

MINUTES
CARTHAGE E.S.D. #317 BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 24, 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 Vice-President Brent Ufkes. Roll Call: Mr. Menn, present; Mrs. Markley, present; Mrs. Stoverink, present; Mrs. Huston, present; Mr. Pettit, absent; Mr. Ufkes, present; Mrs. Fritz, present.

Mr. Pettit entered the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

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

Amy Graham provided handouts on behalf of the Friends of Illini West referendum committee and provided an opportunity for questions/discussion from our board. These handouts were the PowerPoint presentation that Superintendent Schilson has distributed at the public meetings.

During the discussion it was reiterated that our board, as a whole, has not stated a position on the referendum issue. Board members did however share some of their concerns with the information being presented:

- The lease agreement requires 30 months notice in order for either party to terminate.
- The negativity and not sticking to the facts, i.e. should a new high school be built, we will put our elementary students in the current high school building and we are not going to put our students in a building that is unsuitable.
- As far as selling the building, it was first asked of us to sell the football field and parking lot, then the building.

It was shared with those present that during early convergence discussion, the Carthage C.U.S.D. #338 board wanted to build on to the cafeteria and potentially six additional classrooms and #338 would pay the bill. That offer was not taken advantage of because the Illini West board did not want to erect any additional "brick and mortar" as that would detract from their unhoused status.

It was noted that Capital Development Board grant amounts are based on appraised value of land and the land being purchased has not yet been appraised.

Ms. Graham shared that the question will go back on the ballot in the spring with the same location should it not pass in November. She also shared that the reason they are looking at 40 acres instead of just the ISBE prescribed 24 acres is "kind of planning for the future". Should the possibility of a countywide school come into play there would be room for expansion.

Question was asked about the actual need to build a new track and baseball field to which Ms. Graham replied that if the project should happen to come in over the projected \$27 million, those items would be cut first.

The board presented a certificate of recognition to Morgan Groth for advancing to state in cross country. Morgan finished 97th in the race which was right in the middle of the number of runners.

Administrative Reports:

Mrs. Hardy shared again that some of the ceiling tiles in the high school have been reported as containing asbestos but are not in fact asbestos. Per the inspector from Klingner and Assoc. that was in the buildings today, those are a wood fiber.

Tomorrow is the health-life safety walk-through with the Regional Office of Education. The next ten-year walk-through will be in 2015. When asked how we were doing on the ten-year survey, Mrs. Hardy replied that we are making progress.

Diane reported that there are six students coming from WIU one day per week in order to teach art. They teach two grade levels each week and stay for approximately two hours.

Cindy McKinney is doing math benchmarking at the middle school this week. Diane has already done the primary school. Principals are being told to expect a significant drop in ISAT scores because the cut scores have been increased tremendously. She is planning to use the full day SIP day to work further on common core standards. English and language arts have core standards combined and science should be out probably next year. Diane shared that since Curriculum Mapper costs about \$5,000 per year she is going to try to create a database herself to put standards into.

Enrollment figures are still at 55 in kindergarten. The 5th grade is getting by, but she does not know what she would have done without the 3rd section of kindergarten.

Diane attended the IL Principals' Conference this week and will be sharing some of the information with Kiwanis tomorrow.

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

Regarding the referendum, it was requested that Mrs. Hardy find out about the eligible expenditures in a Capital Development Board grant.

Since the lease agreement was included in the packet, it was suggested that board members refer to that and be informed when asked questions in public.

The Joint Annual Conference will be held on November 16 – 18 in Chicago. There were no changes to be made to the travel arrangements already in place.

Mrs. Hardy shared that it has been requested to put a Gatorade vending machine at the middle school with the intent of using the proceeds for PBIS. They would like to put the machine in the covered walkway but there is a power issue out there. Consensus of the board was to proceed in getting the wiring issue resolved.

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

It was moved by Mrs. Markley and seconded by Mr. Menn to approve the preliminary levy and authorize the administration to publish the required notice of a Truth in Taxation Hearing to be held just prior to the regular board meeting in December. Roll Call: Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

It was moved by Mrs. Stoverink and seconded by Mrs. Markley to enter into executive session at 9:45 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel. Roll Call: Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

It was moved by Mrs. Huston and seconded by Mrs. Markley to employ Donna Thompson as Early Childhood aide for the 2012-2013 school year at the 2012-13 Service Employees' International Union contract rate. Roll Call: Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Mrs. Fritz exited the meeting at 10:11 p.m.

It was moved by Mr. Ufkes and seconded by Mr. Menn to adjourn the meeting at 10:29 p.m. Roll Call: Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes. Motion carried 6 – 0.