

MINUTES
CARTHAGE ESD #317
BOARD OF EDUCATION
TRUTH IN TAXATION & REGULAR MEETING
December 18, 2013

The Truth in Taxation hearing 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. Markley, present, Mrs. Graham, present; Mr. Ufkes, present, Mrs. Fritz, present; Mr. Menn, present; Mrs. Huston, present; Mr. Gooding Absent.

Review of proposed tax levy – Vicki reviewed the proposed tax levy and answered questions from the board members.

There were no visitors present wishing to address the board regarding the proposed tax levy.

It was moved by Mrs. Markley and seconded by Mr. Menn to adjourn the hearing at 7:05 p.m. Roll call: Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Graham, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Gooding, absent. Motion carried 6-0.

Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Carthage E.S.D. #317 Board of Education was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Board President Brent Ufkes.

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

There were no additional agenda items.

There were no visitors present wishing to speak on stated agenda items.

Administrative Reports – Mrs. Hardy commented on the middle school band/chorus concert which was held earlier in the day. Mrs. Cooley has done an excellent job preparing the students and the concert was very well done. Survey results from Illini West were discussed.

Mrs. Pepple reported on a meeting earlier in the day with Mike Anderson from SOCS, which is a website developing/hosting company. His product would offer several features that we do not have with our current website. She noted that we are still waiting to hear from WGEM regarding the Fall Harvest. The donations this year filled the food pantry and support for the project was excellent.

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

Mrs. Pepple reported that the last CAC meeting went very well. Interventions for math and reading were discussed and brainstorming and research took place with a good group of teachers working together. Diane, Jenny White and Traci Twaddle recently attended the Raising Student Achievement conference, which was very informative.

Changes in the cost to employees for health insurance, was discussed. A “fee” is now being assessed on everyone who pays a premium for their health insurance. This is being required by the government, not Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

Mrs. Hardy discussed options for obtaining new buses. The board will take action on this next month.

The board discussed their experiences at the Joint Annual Conference this year. Some found the sessions to be very informative, while others were less so.

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

It was moved by Mrs. Markley and seconded by Mrs. Huston to enter into executive session at 8:36 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel and sale of property. Roll call: Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Graham, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Gooding, absent. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Mr. Menn and seconded by Mrs. Fritz to exit executive session at 9:08 p.m. Roll call: Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Graham, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Gooding, absent. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Huston and seconded by Mr. Menn to accept the resignation of Rick Fretueg, effective 12/27/13. Roll call: Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Graham, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Gooding, absent. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Markley and seconded by Mrs. Huston to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 p.m. Roll call: Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Graham, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Gooding, absent. Motion carried 6-0.