

MINUTES
CARTHAGE E.S.D. #317 BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 20, 2013

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. Ufkes, present; Mrs. Fritz, present; Mr. Menn, present; Mrs. Markley, present; Mrs. Stoverink, present; Mrs. Huston, present; Mr. Pettit, present.

It was moved by Mr. Pettit and seconded by Mrs. Stoverink to add discussion item VIII, D. Hazardous Route. Roll Call: Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

John Huston of the Illini West school board was in attendance to answer questions regarding the upcoming referendum. He shared the updated information that is being distributed at the community meetings. Mr. Huston informed the board that he didn't know of any wording changes beyond the change in amount from \$9,000,000 to \$8,000,000. When asked about the building site not being stated on the ballot, Mr. Huston replied that the board is not bound by the voters. A contract has been signed with the property owner of the proposed site that lasts for five years, the same duration that the referendum is valid for. It was noted that the contract with the property owner does have some stipulations such as the referendum passing and the state coming through with their money.

Administrative Reports:

Mrs. Hardy shared that the Middle School science fair will be held from 1:30 – 3 tomorrow at the Middle School and encouraged anyone whose schedule allows to attend. Tracy Pierce of Appraisal Advantage in Hamilton said the cost to appraise the district would be \$2,000 - \$2,500 and would take six to eight weeks. He would have to do a full cost evaluation in order to appraise it. He has also appraised the old hospital. It was suggested that we wait until after the election to see if Illini West is interested in going forward with it.

Diane reported that she has scheduled a WOW Park design day on April 19th. She has submitted class rosters for the Pearson field test but still has not gotten official word.

Based on the numbers from Pre-K screening, there are 44 kindergarten students starting next year.

It was moved by Mrs. Markley and seconded by Mrs. Huston to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll Call: Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr.

Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

It was pointed out that the condensate tank replacement was billed incorrectly by Comtech Holdings so we will not be paying the \$3,920.00.

The last scheduled CAC meeting was cancelled due to snow so the committee will not be making that one up but will be meeting on the 27th instead. Topics for the upcoming meeting include handwriting curriculum and keyboarding. Diane has had an individual volunteer to come into teach keyboarding. The April CAC meeting will be the core team again and they will be discussing Common Core Standards. Teachers have selected 10-12 standards that they would like to focus on for the upcoming school year and will be working on those during the full SIP day in April. She noted that some of the middle school teachers would be at the high school that day, however.

Diane reviewed the ISAT procedure this year and explained some of the changes to the test such as increasing the number of written responses instead of multiple choice responses as they had been in the past.

The technology plan was submitted on February 26th but no word has been received on its status.

Regarding the facilities/lease, Mrs. Hardy shared that two more items have been marked off of the Illini West list. Vinson and Sill will be here on Friday to work on a problem in the band room.

Our board would like to schedule a meeting in April to discuss the list. Mrs. Hardy will try to get that scheduled.

It was decided not to add “Communications” as an additional board goal as that topic is addressed as part of the “Community” goal stated in our Strategic Plan.

Mrs. Hardy explained the hazardous route application that has been received for a residence on south Highway 94. As she is certain the location will qualify for hazardous status, this will be an action item next month.

The board discussed the Illini West referendum resolution and elected to follow C.E.S.D. #317 Board Policy and the advice of the district lawyer by not making a unified statement.

It was moved by Mrs. Markley and seconded by Mr. Ufkes to enter into executive session at 9:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, real estate and bargaining. Roll Call: Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

It was moved by Mrs. Stoverink and seconded by Mr. Menn to approve the resignation of Linda Hartweg effective at the end of the 2012-2013 school year with appreciation for her many years of service. Roll Call: Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

It was moved by Mrs. Fritz 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 2012-2013 school year. Roll Call: Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

It was moved by Mrs. Stoverink and seconded by Mrs. Markley to adjourn the meeting at 10:14 p.m. Roll Call: Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Stoverink, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.