

MINUTES
CARTHAGE ESD #317
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 15, 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: Brent Ufkes, present; Lila Fritz, present; Robert Menn, absent; Sherry Huston, present; Brad Gooding, present; Trish Markley, present; Amy Graham, present.

Mrs. Fritz requested that a discussion item be added to discuss gratitude. This was added to the agenda as 8F.

Recognition of individuals wishing to speak on stated agenda items: None

Recognition & Presentations: None

Administrative Reports – Mrs. Pepple reported that the preliminary ISAT scores were in and the results were outlined in her report to the board. She was very pleased with the results. She has reloaded all of the computers in the primary school computer lab. She commented on the projected class numbers, which were also listed in her report. She noted that registration is scheduled for July 28th and 29th. Mrs. Fritz asked about the district offering on-line registration in the future and Mrs. Pepple answered her questions regarding the topic.

Mrs. Hardy made note of the School Board Western Division activity that is coming up on October 2nd and encouraged board members to attend. It will be held at Southeastern School with a tour of the building. An Alteration/Improvement Request from Illini West to paint the brick portion of the walls in the high school gymnasium was discussed. Mr. Gooding explained that they are currently painting the other parts of the walls and putting a new floor in. They have tried to clean the bricks with little success and would like to paint them a t-shirt gray. It was the general consensus of the board that this request be approved by Mrs. Hardy.

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

The board discussed resurfacing of the track at the high school. It was the general consensus of the board that Mrs. Hardy proceed with getting bids, etc.

The board discussed the August meeting and touring the buildings before the regular meeting. It was agreed that we would meet at 6:00 p.m. at the high school entrance for a tour of the building(s) before the regular meeting.

Discussion was held regarding the Joint Annual Conference and Mrs. Hardy reminded board members that reimbursement for travel would not exceed the cost of the lowest method of travel, which is typically the train.

The preliminary FY15 budget was distributed to board members for review. The final budget will be ready in September.

The board received a request from Rob Dunham to name the middle school gymnasium after former coach Jerry Logan. Rob was unable to be at the meeting due to a schedule conflict. The board discussed the matter and agreed they would like for Rob to come to a meeting and present his idea.

Mrs. Fritz recently spoke at the school in Dallas City and was impressed that the school board there sent her a thank you note. She thinks we are missing opportunities to thank people and gave several examples of volunteers, etc. that she thought would appreciate receiving a thank-you note from the board. A discussion was held and it was agreed that trying to send thank-you notes to every single volunteer would be very difficult for the board to track and that responsibility should remain with the building principal. It was suggested that sending birthday and holiday greeting cards to all district staff would be appropriate.

It was moved by Mr. Ufkes and seconded by Mrs. Graham to accept the low bread bid from Bimbo Bakeries for the 2014-2015 school year. Roll Call: Mr. Ufkes/yes; Mrs. Fritz/yes; Mr. Menn/absent; Mrs. Huston/yes; Mr. Gooding/yes; Mrs. Markley/yes; Mrs. Graham/yes. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Markley and seconded by Mrs. Huston to accept the low escalator milk bid from Prairie Farms for the 2014-2015 school year. Roll Call: Mr. Ufkes/yes; Mrs. Fritz/yes; Mr. Menn/absent; Mrs. Huston/yes; Mr. Gooding/yes; Mrs. Markley/yes; Mrs. Graham/yes. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Mr. Gooding and seconded by Mrs. Markley to accept the low garbage disposal bid from Area Disposal for the 2014-2015 school year. Roll Call: Mr. Ufkes/yes; Mrs. Fritz/yes; Mr. Menn/absent; Mrs. Huston/yes; Mr. Gooding/yes; Mrs. Markley/yes; Mrs. Graham/yes. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Markley and seconded by Mr. Ufkes to accept the low snow removal bid from Andy Redenius for the 2014-2015 school year. Roll Call: Mr. Ufkes/yes; Mrs. Fritz/yes; Mr. Menn/absent; Mrs. Huston/yes; Mr. Gooding/yes; Mrs. Markley/yes; Mrs. Graham/yes. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Mr. Gooding and seconded by Mrs. Fritz to accept the low firm fuel bid from FS for the 2014-2015 school year. Roll Call: Mr. Ufkes/yes; Mrs. Fritz/yes; Mr. Menn/absent; Mrs. Huston/yes; Mr. Gooding/yes; Mrs. Markley/yes; Mrs. Graham/yes. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Markley and seconded by Mr. Ufkes to approve the application for a district credit card through Marine Bank & Trust, with two cards being issued to the district, and authorizes Vicki Hardy, Shannon Twaddle and Cynthia Smith to use the credit card for district purchases. Roll Call: Mr. Ufkes/yes; Mrs. Fritz/no; Mr. Menn/absent; Mrs. Huston/yes; Mr. Gooding/yes; Mrs. Markley/yes; Mrs. Graham/yes. Motion carried 5-1.

It was moved by Mr. Gooding and seconded by Mr. Ufkes to enter into executive session at 8:08 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel. Roll Call: Mr. Ufkes/yes; Mrs. Fritz/yes; Mr. Menn/absent; Mrs. Huston/yes; Mr. Gooding/yes; Mrs. Markley/yes; Mrs. Graham/yes. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Mr. Gooding and seconded by Mrs. Huston to exit executive session at 9:20 p.m. Roll Call: Mr. Ufkes/yes; Mrs. Fritz/yes; Mr. Menn/absent; Mrs. Huston/yes; Mr. Gooding/yes; Mrs. Markley/yes; Mrs. Graham/yes. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Markley and seconded by Mrs. Fritz to approve the new one year elementary principal contract with a base salary of fifty five thousand dollars (\$55,000) as presented with Jerry Butcher starting July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015. Roll Call: Mr. Ufkes/yes; Mrs. Fritz/yes; Mr. Menn/absent; Mrs. Huston/yes; Mr. Gooding/yes; Mrs. Markley/yes; Mrs. Graham/yes. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Graham and seconded by Mr. Ufkes to approve the list of extra-curricular assignments as presented. Roll Call: Mr. Ufkes/yes; Mrs. Fritz/yes; Mr. Menn/absent; Mrs. Huston/yes; Mr. Gooding/yes; Mrs. Markley/yes; Mrs. Graham/yes. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Mr. Gooding and seconded by Mr. Ufkes to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 p.m. Roll Call: Mr. Ufkes/yes; Mrs. Fritz/yes; Mr. Menn/absent; Mrs. Huston/yes; Mr. Gooding/yes; Mrs. Markley/yes; Mrs. Graham/yes. Motion carried 6-0.