

MINUTES  
CARTHAGE ESD #317  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 18, 2023

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 Luke Burling.

Roll call: Dillon Darbyshire/absent; Drew Dickerson/present; Jason Gunning/present; Amy Graham/present; Jacob Murphy/present; Luke Burling/present; Robert Menn/absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Day added two additional agenda items to executive session:

- 1) Collective negotiating matters between the School District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)
- 2) The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)

Russ Rumbold from Gorenz and Associates presented the FY22 Audit Report.

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

Administrative Reports:

Mr. Day: Discussed the need for additional help to support ELL students and suggested purchasing Rosetta Stone for staff members who are interested. Mr. Day presented information to the board regarding property for sale directly east of the middle school building, which could potentially be used for parking. Board members present were not interested in pursuing this at the present time. Mr. Day noted that the carpet replacement (with tile) at the primary school will take place over spring break and new desks and file cabinets will be provided to all staff.

Mrs. Jacoby: Noted that she and Mr. Scott and Ms. Kite are working on a grant that would provide free mental health support for students, with mental health personnel coming to the school one day a week. The playground committee is working on a survey and have discussed moving memorial rocks from the current playground to the front of the building where they would be more visible. The committee will have a proposal soon that will be presented to the board. ESSER funds will be used for the playground improvements. Mrs. Jacoby noted she has been in contact with Beardstown schools for support with the ELL students and is also pursuing the possibility of bringing in a retired

Spanish teacher to the primary school. She also has a contact person at WIU that is willing to help.

Mr. Scott: Absent / supervising a ball game.

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

2023-24 School Calendar – Jenny White noted that February 12<sup>th</sup> is President Lincoln’s birthday, but February 19<sup>th</sup> is Presidents’ Day and thought those should be switched on the calendar. Mr. Day will discuss with Illini West. The calendar will be an action item on the February agenda.

It was moved by Mr. Dickerson and seconded by Mr. Gunning to approve the FY22 audit as presented. Roll call: Mr. Darbyshire/absent; Mr. Dickerson/yes; Mr. Gunning/yes; Mrs. Graham/yes; Mr. Murphy/yes; Mr. Burling/yes; Mr. Menn/absent. Motion carried 5-0.

The recommendation to approve the agreement for professional services with BLDD to perform a study regarding construction of a K-8 facility, with an estimated maximum fee of \$25,000 was tabled until February. Motion by Mr. Dickerson, seconded by Mrs. Graham. Roll call: Mr. Darbyshire/absent; Mr. Dickerson/yes; Mr. Gunning/yes; Mrs. Graham/yes; Mr. Murphy/yes; Mr. Burling/yes; Mr. Menn/absent. Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Mr. Dickerson and seconded by Mr. Murphy to enter into executive session at 8:47 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel, negotiations and land acquisition. Roll call: Mr. Darbyshire/absent; Mr. Dickerson/yes; Mr. Gunning/yes; Mrs. Graham/yes; Mr. Murphy/yes; Mr. Burling/yes; Mr. Menn/absent. Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Gunning to exit executive session at 11:00 p.m. Roll call: Mr. Darbyshire/absent; Mr. Dickerson/yes; Mr. Gunning/yes; Mrs. Graham/yes; Mr. Murphy/yes; Mr. Burling/yes; Mr. Menn/absent. Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Mr. Dickerson and seconded by Mr. Murphy to approve Christina White as custodian, at the non-certified support staff contract rate, effective immediately. Roll call: Mr. Darbyshire/absent; Mr. Dickerson/yes; Mr. Gunning/yes; Mrs. Graham/yes; Mr. Murphy/yes; Mr. Burling/yes; Mr. Menn/absent. Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Mr. Dickerson and seconded by Mr. Gunning to approve Jordan Cadwell as 7th/8th Grade Boys track coach, for the 2022-23 school year at the certified contract rate. Roll call: Mr. Darbyshire/absent; Mr. Dickerson/yes; Mr. Gunning/yes; Mrs. Graham/yes; Mr. Murphy/yes; Mr. Burling/yes; Mr. Menn/absent. Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Mr. Gunning and seconded by Mr. Dickerson to approve the resignation of Julie Weber as head cook, effective June 1, 2023, with thanks for her five years of service. Roll call: Mr. Darbyshire/absent; Mr. Dickerson/yes; Mr. Gunning/yes; Mrs. Graham/yes; Mr. Murphy/yes; Mr. Burling/yes; Mr. Menn/absent. Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Dickerson to approve the resignation of Raylene Gunning as 5th and 6th grade Track Coach, effective immediately. Roll call: Mr. Darbyshire/absent; Mr. Dickerson/yes; Mr. Gunning/abstain; Mrs. Graham/yes; Mr. Murphy/yes; Mr. Burling/yes; Mr. Menn/absent. Motion carried 4-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Graham and seconded by Mr. Murphy to approve the resignation of Angel Ashley as custodian, effective January 4, 2023. Roll call: Mr. Darbyshire/absent; Mr. Dickerson/yes; Mr. Gunning/yes; Mrs. Graham/yes; Mr. Murphy/yes; Mr. Burling/yes; Mr. Menn/absent. Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Graham and seconded by Mr. Dickerson to approve the new contract for Superintendent Dustin Day, for the 2023-24, 2024-25, 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28 school years, with a base salary of One Hundred and Ten Thousand Dollars (\$110,000.00) for the 2023-2024 school year. Roll call: Mr. Darbyshire/absent; Mr. Dickerson/yes; Mr. Gunning/yes; Mrs. Graham/yes; Mr. Murphy/yes; Mr. Burling/yes; Mr. Menn/absent. Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Mr. Dickerson and seconded by Mrs. Graham to approve the new contract for Primary School Principal/Special Education Coordinator, Ryanne Jacoby for the 2023-24, 2024-25, and 2025-26 school years, with a total compensation package of Eighty-Three Thousand, Five Hundred and Fifty-Four Dollars (\$83,554.00) for the 2023-24 school year. Roll call: Mr. Darbyshire/absent; Mr. Dickerson/yes; Mr. Gunning/yes; Mrs. Graham/yes; Mr. Murphy/yes; Mr. Burling/yes; Mr. Menn/absent. Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Mr. Gunning and seconded by Mr. Murphy to approve Zach Burling as P.E. Teacher at the certified contract rate beginning with the 2023-2024 school year. Roll call: Mr. Darbyshire/absent; Mr. Dickerson/yes; Mr. Gunning/yes; Mrs. Graham/yes; Mr. Murphy/yes; Mr. Burling/abstain; Mr. Menn/absent. Motion carried 4-0.

It was moved by Mr. Gunning and seconded by Mr. Dickerson to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 p.m. Roll call: Mr. Darbyshire/absent; Mr. Dickerson/yes; Mr. Gunning/yes; Mrs. Graham/yes; Mr. Murphy/yes; Mr. Burling/yes; Mr. Menn/absent. Motion carried 5-0.