and function of the Joint Committee which has arisen from the Education Reform Act. This committee shall be comprised of equal representation selected by the school board and its teachers or, if applicable, the bargaining representative of its teachers, to address the matters described in the law pertaining to honorable dismissals. Mrs. Hardy and Diane will serve on the committee along with the CEA representatives.

She has spoken to the CEA president and he is to get names together and get back to her. They will meet and discuss the five topics identified by the Joint Committee guidelines. If no agreement is reached, evaluation then reverts back to the ISBE format.

When asked whether it's a good idea for the individuals that assign the ratings to serve on the committee, it was pointed out that the Board could review any decisions made by the committee. It was, therefore, the consensus of the Board to allow Mrs. Hardy and Diane to serve as board representatives on the Joint Committee.

Mrs. Hardy distributed a copy of the Staff Handbook with drafted changes. This will be an action item next month after job descriptions for teachers and the other necessary information has been reviewed.

It was moved by Mr. Pettit and seconded by Mrs. Markley to approve the second reading and adopt the policies as presented. Roll Call: Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Pettit, 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 Mrs. Fritz to approve the resolution authorizing the inter-fund transfer as presented to transfer \$41,816.74 from the Operations and Maintenance Fund to the Education Fund. Roll Call: Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

It was moved by Mrs. Markley and seconded by Mr. Pettit to approve the FY12 budget as presented. Roll Call: Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Pettit, 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 2005 construction grant resolution as presented. Roll Call: Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, no; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes. Motion carried 6 - 1.

It was moved by Mrs. Fritz and seconded by Mrs. Markley to approve the Application for Recognition of Schools for the 2011-12 school year. Roll Call: Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Pettit, 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 enter into executive session at 8:56 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel and bargaining. Roll Call: Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Pettit, 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 Mr. Menn to approve the resignation of Andy Gronewold as middle school boys' assistant baseball coach effective immediately. Roll Call: Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

It was moved by Mrs. Markley and seconded by Mrs. Fritz to approve the employment of Dave Peacock effective immediately for the FY12 school year for the position of middle school boys' assistant baseball coach. Roll Call: Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

It was moved by Mrs. Huston and seconded by Mr. Ufkes to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 p.m. Roll Call: Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.