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CARTHAGE E.S.D. #317 BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2012

The regular meeting of the Carthage E.S.D. #317 Board of Education was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Board President Jamie Pettit. Roll Call: Mrs. Fritz, absent; Mr. Menn, present; Mrs. Markley, present; Mrs. Stoverink, present; Mr. Pettit, present; Mr. Ufkes, present.

Mrs. Fritz entered the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

It was moved by Mr. Ufkes and seconded by Mr. Pettit to add agenda item 8 d, Illini West Agreement on Buses for Away Games. Roll Call: Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

It was moved by Mr. Ufkes and seconded by Mr. Pettit to add agenda item 8 e, Illini West New School Proposal. Roll Call: Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

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

The board heard a presentation by Chris Talley on the FIRST program which stands for "*for inspiration and recognition of science and technology*". Mr. Talley and the interested students are asking consideration from the board in supporting the program. When Mr. Talley sat up his display during open house, 44 students expressed an interest in the program.

The consensus is that the board is interested in the program but hesitate to make a financial commitment at this point. Diane will be discussing the program with CAC tomorrow and this will be an action item next month with the board looking forward to input from the administration. Diane did note that there are science grants available.

Mrs. Hardy updated the board on the water main break over the weekend. Work continues to be ongoing as Laverdiere's have been contracted to perform the repair and Serv Pro has been contacted to do the clean up. Serv pro came back the next day and finished up. There have since been two main breaks in front of the primary school and seven around town. Our insurance will cover the Serv Pro service and general maintenance of the driveway but not the actual repair work.

Tonight it was discovered that one of the sprinkler heads at the primary was leaking and further inspection revealed that the pipe that drops from the line to the head was rusted and will require replacement.

Diane reported that ISBE's SIS (student information system) application has become a reporting burden now that all teacher and student activity must be logged. The users manual for the system exceeds 660 pages.

The wireless is going well now and the Ipads are running well also. While we do not have all of the bugs out, Diane pointed out that there is very rarely implementation of a new system without bugs.

Mobility continues to be an issue in the buildings as students are moving in and out at a continuously rapid rate.

Diane also reported that new servers are definitely needed as our DACP server is eight years old.

She says it has been a wonderful start to the year as things have gone very smoothly this year.

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

It was the decision of the board to change the October board meeting date to the 24<sup>th</sup> due to a conflict with the IASA superintendents' conference in Springfield.

As directed by the ISBE, the board reviewed the teacher and administrator salary and benefits information for posting on the website. Official board action is not required on this item.

The board discussed usage of our buses by Illini West. They have had to use our buses quite a bit this year. It was questioned why our buses have been used for some far away games. Mrs. Hardy explained that our spare buses have been used for such trips in order to avoid putting miles on our leased units.

Comment was made that, since our transportation fund reflects a deficit, it would be fine to just cut them off but decided to monitor the usage instead to ensure that we are not losing money.

Another suggestion was made to sell them one of our used buses.

The board discussed the Illini West proposal for a new building that is being circulated. Previously a comment was made by one of their board members that we want the high school out so that we can move in. President Pettit cited the terms of the lease agreement which call for 30 months notification prior to termination of the lease agreement.

It was also asked what provisions are in place in case of an emergency and pointed out that the lease agreement also contains terms to address such an issue.

The board emphasized that it is important to note that the lease agreement is based on cost reimbursement and not simply on rent.

In reviewing the two documents being distributed for the Illini West referendum, it was pointed out that there are some inaccuracies such as 1) the elementary district can request IW to vacate the building at any time, with no options; 2) enrollment is up at the elementary district; 3) building has only one gym and double practices make students arrive home late. In response to these statements the following responses were offered: 1) terms of the lease agreement require 30 months notification prior to termination; 2) our enrollment is up in kindergarten only; 3) the primary multipurpose room is available to and frequently used by the high school for practices free of charge.

It was moved by Mrs. Markley and seconded by Mrs. Fritz to approve the FY13 budget as presented. Roll Call: Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

It was moved by Mrs. Fritz and seconded by Mrs. Huston to designate Shannon Twaddle as the election official for the April 9, 2013 school board election. Roll Call: Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

It was moved by Mrs. Stoverink and seconded by Mr. Ufkes to enter into executive session at 9:32 for the purpose of discussing personnel. Roll Call: Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

It was moved by Mrs. Stoverink and seconded by Mr. Ufkes to adjourn the meeting at 10:33 p.m. Roll Call: Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.