

MINUTES  
CARTHAGE ESD #317  
TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING  
DECEMBER 21, 2011

The Truth in Taxation Hearing of the Carthage E.S.D. #317 Board of Education was called to order at 7:31 p.m. by Board President Jamie Pettit. Roll Call: Mr. Pettit, present; Mr. Ufkes, present; Mrs. Fritz, present; Mr. Menn, present; Mrs. Markley, present; Mrs. Stoverink, present; Mrs. Huston, present.

President Pettit reviewed the proposed levy.

There were no individuals wishing to address the Board regarding the proposed levy.

It was moved by Mr. Menn and seconded by Mr. Ufkes to adjourn the Truth in Taxation Hearing. Roll Call: Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

The regular meeting of the Carthage E.S.D. #317 Board of Education was called to order at 7:33 by Board President Jamie Pettit. Roll Call: Mr. Pettit, present; Mr. Ufkes, present; Mrs. Fritz, present; Mr. Menn, present; Mrs. Markley, present; Mrs. Stoverink, present; Mrs. Huston, present.

There were no additional agenda items.

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

Certificates of Achievement were presented to seven middle school speech students. Prior to presenting the certificates, the Board and audience members watched a recording of the speeches performed.

**Administrative Reports-**

Mrs. Hardy had no additional report, however, Tom White of the Sports Boosters presented his report on the groups status. They currently have a balance of approximately \$6,000 of which approximately \$1,600 was raised at the recent pancake breakfast. They have had a couple requests for assistance with uniforms for girls' basketball and volleyball. The bathroom project at the football field is currently at a standstill due to extenuating circumstances.

The Board thanked Mr. White for his work, acknowledging the amount of time that it takes to perform fundraising.

Diane reported that AIMS testing had been done this week. In kindergarten, 88% met their target. There have been a lot of interventions done for the kindergarten students by Mrs. Kinnamon.

She has gone to two days of training on evaluations. It is being posed as a conversational process with the latest recommendation being that the evaluator observe the employee a minimum of ten times. Michelle Bavery has attended a different training on evaluation and she and Diane are going to talk to teachers tomorrow about what they have learned thus far.

The memorial/dedication service for Brandy Parry went well. There was a nice crowd in attendance.

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

It was asked how long we leave a check outstanding and then suggested that a “fiscal policy” be devised which could address that question as well as a variety of other topics such as expenditure reimbursements.

Board members and Mrs. Hardy shared information on the various breakout sessions that they had attended during the Joint Annual Conference in November. Topics included education reform, pension reform, board meetings, bargaining, nutrition, sales tax referendums and technology and legal issues and new laws. It was the consensus of the attendees that this years’ conference was much more beneficial than last years’.

Diane reported on the progress of the Curriculum Advisory Committee. The last two meetings have been working meetings. Our fifth thru eighth grade teachers met with Debbie Murphy, the IWHS algebra teacher. Mrs. Murphy said our kids are basically prepared for high school math except in the area of basic math skills. She did note that that is an issue with all districts, not just Carthage. Diane is hoping that the new K-5 math series will aide in resolving that problem.

In March, all teachers will be meeting with the Illini West teachers.

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

It was moved by Mrs. Stoverink and seconded by Mrs. Huston to approve the second reading and adoption of policies as presented. Roll Call: Mr. Pettit, yes;

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

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

It was moved by Mr. Menn and seconded by Mrs. Stoverink to enter into executive session at 9:21 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel and bargaining. Roll Call: Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

It was moved by Mrs. Stoverink and seconded by Mrs. Markley to employ Anngilete Ashley as a bus route driver according to the pay scale stated in the contract between Carthage Elementary School District #317 and Service Employee's International Union Local Number 73. Roll Call: Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

It was moved by Mrs. Huston and seconded by Mrs. Fritz to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 p.m. Roll Call: Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.