

MINUTES
CARTHAGE ESD #317
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 15, 2012

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

There were no additional agenda items.

There was no one wishing to address the board on stated agenda items.

Administrative Reports:

Mrs. Hardy disseminated the Sports Boosters report which identified some of the expenditures they have already incurred as well as future ones that are expected. Boosters helped purchase the "breast cancer" jerseys which will remain in district as they do not travel with the girls. Additionally they have agree to purchase a new volleyball cart and volleyball uniforms with the understanding that the district will reimburse the volleyball uniform expenditure during FY13. Track forms are being purchased this year in accordance to the rotation schedule.

Diane provided an explanation of the \$20 amount that is recurring on the activity fund statement. That amount is a deposit that was done prior to the end of last fiscal year so the reflection on the statement is basically an audit adjustment. She is going to contact tech support to find out how to handle it.

She has looked at a math textbook from McGraw Hill. The one they are looking at is aligned to core standards and is designed specifically for the iPad. This series has four levels of instruction which allows the teacher to provide data to students at an individualized level since the teacher is sending the day's lesson directly to each student's iPad. All storage is cloud storage. The McGraw Hill rep is coming back in March with the textbooks loaded onto iPads for the teachers to actually work with. The cost is \$75 per student and that gets seven years of access. This book is very similar to the Everyday Math series that was just purchased for PreK - 5. The 8th grade version does have pre-algebra built into it. Mrs. Underwood has been

reviewing a textbook from Pearson and is impressed with what she has seen, however Diane has not yet reviewed that one.

Diane expressed concern about the iPad hardware becoming obsolete since they have already announced that the iPad 3 is coming out in March.

She may do another survey that is designed to determine the comfort level of the staff with various wireless devices and handed out a draft of a staff technology survey.

It was moved by Mrs. Markley and seconded by Mr. Ufkes 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.

The expense for the exit lights was questioned and Mrs. Hardy replied that those lights were deficiencies cited on the life safety survey.

Mrs. Hardy has had a couple teachers volunteer to be on the technology committee. Diane recently was informed that a tech plan is no longer a requirement for e-rate which gives her another year to get the new plan done.

Diane commended Julie Boyer on the work she is doing as the tech assistant and shared that it is going very well.

Mrs. Hardy discussed the additional funding for the Race to the Top grant. The union must sign off on the application before the district will even know how much additional funding it will qualify for. She is looking for approval from the board to proceed with filing the application. One advantage of this process would be that the administrators do a “shadow” evaluation which does not count toward the employees’ actual evaluation but will allow them to become familiar with the process.

It was the consensus of the board to allow Mrs. Hardy to file the application as we can always opt out if we should decide to.

If a district is in the bottom 20% in the state, they automatically have to start the new evaluation process a year earlier.

It was asked if there was any reason the union may hesitate to sign off the application and Mrs. Hardy replied that the only reason she would know of is that it may move the new evaluation tool up a year.

It was mentioned that there have been some news reports that states are "opting out" of NCLB. Mrs. Hardy explained that states cannot opt out completely, it is actually a waiver process that allows states to opt out of portions of NCLB.

There will be a seminar on county-wide sales tax in Macomb on March 26th. Mrs. Hardy will send a reminder in a Friday note to find out who is interested in going. The County Board used to have to approve the sales tax but that requirement is no longer in place, it goes straight to the voters. It was asked whether the TIF district would benefit from this increase and that is not yet known. There were some numbers put together before on what kind of revenue would be generated by a sales tax increase but that has not been updated as far as we know.

It was suggested that we follow up in some manner on the hospital tax exempt status issue.

No one will be able to attend the spring division meeting.

Action items:

It was moved by Mr. Menn and seconded by Mrs. Stoverink to approve the waiver as presented to be submitted to the Illinois State Board of Education and to the General Assembly for approval. 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. Markley to approve the FY13 calendar 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 Mr. Ufkes and seconded by Mrs. Markley to enter into executive session at 8:40 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel. 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. Markley to adjourn the meeting at 10:42 p.m. 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.

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