

MINUTES
CARTHAGE ESD #317
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 18, 2012

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

There were no additional agenda items.

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

Administrative reports:

Mrs. Hardy pointed out that the Sports Boosters' monthly report was at each members' seating location.

She will be attending the superintendents' conference in Springfield next week. One of the featured speakers at the conference will be Sheila Simon.

Mr. Pettit entered the meeting at 7:34.

Mrs. Hardy shared that we have received notification from Blue Cross/Blue Shield on health insurance premiums for the upcoming year and can expect a 6% increase. That amount is less than the amount of the certified staffs' benefit increase.

She also reminded the board of Dare graduation coming up.

Diane reported that the kindergarten count for next year is at 50 as of today. Kindergarten rodeo will be held on May 4th. It was asked at what count we would go to three sections and responded that we will wait until closer to fall to determine that.

She also shared that CAC has recommended the purchase of a new math textbook series which is a common-core interactive series. It is their

recommendation to purchase all print materials for five years and all online materials for seven years.

Diane discussed middle school exploratories and explained that this is something they struggle with every year because of having to determine which teachers are available and what subject areas they are comfortable teaching. As of now, students do have a choice on their fourth quarter exploratory. There have been some suggestions made by parents to expand the available exploratories and Diane would like an anti-bullying class/exploratory at some point as that is a problem that is worsening. They are covering that at the primary school now for approximately 30 minutes each week.

She also discussed intervention time at the middle school. CAC discussed having “interventions” instead of exploratories for students struggling in reading or science. That topic is still under review.

It was requested that the board receive past versus current offerings on the exploratory classes. Diane shared that ag is being offered two years, she believes fifth and seventh grades.

It has also been discussed by the CAC to offer life skills and Spanish exploratories as some teachers feel that computer classes at the seventh and eighth grade levels are not beneficial.

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

The end of year staff luncheon will be held on May 18th at 11:30 in the multi-purpose room. As has been done in the past, board members will provide desserts and those members that are available will help serve.

Mrs. Hardy reviewed the revenue and expense summary. We are in good shape in both areas.

The lease committee meeting was cancelled by Illini West and has not been rescheduled as of yet.

Mrs. Hardy reported on the countywide sales tax informational meeting that she, Mrs. Stoverink and Mr. Menn attended in Macomb. The presenters focused more on the referendum process than the income potential. In order for such a project to pass they recommend that a specific project be named rather than just saying the proceeds will go into the education fund (for example). Mrs. Hardy will contact the other county districts to see if they are interested in pursuing this as the meeting was not well attended by the Hancock County districts.

It was moved by Mr. Pettit and seconded by Mrs. Fritz to approve the second reading and adoption of policies 2:100; 2:120; 2:120-E2; 2:200; 2:220-E2; 2:220-E6; 2:260; 4:110; 4:1700; 4:170-AP2; 4:170-AP4; 4:170-AP6; 5:10; 5:30; 5:30-AP2; 5:60; 5:60-AP; 5:60-E; 5:90; 5:125; 5:185-AP; 5:190; 5:210; 5:220; 5:220-AP; 5:260; 5:285; 5:285-AP; 6:50; 6:110; 6:120-AP3; 6:120-AP3E1; 6:150; 6:185; 6:280; 7:20; 7:70; 7:100; 7:190; 7:190-AP6; 7:270 and 8:70 as presented. Roll Call: Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, no; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, no. Motion carried 5 – 2.

It was moved by Mrs. Stoverink and seconded by Mrs. Huston to remove policies 2:190 and 4:170-AP6-E2 from our current policies. 7 – 0. Roll Call: Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

It was moved by Mrs. Fritz and seconded by Mrs. Markley to approve membership in Illinois Elementary School Association for FY13. Roll Call: Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

It was moved by Mrs. Markley and seconded by Mr. Ufkes to approve the summer employment of Tyler Walker, Angel Ashley and Richard Duffy at the summer custodian contract rate of \$11.71 per hour and John Edris for summer maintenance at the summer maintenance contract rate of \$11.71 per hour. Roll Call: Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

It was moved by Mrs. Huston and seconded by Mrs. Markley to approve the summer employment of Carl Hartweg at minimum wage, currently \$8.25 per hour. Roll Call: Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr.

Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

It was moved by Mrs. Markley and seconded by Mrs. Stoverink to employ Rachel Huston as an elementary teacher for the 2012-13 school year at the certified contract rate. Roll Call: Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mrs. Huston, abstain; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes. Motion carried 6 – 0 -1.

It was moved by Mr. Menn and seconded by Mrs. Fritz to employ Erin Biery as an elementary teacher for the 2012-13 school year at the certified contract rate. Roll Call: Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

It was moved by Mrs. Fritz and seconded by Mr. Pettit to approve five additional working days at the end of the FY12 school year at the per diem rate established by the FY12 certified contract, five additional days prior to the FY13 school year and five days at the end of the FY13 school year at the per diem rate established by the FY13 certified contract for Jerry Butcher, Dean of Students. Roll Call: Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

It was moved by Mrs. Markley and seconded by Mrs. Fritz to adjourn the meeting at 10:37 p.m. Roll Call: Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.