

MINUTES
CARTHAGE ESD #317
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
August 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 Brent Ufkes.

Roll call: Mr. Ufkes, present; Mrs. Fritz, absent (arrived at 8:15 p.m.); Mr. Menn, present; Mrs. Huston, present; Mr. Gooding, present; Mrs. Markley, present.

It was moved by Mr. Ufkes and seconded by Mrs. Markley to make an addition to the agenda to discuss the start time of the regular meetings as discussion item 7d. Roll call: Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, absent; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Gooding, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Recognition & Presentations: none

Administrative Reports – Mrs. Hardy noted the additional reports that had been distributed. Mr. Gooding asked about the Mayor’s Roundtable meetings and if Mrs. Hardy was attending. Mrs. Hardy will be attending those meetings. The meeting dates were changed recently. Mr. Gooding asked if there had been any discussion at those meetings regarding a new building.

Diane noted a great first day of school. There was a huge turn-out for the open house. Diane gave the breakdown of how many classes there were for each grade level. Mr. Ufkes acknowledged the letter Diane had sent to each teacher and how much they appreciated those. Mrs. Huston inquired about the 40 Pre-K students and Diane explained there are 20 in the morning and 20 in the afternoon class. These are mostly 4 year olds and the waiting list consists of mostly 3 year olds. She also noted that 40 is the maximum number allowed by the state. There are three more students scheduled for screening for Mrs. Talley’s class next week. Mrs. Huston offered her “kudos” for Diane’s work on the “shooter drill” and expressed how important the drill is. The primary school and high school will have the drill together and the middle school will have theirs on another day.

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

Diane passed out information and discussed Common Core Standards. She has designed a database for every grade and will pilot with the teachers in September. Diane passed around Common Core books that were bought with fundraising money. She noted that Math is already aligned for grades Pre-K through 8th. It was noted that the biggest objection the teachers have to Common Core is the fact that we are not ready to be tested yet.

Mr. Ufkes noted there were issues with the lease agreement with Illini West regarding the summer crew. Locks on the concession stand and storage building were changed and keys were not provided to CESD. Keys are being made. Mrs. Hardy explained that those buildings and the weight room building are not included in the Illini West Lease Agreement, but we allow Illini West to use them and we should have keys to each building immediately. Mr. Ufkes reminded Mr. Gooding of the avenues to follow for any changes being made at the high school. Work orders and Rick Fretueg were discussed. Mr. Gooding asked for clarification on “work orders” and “alterations to building/facility”. Mrs. Hardy explained the difference. There was a discussion regarding the signs that were recently put up in the high school parking lot and the reasons they were taken down and not allowed. Mr. Menn suggested to Mr. Gooding that a request be put in and everyone work together to come up with an alternative solution.

The Board vacancy was discussed. There will be a meeting on Wednesday, August 28th at 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Hardy outlined how the meeting would be conducted.

It was the consensus of the Board to add as an action item to next month’s agenda, the idea of changing the regular meeting time back to 7:00 p.m.

It was moved by Mr. Ufkes and seconded by Mr. Gooding to approve the administration placing the preliminary budget on display for 30 days to precede the budget hearing. Roll call: Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Gooding, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Markley and seconded by Mrs. Fritz to approve the Application for Recognition of Schools for the 2013-2014 school year. Roll call: Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Gooding, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Mr. Menn and seconded by Mrs. Markley to enter into executive session at 8:42 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel and bargaining. Roll call: Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Gooding, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Mr. Gooding and seconded by Mrs. Fritz to exit executive session at 9:41 p.m. Roll call: Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Gooding, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Huston and seconded by Mrs. Markley to employ Roger Duffy as custodian at the non-certified contract rate for the 2013-2014 school year. Roll call: Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Gooding, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Fritz and seconded by Mrs. Huston to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with General Service Employees' Union Local #73 for the 2013-2014, 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 school years. Roll call: Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Gooding, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Mr. Menn and seconded by Mr. Gooding to adjourn the meeting at 9:44 p.m. Roll call: Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Gooding, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes. Motion carried 6-0.