

MINUTES  
CARTHAGE ESD #317  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 17, 2023

The regular meeting of the Carthage E.S.D. #317 Board of Education was called to order at 7:26 p.m. by Board Vice-President Dillon Darbyshire.

Roll call: Jacob Murphy/present; Luke Burling/absent; Linda Housewright/present; Dillon Darbyshire/present; Sean Dickerson/present; Derrick Nelson/present; Stephanie Fitch/present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

There were no additional agenda items.

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

Students in the following groups were recognized for participating in IESA state competition: Track, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade Volleyball, Solo & Ensemble and Scholastic Bowl.

Administrative Reports:

Mr. Day noted the fence at the primary school playground would be installed by June 15<sup>th</sup>. Stalker Floors will be doing the middle school gym floor around July 16<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup>. Both gyms will be closed for the summer to accommodate the old furniture that is going out and new furniture coming in. BLDD will be starting the survey of the buildings for the project that was approved in February.

Mrs. Jacoby: Did not have anything to add to her report.

Mr. Scott noted that summer school session will take place in July with two teachers instructing.

It was moved by Mrs. Fitch and seconded by Mr. Dickerson to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll call: Mr. Murphy/yes; Mr. Burling/absent; Mrs. Housewright/yes; Mr. Darbyshire/yes; Mr. Dickerson/yes; Mr. Nelson/yes; Mrs. Fitch/yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Middle School Handbook updates were discussed. They will be approved next month.

Primary School Handbook updates were discussed. They will be approved next month.

Job descriptions for all staff were discussed. These will be approved in July or August after Mr. Day has had a chance to sit down with staff to review.

It was moved by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Mrs. Fitch to approve the following fee increases for the 2023-2024 school year: Breakfast K-8 from \$1.60 to \$1.80. Lunch K-4 from \$2.35 to \$2.50. Lunch 5-8 from \$2.60 to \$2.75. Milk from \$.30 to \$.35. Adult breakfast from \$1.60 to \$2.30 and Adult lunch from \$3.00 to \$3.50. Roll call: Mr. Murphy/yes; Mr. Burling/absent; Mrs. Housewright/yes; Mr. Darbyshire/yes; Mr. Dickerson/yes; Mr. Nelson/yes; Mrs. Fitch/yes. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Fitch and seconded by Mrs. Housewright to approve the administration placing the amended budget on display for 30 days to precede the budget hearing, which will be held June 21, 2023. Roll call: Mr. Murphy/yes; Mr. Burling/absent; Mrs. Housewright/yes; Mr. Darbyshire/yes; Mr. Dickerson/yes; Mr. Nelson/yes; Mrs. Fitch/yes. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Housewright and seconded by Mr. Dickerson to approve the Worldwide Tech Connections “Language-as-a-service” Computer program as presented, with an initial cost of \$12,950.00. Roll call: Mr. Murphy/yes; Mr. Burling/absent; Mrs. Housewright/yes; Mr. Darbyshire/yes; Mr. Dickerson/yes; Mr. Nelson/yes; Mrs. Fitch/yes. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Mrs. Fitch to approve the items listed as surplus: 10 kindergarten student tables, 25 kindergarten student chairs, 10 first grade student tables, 25 first grade student chairs, 45 second & third grade student desks, 45 second & third grade student chairs, 50 fourth grade student desks (chairs attached), 3 special education student tables, 15 special education chairs, 15 special education student desks, 15 special education student chairs, 3 teacher desks. Roll call: Mr. Murphy/yes; Mr. Burling/absent; Mrs. Housewright/yes; Mr. Darbyshire/yes; Mr. Dickerson/yes; Mr. Nelson/yes; Mrs. Fitch/yes. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Darbyshire to enter into executive session at 8:25 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel. Roll call: Mr. Murphy/yes; Mr. Burling/absent; Mrs. Housewright/yes; Mr. Darbyshire/yes; Mr. Dickerson/yes; Mr. Nelson/yes; Mrs. Fitch/yes. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Dickerson to exit executive session at 9:42 p.m. Roll call: Mr. Murphy/yes; Mr. Burling/absent; Mrs. Housewright/yes; Mr. Darbyshire/yes; Mr. Dickerson/yes; Mr. Nelson/yes; Mrs. Fitch/yes. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Fitch and seconded by Mrs. Housewright to approve Laura Barnett as a paraprofessional for the 2023-24 school year, according to the pay scale stated in the contract between Carthage Elementary School District #317 and the Service Employee’s International Union Local Number 73, pending completion of paraprofessional certification. Roll call: Mr. Murphy/yes; Mr. Burling/absent; Mrs. Housewright/yes; Mr. Darbyshire/yes; Mr. Dickerson/yes; Mr. Nelson/yes; Mrs. Fitch/yes. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Dickerson to approve John Edris as a bus driver, according to the pay scale stated in the contract between Carthage Elementary School District #317 and the Service Employee's International Union Local Number 73. Roll call: Mr. Murphy/yes; Mr. Burling/absent; Mrs. Housewright/yes; Mr. Darbyshire/yes; Mr. Dickerson/yes; Mr. Nelson/yes; Mrs. Fitch/yes. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Fitch and seconded by Mr. Darbyshire to approve the summer employment of Dina Gamboa and Thomas Johnson, at the summer custodian contract rate of \$14.56 per hour. Roll call: Mr. Murphy/yes; Mr. Burling/absent; Mrs. Housewright/yes; Mr. Darbyshire/yes; Mr. Dickerson/yes; Mr. Nelson/yes; Mrs. Fitch/yes. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Dickerson to approve the new Middle School Dean of Students and Athletic Director contract as presented with Brandon VanCamp, for the 2023-2024 school year, with a salary of fifty-five thousand dollars (\$55,000). Roll call: Mr. Murphy/yes; Mr. Burling/absent; Mrs. Housewright/yes; Mr. Darbyshire/yes; Mr. Dickerson/yes; Mr. Nelson/yes; Mrs. Fitch/yes. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Fitch and seconded by Mr. Darbyshire to approve the support staff to be hired for 2023-2024 school year. Roll call: Mr. Murphy/yes; Mr. Burling/absent; Mrs. Housewright/yes; Mr. Darbyshire/yes; Mr. Dickerson/yes; Mr. Nelson/yes; Mrs. Fitch/yes. Motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Mr. Dickerson to adjourn the meeting at 9:54 p.m. Roll call: Mr. Murphy/yes; Mr. Burling/absent; Mrs. Housewright/yes; Mr. Darbyshire/yes; Mr. Dickerson/yes; Mr. Nelson/yes; Mrs. Fitch/yes. Motion carried 6-0.