

MINUTES  
CARTHAGE ESD #317  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 19, 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: Mrs. Huston, present; Mr. Pettit, present; Mr. Ufkes, present; Mrs. Fritz, present; Mr. Menn, present; Mrs. Markley, present; Mrs. Stoverink, present.

It was moved by Mr. Ufkes and seconded by Mr. Menn to add agenda item VII, D Issues and Mandates. Roll Call: Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

It was moved by Mr. Pettit and seconded by Mrs. Stoverink to add agenda item VII, E Brandy Parry. Roll Call: Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

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

Admin Reports –

Mrs. Hardy distributed a letter from the Wethersfield school district pertaining to the delay in ruling on hospitals' tax exempt status. She and Mrs. Schilson are working on a similar letter to the Governor regarding the same issue in Carthage.

Diane reported that she received today the complete teachers' packets for our new reading series. These were provided to us at no charge and even include alignment to current standards. This is a wonderful donation that will save teachers hours of inputting alignment data. She has spoken with several districts that are using the new series' that we are implementing and has heard a lot of compliments on the program.

She has already begun making changes resulting from the anti-bullying seminar that she attended. Sheriff Scott Bentzinger has walked through the building with her and identified some concerns. He plans to continue working with her on this.

Parent/teacher conferences have already begun in the evenings since there are so many parents unable to attend during the day.

Things are going as well as can be expected with the loss of Mrs. Parry. Another PTO member has begun working on the book fair. Diane has been contacted by several people wanting to make donations. She is planning to plant a tree, which one of the fourth grade students has dubbed the Giving Tree, as well as to place a black granite bench in the Petal Palace with Brandy's picture on it.

It was moved by Mrs. Huston and seconded by Mrs. Markley to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Mrs. Fritz would like to have the discussion on the cafeteria program from last month included in the minutes.

The motion was amended to approve the consent agenda with noted correction to the minutes. Roll Call: Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

The board reviewed the Lease Committee meeting from September 27<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Hardy shared that the Sports Boosters are going to conduct a feasibility study on possible projects that they would like to do. The Sports Boosters have requested approval to fundraise; however, they are not going to name specific projects.

As a result of the previous Lease Committee meeting, any buildings and ground issues are to be presented to the joint Lease Committee to ensure that both districts are informed and on board with projects to be completed. One of the topics for the September 27<sup>th</sup> meeting was live broadcasting during athletic events. The reason this was brought before our district was there may be some hardwiring or permanent types of concessions required.

The board discussed the Triple I Conference coming up next month in Chicago. Mrs. Hardy will be in charge of meal reservations since President Pettit won't be attending.

Diane reported on the progress of the CAC. It was decided early in the year to dedicate this entire year to math since we are in the process of

implementing the new reading series. It is her intent to invite one of the high school math teachers to an upcoming meeting to get input on how well our students are prepared for high school math. A lot of the core standards are now pushing algebra for eighth graders. Mr. Voss is currently reviewing new textbook series'. Their next meeting will be November 2<sup>nd</sup>. She plans to have core meetings 3X per year and once a month meet with math teachers. She would also like to designate some time that would allow teachers to share information that they get from their professional development classes or seminars.

Issues and Mandates – Mr. Ufkes expressed his concern with the fact that it seems no one follows up on some of the things that we as a board are held to.

It was stated that Senator Roger Eddy dedicates a lot of time protesting some of the unfunded mandates handed down by the government. We must conform to those standards because funding for programs such as title monies and school lunch programs would be rescinded if we failed to comply.

Contacting legislators is a good way to address issues since there are times that they are not aware of how some legislation actually impacts schools. IASB is a very good voice for school districts. It was suggested that Mr. Ufkes be our representative at the Joint Annual Conference delegate assembly as its main objective is to identify issues that school districts are facing.

Diane reported that, in receiving notice of Mrs. Parry's passing on Monday, social workers were called in to both buildings for the students and will be at the funeral as well. As she has been contacted by many community members about donations, she and Mrs. Hardy have decided that those donations will be handled through the activity fund.

Mrs. Hardy handed out the newly revised staff handbook with changes highlighted in red.

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

The term "nurse" is to be removed from the employee vaccinations section and the direct deposit section is to be corrected.

It was moved by Mrs. Stoverink and seconded by Mrs. Markley to approve Amendment #5 to the lease. Roll Call: Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

It was moved by Mr. Menn and seconded by Mrs. Stoverink to enter into executive session at 8:37 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel and bargaining. Roll Call: Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

It was moved by Mr. Menn and seconded by Mrs. Stoverink to approve the resignation of bus driver Mike Thompson effective immediately with gratitude for his many years of service. Roll Call: Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

It was moved by Mrs. Markley and seconded by Mr. Pettit to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 p.m. Roll Call: Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.