

MINUTES
CARTHAGE ESD #317
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 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, present; Mrs. Huston, present; Mr. Gooding, present; Mrs. Markley, present.

No additional agenda items were requested

Recognition of individuals wishing to speak on stated agenda items - none

Recognition & Presentations: The 8th grade boys basketball team was recognized for placing second in the state, class 2A.

Administrative Reports – Mrs. Hardy outlined the TIFF meeting that she had attended earlier in the day. The hospital is building a medical clinic near their current facility and it will not be in the TIFF district and not be tax exempt. The new memory care unit will be in the TIFF district, so no tax money will be gained from that.

There was a meeting with Christopher Koch last week. He has been speaking about how devastating the cuts will be to our budget. There is a possibility of being cut to 65%, which would result in us losing \$800,000.00 from being fully funded. The most we could receive is 80%, which would result in us losing \$420,000.00 from being fully funded. Right now we are funded at 89%. Mrs. Hardy encouraged board members to speak to legislators whenever possible.

Mrs. Hardy will meet later this week with Ricardo from the Illinois Coalition for Community Services regarding the summer lunch program. She will be asking questions and looking for reassurance that the program will be fully insured by the coalition, etc.

Mrs. Pepple distributed her monthly newsletter and reviewed it. There are currently 44 names on the list for kindergarten next year. The kindergarten rodeo is scheduled for May 2nd.

Mrs. Pepple reported more problems recently with kids coming into the buildings unsupervised and is recommending swipe cards to gain entry to the buildings. The system would include an alarm that would sound if a door was left ajar. Mrs. Hardy is checking into prices. Mrs. Pepple is also applying for grants to help cover the cost of a system.

It was moved by Mrs. Markley and seconded by Mrs. Huston 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, yes; Mr. Menn, yes. Motion approved 7-0.

Mrs. Pepple reported that the PARCC testing schedule is out and provided copies to the board. She stated we would see how other schools do with the computer vs pencil/paper testing. She answered questions from the board regarding teacher assessment.

Mrs. Hardy met with Ryan Olsen and Kim Schilson regarding the public school calendar and came up with the current version. The start date was moved and Mrs. Hardy wonders if we should add more emergency days. We currently have six listed. The board agreed to leave the calendar as is for now.

It was moved by Mr. Gooding and seconded by Mrs. Fritz to approve the use of Carthage ESD #317 facilities for the purpose of the summer food program to be fully funded and organized by the Illinois Coalition for Community Services. Roll call: Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Gooding, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Graham, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes. Motion approved 7-0.

It was moved by Mr. Menn and seconded by Mrs. Huston to enter into executive session at 8:11 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, yes; Mr. Menn, yes. Motion approved 7-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Fritz and seconded by Mrs. Huston to exit executive session at 8:21 p.m. Roll call: Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Gooding, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Graham, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes. Motion approved 7-0.

It was moved by Mr. Menn and seconded by Mrs. Markley to approve the collective bargaining agreement with the Carthage Education Association for the 2014-2015, 2015-2016 and the 2016-2017 school years. Roll call: Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Gooding, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Graham, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes. Motion approved 7-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Fritz and seconded by Mr. Ufkes to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m. Roll call: Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Gooding, yes; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Graham, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes. Motion approved 7-0.