

MINUTES  
CARTHAGE E.S.D. #317 BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 21, 2012

The regular meeting of the Carthage E.S.D. #317 Board of Education was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Board President Jamie Pettit. Roll Call: Mr. Menn, present; Mrs. Markley, present; 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 address the board on stated agenda items.

**Administrative Reports:**

Mrs. Hardy's only addition to her written report was that we will again be conducting a waiver hearing for full-day school improvement days at the beginning of next month's meeting. The waiver previously submitted was rejected due to a technicality and must be resubmitted.

Diane reported that she is getting prices on a new firewall device. She is not going to renew SonicWall because they will not support the device that we have. Adams Networks is now a re-seller so she is looking into what they have available and getting additional pricing as well.

She is getting a lot of requests to open up YouTube but isn't certain how to proceed. With the current firewall, opening up the "YouTube for education" portion of the site will open up the entire YouTube site. If we are to proceed with a new device, she will be able to open up just the education portion. It was the consensus of the board to proceed with the new device then address opening up the education portion of the site.

She is still working on the Carthage anniversary celebration. She has a 7<sup>th</sup> grade class and an 8<sup>th</sup> grade class working on projects for the event. Mrs. Barr is doing a poster contest and it's hoped that the submissions will be displayed around town.

Diane reviewed the results of the staff technology survey. She was not surprised that the results were split very closely as to whether the teachers would prefer a new laptop computer or a new desktop computer. Everyone does now have an Elmo and a projector. She will be meeting with teachers next week to find out what they would like to have.

Board members discussed the need to clarify to the staff and public that we are simply in the planning stages to identify employees' wants/needs then address where the money is coming from for this new technology once a plan is in place.

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

An inquiry was made into utility usage this winter. We will look into compiling that information for next month.

Mrs. Hardy and the Board reviewed a request from Illini West High School to extend the school day. Board consensus was to not extend the school day.

Diane reported that there was a consultant in attendance at this past CAC meeting to demo a new math program for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades. This series correlates with the series just purchased for PK-5<sup>th</sup> grades and is for I-Pads which would allow teachers to “push” information directly to each student’s machine thus enabling each student to work at an individual level. The cost of \$75 per student would cover electronic licensing for seven years and print materials for five years in addition to all of the online access. The consumable book that is included will be much better for special education students. The series also has an intervention series that is an additional purchase. New core standards have pushed pre-algebra to seventh grade and algebra to eighth grade and this series is already written to align with these new standards. Our current series has a copyright date of 2000.

Last month Mrs. Hardy reported that the union had signed off for us to proceed with the application for the Race To The Top 3 grant in order to find out what our allotment was. Upon completion, it was discovered that our allotment would be \$2,900. In reviewing the extensive requirements that must be met in order to receive those funds, it was the consensus of the board to not proceed any further.

The board discussed purchasing a new lawn mower and reviewed the price quotes that have been received. Our current mower has 1,446 hours on it. It was the recommendation of the board to revisit this after asking Illini West if they would be willing to contribute to such a purchase.

The board discussed “retreat” topics and President Pettit explained that it is not his intent to conduct a separate retreat on a Saturday as has been done in the past but that he would like to add 30-60 minutes per month to the regular meeting for the purpose of addressing topics that have already been identified such as technology, facilities, superintendent contract and finances/TRS. We will begin with technology next month following executive session.

It was moved by Mrs. Stoverink and seconded by Mr. Pettit to approve the policies as presented with the addition of 5:60; 5:60-AP; and 5:60-E. Roll Call:

Mr. Menn, no; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, no. Motion carried 4 – 2.

It was moved by Mr. Menn and seconded by Mr. Ufkes to approve the low, firm fuel bid as submitted by West Central FS for the 2012-2013 school year. Roll Call: Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes. Motion carried 6 – 0.

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

It was moved by Mr. Menn and seconded by Mrs. Stoverink to adopt the resolution to reduce in force non-certified staff member Bev Frakes at the end of the 2011-12 school year. Roll Call: Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes. Motion carried 6 – 0.

It was moved by Mrs. Markley and seconded by Mr. Ufkes to adopt the resolution to reduce in force non-certified staff member Vicky Lantz at the end of the 2011-12 school year. Roll Call: Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes. Motion carried 6 – 0.

It was moved by Mrs. Stoverink and seconded by Mr. Menn to adopt the resolution to reduce in force non-certified staff member Judy McGaughey at the end of the 2011-12 school year. Roll Call: Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes. Motion carried 6 – 0.

It was moved by Mr. Ufkes and seconded by Mrs. Markley to adopt the resolution to reduce in force non-certified staff member Tyler Walker at the end of the 2011-12 school year. Roll Call: Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes. Motion carried 6 – 0.

It was moved by Mrs. Huston and seconded by Mr. Menn to adopt the resolution to reduce in force non-certified staff member Jodi Burling at the end of the 2011-12 school year. Roll Call: Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes. Motion carried 6 – 0.

It was moved by Mr. Ufkes and seconded by Mr. Menn to adopt the resolution to reduce in force full-time certified staff member Rose Fisher at the end of the 2011-12 school year. Roll Call: Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes. Motion carried 6 – 0.

It was moved by Mrs. Markley and seconded by Mrs. Stoverink to approve the resignation of Linda Leffler effective at the end of the 2011-2012 school year with appreciation for her many years of service. Roll Call: Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes. Motion carried 6 – 0.

It was moved by Mrs. Huston and seconded by Mrs. Markley to approve the base salary of \$92,943.32 for Superintendent Vicki Hardy for FY13. Roll Call: Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes. Motion carried 6 – 0.

It was moved by Mrs. Stoverink and seconded by Mrs. Markley to approve the base salary of \$66,137.92 for Principal Diane Pepple for FY13. Roll Call: Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes. Motion carried 6 – 0.

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