

MINUTES
CARTHAGE ESD #317
BOARD OF EDUCATION
TRUTH IN TAXATION & REGULAR MEETING
December 17, 2014

The Truth in Taxation hearing 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. Markley, absent, Mrs. Graham, present; Mr. Ufkes, present, Mrs. Fritz, present; Mr. Menn, present; Mrs. Huston, present; Mr. Gooding Absent.

Review of proposed tax levy – Vicki reviewed the proposed tax levy and answered questions from the board members.

There were no visitors present wishing to address the board regarding the proposed tax levy.

Regular Meeting

The regular meeting of the Carthage E.S.D. #317 Board of Education was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Board President Brent Ufkes.

Roll call: Mrs. Markley, absent, Mrs. Graham, present; Mr. Ufkes, present, Mrs. Fritz, present; Mr. Menn, present; Mrs. Huston, present; Mr. Gooding Absent.

There were no additional agenda items.

There were no visitors present wishing to speak on stated agenda items.

Administrative Reports – Mrs. Hardy gave a Title I plan update. She and Diane are working on the plan. Mrs. Hardy attended the Middle School Inklings Book Club meeting at the Carthage library earlier in the day. There were 18 students involved. We are still waiting on the life safety proposal that John Whitlock will be sending. Our ten year inspection is due in 2015.

Mr. Butcher was not here as he was required to be at the school to supervise a ballgame.

Mrs. Pepple reported on a meeting she attended recently in Macomb for tech directors. There was discussion about the online testing we will be doing. Mrs. Pepple reported there will be a trial run of the online testing in January to see if the servers can handle the amount of traffic. Mrs. Pepple invited everyone to the Community Recognition to be held on December 19th. She is currently looking into prices for upgrading the wireless

access at the primary school to accommodate the new Chromebooks the district recently received.

It was moved by Mr. Menn and seconded by Mrs. Huston to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll call: Mrs. Markley, absent; Mrs. Graham, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Gooding, absent. Motion carried 5-0.

Curriculum Advisory Committee/Common Core - Mrs. Pepple reported that the last CAC meeting was the Daily 5 Team of primary teachers. Amy Gee from the Carthage Public Library came to discuss ways to get more kids to utilize the public library. Another goal is to get more books in the classroom. Mrs. Pepple and Mr. Butcher attended a Common Core meeting in Macomb last week. The presenter shared standards based reports cards and Diane has passed those on to the teachers.

Triple I Conference – Each board member reported on which sessions they attended and what they had learned.

Vision 20/20 – Mrs. Hardy shared numerous hand-outs which tell more about the plan. There will be a resolution on the agenda next month for approval.

Transportation - Letters received from three parents, including a daycare provider were shared with the board. A letter outlining the bus driver's view point was also handed out. No additional changes will be made regarding students riding from the primary to the middle school at this time.

It was moved by Mr. Menn and seconded by Mrs. Fritz to approve the tax levy as presented. Roll call: Mrs. Markley, absent; Mrs. Graham, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Gooding, absent. Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Mr. Ufkes and seconded by Mrs. Graham to approve the first reading of board policies as presented. Roll call: Mrs. Markley, absent; Mrs. Graham, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Gooding, absent. Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Mr. Menn and seconded by Mrs. Graham to enter into executive session at 8:57 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel. Roll call: Mrs. Markley, absent; Mrs. Graham, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Gooding, absent. Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Graham and seconded by Mr. Ufkes to exit executive session at 9:07 p.m. Roll call: Mrs. Markley, absent; Mrs. Graham, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Gooding, absent. Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Graham and seconded by Mrs. Fritz to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 p.m. Roll call: Mrs. Markley, absent; Mrs. Graham, yes; Mr. Ufkes, yes; Mrs. Fritz, yes; Mr. Menn, yes; Mrs. Huston, yes; Mr. Gooding, absent. Motion carried 5-0.