

MINUTES
CARTHAGE ESD #317
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 20, 2014
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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: Lila Fritz, absent; Robert Menn, present; Sherry Huston, present; Brad Gooding, absent; Trish Markley, present; Amy Graham, present; Brent Ufkes, present.

Mrs. Huston requested that a discussion item be added to discuss ALICE. This was added to the agenda as 7C.

Recognition of individuals wishing to speak on stated agenda items: Rob Dunham

Administrative Reports – Mrs. Hardy discussed details of the district audit that took place on August 18th. She noted that our score was down from 4.0 to 3.6 due to deficit spending in the education fund. She stated that if we had gotten our full general state aid, we would have remained at 4.0.

Mrs. Pepple reported that Mrs. Fisher's pre-K program was awarded the Gold Circle of Quality Award and this is the highest award given by ISBE evaluators. To her knowledge, no other schools around have received this award. She noted that this year subs and aides were invited to attend the diabetic training and epi-pen training that was held the day before school started. Work has begun on the new school website and is being funded at 66% by e-rate. She noted that kindergarten and second grade numbers are up and we have 21 new students this year with approximately the same number leaving the district. She noted that we have had several new students that speak very little English and she is looking for resources to help with that and will get pricing for Rosetta Stone software. She has several volunteers that are working with these students as well.

Mr. Butcher gave an overview of his student numbers at the middle school. He was pleased at how the older students are helping with the new students this year. He noted that the baseball team was off to a good start. There is a new student this year with a heart problem that could require the use of the AED. CPR/AED training is being arranged for staff and will take place in September.

It was moved by Mrs. Markley and seconded by Mrs. Huston to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll Call: Mrs. Fritz/absent; Mr. Menn/yes; Mrs. Huston/yes; Mr.

Gooding/absent; Mrs. Markley/yes; Mrs. Graham/yes; Mr. Ufkes/yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Rob Dunham addressed the board with a request to name the middle school gymnasium after a former coach who has had a huge impact on Bluegirl basketball. Other suggestions and various options were also discussed, including honoring the coach during one of the 7/8th grade girls' basketball games this year. The board agreed that Mr. Butcher could go ahead with plans to honor the coach during a girls' basketball game.

The board toured the school buildings prior to tonight's meeting and as usual, the summer work crew had done a wonderful job in all buildings.

Mrs. Huston asked Mrs. Hardy to explain the ALICE training and what was going on with that. Mrs. Hardy explained that area superintendents heard a presentation earlier in the year on the ALICE program (related to active shooter in schools) and were given the option to pursue the training if interested. On March 6th, Mrs. Hardy set up a meeting for March 25th at 9:30 to hear further information regarding the training. Mrs. Pepple and Mr. Butcher came for the meeting, but no one showed up to present and no one called Mrs. Hardy with any explanation. After learning that other schools in the area were receiving the training, Mrs. Hardy contacted Scott Bentzinger and he arranged for another meeting on September 3rd. At that time, Mrs. Hardy, Mr. Butcher and Mrs. Pepple will hear the presentation and decide if they want to pursue the training.

It was moved by Mr. Menn and seconded by Mrs. Markley to approve the administration placing the preliminary budget on display for 30 days to precede the budget hearing. Roll Call: Mrs. Fritz/absent; Mr. Menn/yes; Mrs. Huston/yes; Mr. Gooding/absent; Mrs. Markley/yes; Mrs. Graham/yes; Mr. Ufkes/yes. Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Mr. Ufkes and seconded by Mr. Menn to approve the application for a district credit card through First State Bank of Carthage and authorizes Vicki Hardy and Cynthia Smith to use the credit card for district purchases. During the discussion of this item, Mrs. Hardy informed the board that she had just learned that the current card from Marine Bank & Trust held by the district does in fact have the same rewards incentive as the card through First State Bank and also does not charge an annual fee, so there was no benefit to acquiring the additional credit card. No action was taken.

It was moved by Mr. Menn and seconded by Mrs. Huston to enter into executive session at 8:10 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel. Roll Call: Mrs. Fritz/absent; Mr. Menn/yes; Mrs. Huston/yes; Mr. Gooding/absent; Mrs. Markley/yes; Mrs. Graham/yes; Mr. Ufkes/yes. Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Markley and seconded by Mrs. Graham to exit executive session at 8:15 p.m. Roll Call: Mrs. Fritz/absent; Mr. Menn/yes; Mrs. Huston/yes; Mr. Gooding/absent; Mrs. Markley/yes; Mrs. Graham/yes; Mr. Ufkes/yes. Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Huston and seconded by Mr. Ufkes to approve the resignation of Bob Lemley effective August 6, 2014. Roll Call: Mrs. Fritz/absent; Mr. Menn/yes; Mrs. Huston/yes; Mr. Gooding/absent; Mrs. Markley/yes; Mrs. Graham/yes; Mr. Ufkes/yes. Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Markley and seconded by Mr. Menn that the Board of Education employ Ross Smith as a 5/6th grade boys' basketball coach at the certified contract rate. Roll Call: Mrs. Fritz/absent; Mr. Menn/yes; Mrs. Huston/yes; Mr. Gooding/absent; Mrs. Markley/yes; Mrs. Graham/yes; Mr. Ufkes/yes. Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Graham and seconded by Mr. Ufkes that the Board of Education employ Traci Harrell as a 5/6th grade girls' basketball coach at the certified contract rate. Roll Call: Mrs. Fritz/absent; Mr. Menn/yes; Mrs. Huston/yes; Mr. Gooding/absent; Mrs. Markley/yes; Mrs. Graham/yes; Mr. Ufkes/yes. Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Markley and seconded by Mr. Menn to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. Roll Call: Mrs. Fritz/absent; Mr. Menn/yes; Mrs. Huston/yes; Mr. Gooding/absent; Mrs. Markley/yes; Mrs. Graham/yes; Mr. Ufkes/yes. Motion carried 5-0.