

MINUTES
CARTHAGE ESD #317
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
November 20, 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, yes; Mr. Menn, present.

Election of Vice-President – Mrs. Fritz nominated Mr. Gooding for Vice-President and with no other nominations, he was elected by acclamation.

No additional agenda items were requested

Recognition & Presentations:

Russ Rumbold from Gorenz & Associates reviewed the Annual Financial Report and answered questions.

Administrative Reports – Mrs. Hardy had nothing further to add to the information that was presented in the board packets.

Mrs. Pepple reported that she was working with Adams Telephone to demo the “thin client” computers, which are compacted devices that operate off the main server and result in a savings of energy, time, space, etc. We are demoing the device for 60 days at no cost to the district. She noted that the Fall Harvest was going well again this year, with approximately 1,200 items collected to date.

It was moved by Mrs. Markley and seconded by Mr. Menn to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll call: Mr. Gooding, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Graham, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes. Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Mrs. Pepple reported that several teachers have attended the Gretchen Courtney workshops, which she thinks is very helpful. Each teacher is putting together one unit a week for the common core database, including the subjects of English, Exploratory, Social Studies and Science. She passed around a “Common Core Assignment – Writing #9, Constructed Response and reviewed it and answered questions.

The Board discussed the Joint Annual Conference and the plans for the weekend. Itineraries, train tickets, hotel reservations, etc. were given to those planning to attend.

A discussion was held regarding the agenda format. It was the general consensus that the following items be allowed to fall under the consent agenda: Press Policies, Staff Hires & Resignations – both certified and support (not administration), Memberships to IESA, Application for Recognition of Schools, Depository Approval and Annual Bid Process for snow, bread, fuel, milk and garbage. It was also discussed whether or not to continue allowing items to be added to the agenda at the meeting. It was the general consensus to leave this as it is currently listed on the agendas.

Diane reviewed the School Report Card and answered questions from the board.

It was moved by Mr. Gooding and seconded by Mrs. Markley to approve the three year lease with Central States Bus Company for six Bluebird buses as presented.

Mr. Ufkes then made a motion and it was seconded by Mrs. Markley to change the motion to include: “for the amount of \$77,869.32 annually”. Roll call: Mr. Gooding, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Graham, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

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It was moved by Mr. Menn and seconded by Mrs. Graham to approve the FY13 Audit as presented. Roll call: Mr. Gooding, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Graham, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Markley and seconded by Mr. Menn to approve the approve the preliminary levy and authorize the administration to publish the required notice of a Trust in Taxation Hearing to be held just prior to the regular CESD #317 board meeting in December. Roll call: Mr. Gooding, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Graham, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Huston and seconded by Mrs. Markley into executive session at 8:42 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, collective negotiating and board self-evaluation. Roll call: Mr. Gooding, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Graham, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Huston and seconded by Mr. Gooding to exit executive session at 9:14 p.m. Roll call: Mr. Gooding, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Graham, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Fritz and seconded by Mrs. Huston to approve the employment of Crystal Besser as an aide at the non-certified contract rate for the 2013-2014 school year. Roll call: Mr. Gooding, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Graham, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes. Motion carried 7-0.

The board reviewed and discussed the budget.

It was moved by Mrs. Markley and seconded by Mrs. Huston to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 p.m. Mr. Gooding, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Graham, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes. Motion carried 7-0.