

MINUTES  
CARTHAGE ESD #317  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BUDGET HEARING & REGULAR MEETING  
October 16, 2013

The regular meeting of the Carthage E.S.D. #317 Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board President Brent Ufkes.

Roll call: Mrs. Huston, present; Mr. Gooding, present; Mrs. Markley, present; Mrs. Graham, present; Mr. Ufkes, present; Mrs. Fritz, absent; Mr. Menn, present.

Oath of Office was administered by Brent Ufkes to Amy Graham.

Board members Robert Menn and Brad Gooding were nominated for Vice-President. Show of hands was two for Robert and two for Brad, with both nominees abstaining. Election of Vice-President will be placed on the agenda again for next month.

Brad Gooding requested that an additional discussion item be added to the agenda. He would like clarification on the assignment of extra-curricular bus trips and how the bus drivers are paid. This was added to the discussion items as 9 F.

Recognition & Presentations:

Ben Hanewinkle from Central States Bus Sales presented information and discussed quotes for buses for next year.

Ken Pearce from Midwest Transit presented information and discussed quotes for buses for next year.

Administrative Reports – Mrs. Hardy reported that it was announced at a conference she attended last week, that the budget cost shift which was previously thought to be around 11%, will now probably be 15%. This means we would not receive all of the General State Aid that we had budgeted.

Mrs. Pepple reported that we would be receiving 10 iPad II's from the Carthage Foundation as a result of a grant. She is in the process of writing another grant for the middle school. She also received a grant to send two teachers and one administrator to "Raising Student Achievement" in Chicago. She also noted that eRate money would be coming and we could possibly be piloting a state test for language arts. The kindergarten number is down to 47 and pre-K dropped two students, so they are now at three.

It was moved by Mrs. Markley and seconded by Mr. Gooding to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll call: Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Gooding, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Graham, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, absent. Mr. Menn, yes; Motion carried 6-0.

Mrs. Pepple outlined the Curriculum Advisory Committee meetings for the year and what will be covered. The core team will visit a school in January that is exemplary with technology. The committee meets the first Wednesday of each month. She also noted that we are on the waiting list for the Freedom Shrine and anticipate a two year wait.

The Board discussed the presentations from the two bus companies. This will be placed on the November agenda as an action item.

The Board discussed the Joint Annual Conference and itineraries were given to those planning to attend.

A discussion was held regarding deficit spending. Mr. Ufkes recommended having a one hour meeting following the next board meeting, to look over the budget and troubleshoot from there. The Board agreed with this plan.

Board Self-Evaluation was discussed. It was the general consensus to pursue this and Mrs. Hardy will arrange the date and time.

Mr. Gooding had questions regarding the pay for extra-curricular bus drivers when they exceeded 40 hours/week. It was explained that the wages or comp time were issued in compliance with fair labor laws.

It was moved by Mr. Menn and seconded by Mrs. Huston to approve the resolution authorizing the abatement of the working cash fund in the amount of \$85,000.00 and said dollars shall be permanently transferred to the education fund. Roll call: Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Gooding, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Graham, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, absent; Mr. Menn, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Mr. Gooding and seconded by Mrs. Markley to approve the second reading and adopt the policies as presented. Roll call: Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Gooding, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Graham, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, absent; Mr. Menn, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Mr. Gooding and seconded by Mr. Menn to approve the approve the Board of Education sell, for a sum of ten dollars (\$10) the pictures, banners, trophies and plaques as presented, to the Carthage Middle School Sports Boosters. Roll call: Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Gooding, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Graham, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, absent; Mr. Menn, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Mr. Gooding and seconded by Mrs. Huston to enter into executive session at 9:12 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel and collective negotiating. Roll call: Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Gooding, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Graham, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, absent; Mr. Menn, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Mr. Menn and seconded by Mrs. Graham to exit executive session at 9:25 p.m. Roll call: Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Gooding, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Graham, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, absent; Mr. Menn, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Markley and seconded by Mrs. Huston to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 p.m. Roll call: Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Gooding, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Graham, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, absent; Mr. Menn, yes. Motion carried 6-0.