

MINUTES
CARTHAGE ESD #317
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR & ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
APRIL 21, 2021

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: Robert Menn/present; Andrea Jones/present; Brandon Gooding/present; Trish Markley/present; Amy Graham/present; Brent Ufkes/present; Luke Burling/present.

There were no additional agenda items.

Recognition of individuals wishing to speak on stated agenda items: Carla Mudd #8.

It was moved by Mr. Menn and seconded by Mr. Gooding to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll Call: Mr. Menn/yes; Mrs. Jones/yes; Mr. Gooding/yes; Mrs. Markley/yes; Mrs. Graham/yes; Mr. Ufkes/yes; Mr. Burling/yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Ufkes declared Adjourn Sine Die at 7:01 p.m.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The organizational meeting of the Carthage E.S.D. #317 Board of Education was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Vicki Hardy, President Pro-tem.

Mrs. Hardy administered the Oaths, which Mrs. Jones, Mr. Gooding and Mr. Gunning recited in unison.

Roll call: Robert Menn/present; Andrea Jones/present; Brandon Gooding/present; Amy Graham/present; Brent Ufkes/present; Jason Gunning/present.

It was moved by Mrs. Graham and seconded by Mr. Gooding to accept the Official Canvass of Votes from the April 6, 2021 election as presented. Roll Call: Mr. Menn/yes; Mrs. Jones/yes; Mr. Gooding/yes; Mr. Gunning/yes; Mrs. Graham/yes; Mr. Ufkes/yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Announcement of Board Vacancy read by Vicki Hardy.

Mr. Menn nominated Mr. Ufkes for office of President. Hearing no further nominations, Mr. Ufkes was declared elected by acclamation as President.

Mrs. Graham nominated Mr. Gooding for Vice-President. Hearing no further nominations, Mr. Gooding was declared elected by acclamation as Vice-President.

Mr. Menn nominated Mrs. Graham for secretary. Hearing no further nominations, Mrs. Graham was declared elected by acclamation as Secretary.

The board established the meeting dates, times and location through April 2023. Meetings will continue to be held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the district office, with a few exceptions being noted in red on the schedule.

Presentation by Brianne Skien from “We Stand for Our Students”

Administrative Reports – Mrs. Hardy reviewed her report.

Mr. Snowden reviewed his report.

Ms. Nason reviewed her report.

The 2021-2022 Fee Schedule was discussed and no increases are anticipated at this time. This will be an action item next month.

Staff Luncheon - May 24th has been set for the staff luncheon. Board members will volunteer next month to bring desserts and help serve.

Parent-Student Handbook – primary school handbook changes were reviewed and will be an action item next month.

Filling a Board Vacancy – the board policy for filling a vacancy was contained in the board packet.

Joint Annual Conference - is scheduled for November 19-21.

It was moved by Mr. Menn and seconded by Mr. Gooding to approve the Wonders Reading Curriculum for grades K-8 for a six-year term at a cost of \$93,046.14. Roll Call: Mr. Menn/yes; Mrs. Jones/yes; Mr. Gooding/yes; Mr. Gunning/yes; Mrs. Graham/yes; Mr. Ufkes/yes. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Mr. Menn and seconded by Mr. Gooding to approve the administration placing the amended budget on display for 30 days to precede the budget hearing, which will be held June 16th. Roll Call: Mr. Menn/yes; Mrs. Jones/yes; Mr. Gooding/yes; Mr. Gunning/yes; Mrs. Graham/yes; Mr. Ufkes/yes. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Mr. Gooding and seconded by Mrs. Jones to accept the low base bid from Thornburgh Companies, in the amount of \$42,707.00, with a completion date of July 26-August 13, 2021, for the asbestos abatement project at the Carthage Middle School. Roll Call: Mr. Menn/yes; Mrs. Jones/yes; Mr. Gooding/yes; Mr. Gunning/yes; Mrs. Graham/yes; Mr. Ufkes/yes. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Mr. Ufkes and seconded by Mr. Menn to accept the low snow bid from Scott Harrison for the 2021-20200 school year. Roll Call: Mr. Menn/yes; Mrs. Jones/yes; Mr. Gooding/yes; Mr. Gunning/yes; Mrs. Graham/yes; Mr. Ufkes/yes. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Mr. Graham to table the motion to adopt the resolution regarding face mask mandates, as she would like more information. There was no second of the motion. Motion failed.

It was moved by Mr. Ufkes and seconded by Mrs. Jones to adopt the resolution regarding face mask mandates. Roll Call: Mr. Menn/yes; Mrs. Jones/yes; Mr. Gooding/yes; Mr. Gunning/yes; Mrs. Graham/no; Mr. Ufkes/yes. Motion carried 5-1.

It was moved by Mr. Menn and seconded by Mr. Gooding to enter into executive session at 8:18 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, collective negotiating and discussing a person to fill a public office (Added to agenda as 12C). Roll Call: Mr. Menn/yes; Mrs. Jones/yes; Mr. Gooding/yes; Mr. Gunning/yes; Mrs. Graham/yes; Mr. Ufkes/yes. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Mr. Gooding and seconded by Mrs. Jones to exit executive session at 8:44 p.m. Roll Call: Mr. Menn/yes; Mrs. Jones/yes; Mr. Gooding/yes; Mr. Gunning/yes; Mrs. Graham/yes; Mr. Ufkes/yes. Motion carried 6-0.

There was no action taken on: Recommendation on Central Office Staff

It was moved by Mr. Menn and seconded by Mr. Ufkes to approve the resignation of Mike Snowden as Primary School Principal and Athletic Director, effective June 30, 2021. Roll Call: Mr. Menn/yes; Mrs. Jones/yes; Mr. Gooding/yes; Mr. Gunning/yes; Mrs. Graham/yes; Mr. Ufkes/yes. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Mr. Ufkes and seconded by Mr. Gooding to approve the resignation of Amy Dawson as Elementary Teacher, effective at the end of the 2020-21 school year. Roll Call: Mr. Menn/yes; Mrs. Jones/yes; Mr. Gooding/yes; Mr. Gunning/yes; Mrs. Graham/yes; Mr. Ufkes/yes. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Graham and seconded by Mrs. Jones to employ Miakea Toubekis as Elementary Teacher, at the certified contract rate beginning with the 2021-2022 school year. Roll Call: Mr. Menn/yes; Mrs. Jones/yes; Mr. Gooding/yes; Mr. Gunning/yes; Mrs. Graham/yes; Mr. Ufkes/yes. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Mr. Menn and seconded by Mr. Ufkes to employ Melissa Johnson as Elementary Teacher, at the certified contract rate beginning with the 2021-2022 school year. Roll Call: Mr. Menn/yes; Mrs. Jones/yes; Mr. Gooding/yes; Mr. Gunning/yes; Mrs. Graham/yes; Mr. Ufkes/yes. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Graham and seconded by Mrs. Jones to appoint Luke Burling as Board Member, to fill the vacancy created as a result of no candidate to fill the 2-year term, with the term ending April 19, 2023. Roll Call: Mr. Menn/yes; Mrs. Jones/yes; Mr. Gooding/yes; Mr. Gunning/yes; Mrs. Graham/yes; Mr. Ufkes/yes. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Mr. Ufkes and seconded by Mrs. Jones to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m. Roll Call: Mr. Menn/yes; Mrs. Jones/yes; Mr. Gooding/yes; Mr. Gunning/yes; Mrs. Graham/yes; Mr. Ufkes/yes. Motion carried 6-0.