

MINUTES  
CARTHAGE ESD #317  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
July 17, 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. Gooding, present; Mrs. Markley, present; Mr. Pettit, present; Mr. Ufkes, absent; Mrs. Fritz, present; Mr. Menn, absent; Mrs. Huston, present.

No additional agenda items.

The board recognized Carol Whewell for 35 years of service and wished her well in her retirement.

There were no individuals present to address the board.

Administrative Reports – Mrs. Hardy noted that things were quiet in the buildings. Rick has been out, but work continues on the buildings. She noted that the changeover in the office is going extremely well. She noted that the state is at least getting payments out on time.

Diane noted that the final e-rate paperwork has been completed and we should receive reimbursements in the amount of \$10,756.00. Custodians are moving along with work on the buildings and teachers are coming already and working on rooms. Registration will take place July 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> at the primary school this year. This will make it easier for families that also have students to register at Illini West. The times have been changed to noon to 6:00 p.m. both days, as the morning hours have always seemed slow in the past. Jennie and Pam will be helping to set up for registration. Diane has been working on the August 16<sup>th</sup> in-service with Mr. Gooding and she has a speaker booked. So far there are 46 or 47 kindergarten students that we are aware of and some rooms may have to be moved around after registration, depending on final numbers. Mrs. Huston thanked Diane for participating in the recent Carthage parade.

It was moved by Mrs. Markley and seconded by Mrs. Fritz to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll call: Mr. Gooding, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, absent; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, absent; Mrs. Huston, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Diane passed out information and discussed Common Core Standards. She pointed out that not everything we are doing is common core but more is being implemented throughout the year. She explained various ways that the subjects that are less emphasized through common core will be integrated into the subjects that are emphasized. Common core focuses on thinking in reading and basics in math. The math portion also emphasizes speed in making calculations and applying them in the real world. She also handed out a letter that will be handed out at open house explaining common core and testing differences.

Mrs. Hardy reported that the amendment to work on the boiler was just approved yesterday (July 16<sup>th</sup>) and Jarvis has been contacted about the work. The board revisited the idea of purchasing rubberized pellets to use in place of the wood chips at the primary school playground. Sherry had gone online and looked at websites on the playground and found a lot of positive feedback. It was the consensus of the board to proceed with the rubberized pellets for the playground and Mrs. Hardy will pursue the matter. Jamie pointed out that some of the other items on the list will need to be addressed before kicking the boiler on.

Brad asked if his custodians could help with anything on the list. The door to the boys' locker room needs to be addressed. Jamie suggested a door closure as a possible way to stop the kids from kicking the door which was Trish's concern.

Sherry asked about mold in the drivers' ed room and Mrs. Hardy said that Rick and Steve went in and didn't see any.

Brad asked about the repair to the football field and Mrs. Hardy explained that she talked to Tony Freeman after the incident happened and asked for a quote to repair. The insurance claim was based on the Tony's estimate. He was not allowed to proceed with the project until the insurance money was received.

The board agreed to a special meeting at the high school at 6:30 on Wednesday, August 21<sup>st</sup> to tour the three buildings.

The annual school board convention in Chicago will be held November 22-24 and most of the board members will be attending.

Mrs. Hardy reviewed the preliminary budget, which was a rough draft. Next month she will present a more refined budget. She pointed out that there is no support staff contract yet, which will affect the budget. She noted that we spent \$250,000.00 less than budgeted in education fund, but still deficit spent by \$11,000.00k overall. We had projected a budget loss of \$343,000.00. That includes all funds. However, we took big hits in operational repairs and supplies due to water main breaks and boiler repairs.

It was moved by Mr. Gooding and seconded by Mrs. Fritz to approve the Hazardous Communication Plan as presented. Roll call: Mr. Gooding, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, absent; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, absent; Mrs. Huston, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Huston and seconded by Mrs. Markley to enter into executive session at 8:47 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel and bargaining. Roll call: Mr. Gooding, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, absent; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, absent; Mrs. Huston, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Mr. Gooding and seconded by Mrs. Huston to exit executive session at 10:07 p.m. Roll call: Mr. Gooding, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, absent; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, absent; Mrs. Huston, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Mr. Pettit and seconded by Mrs. Markley to approve the resignation of Dana Hendricks effective at the end of the 2012-2013 school year with appreciation for her many years of service. Roll call: Mr. Gooding, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, absent; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, absent; Mrs. Huston, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Fritz and seconded by Mr. Gooding to approve the resignation of Tricia Kinnamon effective at the end of the 2012-2013 school year with appreciation for her many years of service. Roll call: Mr. Gooding, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, absent; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, absent; Mrs. Huston, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Markley and seconded by Mrs. Huston to employ Sarah Talley as elementary teacher at the certified contract rate for the 2013-2014 school year. Roll call: Mr. Gooding, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, absent; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, absent; Mrs. Huston, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Huston and seconded by Mrs. Markley to employ Jenny White as elementary teacher for the 2013-2014 school year at the certified contract rate. Roll call: Mr. Gooding, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, absent; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, absent; Mrs. Huston, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Markley and seconded by Mrs. Fritz to employ Anna Cooley as part-time elementary teacher for the 2013-2014 school year at the certified contract rate. Roll call: Mr. Gooding, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, absent; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, absent; Mrs. Huston, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Mr. Gooding and seconded by Mr. Pettit to approve the principal contract goals as presented for contract years FY14-FY16. Roll call: Mr. Gooding, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, absent; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, absent; Mrs. Huston, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Fritz and seconded by Mrs. Markley to approve the employment of Shannon Twaddle as bookkeeper at a salary of \$18.50 per hour for FY 14. Roll call: Mr. Gooding, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, absent; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, absent; Mrs. Huston, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Huston and seconded by Mrs. Fritz to approve the annual salary of \$5,627.08 for Ginny Hurwitz for FY 14. Roll call: Mr. Gooding, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, absent; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, absent; Mrs. Huston, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Markley and seconded by Mr. Pettit to approve the employment of Cynthia Smith as administrative secretary at the salary of \$16.00 per hour for FY14. Roll call: Mr. Gooding, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, absent; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, absent; Mrs. Huston, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Mr. Pettit and seconded by Mrs. Huston to approve the annual salary of \$4,500 for Shannon Twaddle (transportation director) for FY 14. Roll call: Mr. Gooding, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, absent; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, absent; Mrs. Huston, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Markley and seconded by Mrs. Huston to approve the salary of \$18.04 per hour for Rick Fretueg for FY14. Roll call: Mr. Gooding, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, absent; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, absent; Mrs. Huston, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Huston and seconded by Mrs. Fritz to adjourn the meeting at 10:16 p.m. Roll call: Mr. Gooding, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mr. Pettit, yes; Mr. Ufkes, absent; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, absent; Mrs. Huston, yes. Motion carried 5-0.