

MINUTES
CARTHAGE ESD #317
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 19, 2022

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; Drew Dickerson/present; Jason Gunning/present; Amy Graham/present; Brent Ufkes/present; Luke Burling/absent.

There were no additional agenda items.

Comments were heard from the following visitors: Dillon Darbyshire, Ashley Darbyshire, Anne Martin and Brianne Skien.

Administrative Reports:

Mr. Day had nothing further to add to his board report.

Mrs. Jacoby shared that two students from the district were nominated for a STEM program.

Mr. Scott shared that Mrs. McGaughey being hired to help with the Spanish speaking students has had a positive impact on the students.

It was moved by Mr. Menn and seconded by Mrs. Graham to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll call: Mr. Menn/yes; Mr. Dickerson/yes; Mr. Gunning/yes; Mrs. Graham/yes; Mr. Ufkes/yes; Mr. Burling/absent. Motion carried 5-0.

Filling a Board Vacancy – there were two candidates scheduled to interview during closed session.

Lease Agreement with Illini West High School – The lease committee (Mr. Day, Mr. Ufkes, Mr. Menn, Mr. Harnack, Mr. Anders and Mr. Green) met recently and made revisions/additions and deletions to the current agreement, which will be approved at a future meeting.

7:22 pm – Board candidate Laura Barnett texted that she was ill and would not be able to attend the meeting.

It was moved by Mrs. Graham and seconded by Mr. Menn to accept the HVAC replacement bid from Peters Heating and Air Conditioning in the amount of \$22,973.00

to replace three package units at the Primary School. This includes installation of 3 new economizers to the units that will allow fresh air to be brought into the rooms as needed. Roll call: Mr. Menn/yes; Mr. Dickerson/yes; Mr. Gunning/yes; Mrs. Graham/yes; Mr. Ufkes/yes; Mr. Burling/absent. Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Mr. Menn and seconded by Mr. Dickerson to enter into executive session at 7:34 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel and the selection of a person to fill a public office. Roll call: Mr. Menn/yes; Mr. Dickerson/yes; Mr. Gunning/yes; Mrs. Graham/yes; Mr. Ufkes/yes; Mr. Burling/absent. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Burling arrived at 7:40 p.m.

It was decided the board would table all further action items and reconvene January 20, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the same location. Roll call: Mr. Menn/yes; Mr. Dickerson/yes; Mr. Gunning/yes; Mrs. Graham/yes; Mr. Ufkes/yes; Mr. Burling/yes. Motion carried 6-0.

RECONVENED MEETING JANUARY 20, 2022

It was moved by Mr. Burling and seconded by Mr. Menn to enter into executive session at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing Personnel and the Selection of a Person to fill a Public Office. Roll call: Mr. Menn/yes; Mr. Dickerson/yes; Mr. Gunning/yes; Mrs. Graham/yes; Mr. Ufkes/yes; Mr. Burling/yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Brent Ufkes departed at 7:24 p.m. and returned at 8:15 p.m.

It was moved by Mr. Burling and seconded by Mr. Menn to exit executive session at 8:18 p.m. Roll call: Mr. Menn/yes; Mr. Dickerson/yes; Mr. Gunning/yes; Mrs. Graham/yes; Mr. Ufkes/yes; Mr. Burling/yes. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Mr. Burling and seconded by Mr. Dickerson to approve the resignation of Tulara Powell as assistant cook, effective December 16, 2021. Roll call: Mr. Menn/yes; Mr. Dickerson/yes; Mr. Gunning/yes; Mrs. Graham/yes; Mr. Ufkes/yes; Mr. Burling/yes. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Mr. Menn and seconded by Mr. Ufkes to approve the resignation of Jeremy Ford as Maintenance Director, effective January 7th, 2022. Roll call: Mr. Menn/yes; Mr. Dickerson/yes; Mr. Gunning/yes; Mrs. Graham/yes; Mr. Ufkes/yes; Mr. Burling/yes. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Mr. Dickerson and seconded by Mr. Gunning to approve Sheila Huls as assistant cook at the non-certified support staff contract rate, effective immediately. Roll call: Mr. Menn/yes; Mr. Dickerson/yes; Mr. Gunning/yes; Mrs. Graham/yes; Mr. Ufkes/yes; Mr. Burling/yes. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Mr. Burling and seconded by Mr. Gunning to approve the appointment of Dillon Darbyshire as Board Member, to fill the vacancy created by Andrea Jones' resignation, with the term ending April 4, 2023. Roll call: Mr. Menn/yes; Mr. Dickerson/yes; Mr. Gunning/yes; Mrs. Graham/yes; Mr. Ufkes/abstain; Mr. Burling/yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Board President Brent Ufkes administered the Oath of Office to Dillon Darbyshire.

It was moved by Mr. Ufkes and seconded by Mr. Menn to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Roll call: Mr. Menn/yes; Mr. Dickerson/yes; Mr. Gunning/yes; Mrs. Graham/yes; Mr. Ufkes/yes; Mr. Burling/yes. Motion carried 6-0.