

MINUTES
CARTHAGE ESD #317
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2014

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

No additional agenda items were requested

Recognition & Presentations: None

Administrative Reports – Mrs. Hardy discussed snow days used, various meetings she has attended and Act of God days.

Mrs. Pepple reported that we have the opportunity to delay ISAT testing. The first two weeks in March is the standard time for the test and we will probably stick to that time frame rather than run into daylight savings time, etc. She attended a meeting recently on student growth models. She feels we are not prepared to do this on our own and will probably require the purchase of a tool to help with that. She will set up a committee meeting soon to determine which assessments we will use. She is hoping it will be the Value Added model.

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

Mrs. Pepple reported she is reviewing three subjects for new text books including 6th grade English, Social Studies and Science. We will probably wait one more year on Social Studies and Science until textbooks are revised based on new standards. She will call an early CAC meeting to review the “Collections” series for English. This is a 6 year piece with full electronic component and text book. The cost is \$129.00 per student. Mrs. Pepple also discussed the recent SIP day. The schedule for the day was changed due to the weather.

Mrs. Hardy reviewed the school calendar for 2014-2015, which varies from the Illini West calendar due to half days for SIP and Illini West has August 14th as their start day and no school on December 22. Mrs. Hardy pointed out that we had allotted six emergency days for this year, but may decide to use 7-10 next year. She will be meeting

with Mrs. Schilson again to discuss the calendar and will have an updated version next month.

Mrs. Hardy discussed the summer lunch program that several community organizations are hoping to bring to Carthage this summer and they would like to use the cafeteria at Illini West to host the lunch. Mrs. Hardy has been communicating with ISBE to make sure the district would not get tangled up in any red tape if our building is used to host the lunch. Mrs. Graham is spearheading the effort and she outlined the proposed program. She was approached by a representative from the Illinois Coalition of Community Services and he spoke at a Kiwanis meeting. He reported that Carthage is eligible for the program based on our free/reduced lunch numbers, although those numbers seem to be in question now. Mrs. Graham has spoken with someone else from the state that says none of our schools qualify based on free/reduced numbers, so we may or may not qualify, but if we do, it's definitely a go as far as Mrs. Graham is concerned. Some of the other community groups that are supporting this effort are the Ministerial Alliance, Memorial Hospital, Hancock County Health Department and Mrs. Graham's community development office. We will wait to hear what Mrs. Graham finds out about eligibility and possibly vote next month on approval of the high school cafeteria as the host site for the program.

It was moved by Mr. Gooding and seconded by Mrs. Fritz to approve the agreement between Worxtime and Carthage Elementary School District as presented. Roll call: Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, absent; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Gooding, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Graham, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Markley and seconded by Mrs. Huston to enter into executive session at 8:06 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel and collective negotiating. Roll call: Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, absent; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Gooding, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Graham, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Mr. Gooding and seconded by Mrs. Fritz to exit executive session at 9:11 p.m. Roll call: Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, absent; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Gooding, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Graham, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Fritz and seconded by Mrs. Huston to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m. Roll call: Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, absent; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Gooding, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Graham, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes. Motion carried 6-0.