

MINUTES
CARTHAGE ESD #317
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 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: Mr. Gooding, absent; Mrs. Markley, present; Mrs. Graham, present; Mr. Ufkes, present; Mrs. Fritz, present; Mr. Menn, present; Mrs. Huston, present.

There were no additional agenda items.

Russ Rumbold of Gorenz and Associates reported to the board on this year's district audit, which was conducted by his firm.

Administrative Reports – Mrs. Hardy will be participating in a video conference on December 3rd with someone from BLDD regarding our life, health safety review, which is due in 2015. Mrs. Hardy and Jeremy Ford recently met with a group from the Mormon Church and toured the middle school. They have expressed interest in using the middle school building this summer. They are also considering one other school in the area and will let us know soon which one they are choosing. Mrs. Hardy reported that we have received the results of an investigation into a civil rights complaint that was filed against the district and the district has been 100% cleared.

Mr. Butcher was not able to attend the meeting, as he was required to be at the middle school to cover a basketball game.

Mrs. Pepple shared that the students have practiced for the PARCC test and there was a discussion regarding online testing issues. She reported that class sizes continue to grow at the primary school.

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

Latisha Thomas addressed the board regarding transportation for her children. They live less than a mile from the school and do not qualify for bus transportation. Mrs. Graham offered to provide resources for her.

Mrs. Hardy reviewed the policy regarding the shuttle from the primary school to the middle school. She recommended going back to the plan that the board adopted

previously. It was the consensus of the board to return to the previous policy, effective after Christmas break.

Mrs. Hardy reviewed the school report card and provided a hand-out with comparisons.

A brief discussion was held regarding the upcoming school board convention.

It was moved by Mr. Menn and seconded by Mrs. Huston to approve the FY14 audit as presented. Roll Call: Mr. Gooding, absent; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Graham, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

After a brief overview of the tax levy, it was moved by Mrs. Markley and seconded by Mr. Menn to approve the preliminary levy and authorize the administration to publish the required notice of a Truth in Taxation Hearing to be held just prior to the regular CESD #317 board meeting in December. Roll Call: Mr. Gooding, absent; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Graham, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Huston and seconded by Mr. Ufkes to enter into executive session at 8:53 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel. Roll Call: Mr. Gooding, absent; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Graham, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Markley and seconded by Mrs. Fritz to exit executive session at 9:32 p.m. Roll Call: Mr. Gooding, absent; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Graham, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Mr. Menn and seconded by Mr. Ufkes to approve the dismissal of non-certified staff member Anngilete Ashley from bus driving duties effective immediately pursuant to article VII Section 7.1 of the collective bargaining agreement between Carthage Elementary School District #317 and the Service Employee's International Union Local Number 73. Roll Call: Mr. Gooding, absent; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Graham, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Graham and seconded by Mrs. Huston to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 p.m. Roll Call: Mr. Gooding, absent; Mrs. Markley, yes; Mrs. Graham, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes. Motion carried 6-0.