

EAST CARTER COUNTY R-II SCHOOLS

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EAST CARTER COUNTY R-II BOARD OF EDUCATION

OCTOBER 27, 2022

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Board President Ben Thies called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the East Carter County R-II Elementary Cafeteria. The following Board Members were present: Ben Thies, John Walker, Becky Fischer, Johnathan Collins, JoEllen Carter and Bryan House. Stonie Croy was not in attendance. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Richard Sullivan, High School Principal Matt Stahl, Middle School Principal Theresa Kearbey, Elementary Principal Kacie Kendrick, SpEd Director Veronica Hollis, Network Administrator Connor Kelch, Curriculum Director Jessie Cupp, Bookkeeper Jamie Shaffer and Board Secretary Kathey Dalton. Also present were Angela Kearbey, Norma Enochs, Kennedy Thies, Christy Moore, David Russell, Angela Rodgers, Jordan Penn, Kristen Penn, Wes Lutton, Susie Fann, Sally Stahl and Chris Akiki.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Dr. Sullivan reported the electric bill was down \$385.03 from last year. Our Middle School basketball program ended a strong season. Our High School cheer team competed well at Regionals, High School softball and baseball teams had good seasons and we look forward to the games in the spring. Cross Country team will compete at State. Our parent/teacher conferences were well attended. The Elementary intramural program has begun playing games. Bills were discussed.

MINUTES/BILLS

The Board approved the September 22, 2022 Regular Board Minutes and Bills were approved for payment.

NEW BUSINESS

Robin Thomas from Vocational Rehabilitation spoke to the Board about how Vocational Rehab can be a benefit to our students. FFA/High School Trap was discussed. The Board approved the Cross-Country State Competition with the District covering cost of hotel rooms, bus, fuel and driver. Student Athlete/Extra-Curricular Drug Testing was presented for consideration to the Board by Jordan Penn. The Board approved the MSIP Professional Development Program Evaluation, MSIP Library Media

Resources, MSIP ESOL/ELL Program Evaluation, MSIP Title 1 Parent Involvement Plan Program Evaluation and the MSIP Federal Programs Program Evaluation. The Board approve Policy IGBCA- Programs for Homeless Students, Policy IGBCB- Program for Migrant Students, Policy IGBE- Programs for Foster Care Students and Policy IGBH-Program for English Learners. The Board approved the October Ridership, MSIP Curriculum Development Plan and MSIP Local Assessment Plan. The Board approved to set the November Board Meeting to Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. and the December meeting to Tuesday December 13, 2022 at 6:30. The Board approved the Board Candidate File dates and time and to set the Board Re-Organization meeting for Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Elementary Cafeteria. The Board accepted resignations from Cynthia Stucker as Federal Programs Secretary and Rachele Wilkins. The Board approved to expand the transportation for ECSE to include transporting model students with mobility issues, and to Let Bids for Custodial services.

#### OLD BUSINESS

The Board approved the Return to Learn Plan. 4-day school week was discussed. CTA will be sending out a survey to see if the staff is still interested in a 4-day school week. Volleyball was discussed and thoughts were to possibly start with a community based, not school affiliated to see how that works. Discussion included a possible volleyball camp in July.

#### STAFF/COMMITTEE REPORTS

CTA reported High school student Serenity Warren was selected as State Secretary for all of Missouri JAG. 13 groups participated in the pumpkin carving contest, the winner was the Game Club. High School Special Services are doing Instapot Friday, food to be shared with staff. Second Semester they will be serving High School faculty for a donation and will run it like a business. This will provide an opportunity for kids to project income, maintain a balance sheet, produce a product and market the product. Staff will be able to enjoy the food. The kids are excited and we have already been providing samples for a teaser. The Art Club is going to bring back the Art Bazaar (like Mrs. Bell used to host) for a fundraiser. Students are creating some amazing artwork in honor of our Veterans to display at the Veterans assembly. Our High School History teacher had parents/guardians come for 70 students during Parent Teacher Conference last week, which is by far the most he ever had. Coach Boyer's history class also collaborated with the art club for the poppy flowers that will be passed out at the Veterans Program. The FCCLA/FFA Barn Warming was this month and went well. We had food, games and a bonfire. We had about 80 kids participate. King/Queen were Luke Carter and Skylar Davis. We had 24 students that have stared on FCCLA Competition projects for this year. Middle School had been adding pictures of fun activities that have been going on in their classes. Like the egg drop in Mrs. Bryant's 6<sup>th</sup> grade, Egypt projects in Mrs. Stromatt's for 7<sup>th</sup> grade, Mrs. Peterman's 6<sup>th</sup> grade autobiographies including a silhouette of themselves and middle school FACS cooking pies. 1<sup>st</sup> quarter PBIS reward day the students enjoyed playing out on the playground with nice weather. We had two selected Middle School All District Choir this year, Ryelynn Bowman and Sydney Stucker. Students are loving the new Kahoot subscription purchased by title 1. They especially love customizing their Avatars and I'm starting to see more use of the website before quiz day. Elementary CTA said Mrs. Kendrick and the staff are excited about how we are able to utilize community services for our students' counseling needs. We have a student who in the past has had several discipline issues but we continued to work with the student and use those resources; and that student will be getting Student of The Month this month. We are so happy and proud of this student. We are very thankful for the resources available to help those in

need. The staff was excited about the pumpkin decorating contest that was going on. It's been fun and we appreciate the community involvement with organizing this fun activity for the teachers and students. Our student have been working hard with Coach Penn and Coach Rodgers for the past few weeks to prepare for the intramural basketball season. The students are very excited about playing basketball. We thank Coach Penn and Coach Rodgers for their time spent developing our athletes. The intramural season begins October 27<sup>th</sup>. We would like to invite the Board members to come watch some games to see our young athletes in action. The students enjoyed the visit from the Ellsinore Fire Department. The love talking to the firemen, checking out the firetruck and especially spraying the fire hose. The Fire Department does a great job teaching the kids fire safety. We appreciate them. Theresa Kearbey talked about students who qualified for PBIS. She said Middle School athletics have finished up and thanked Coach Penn for all his hard work. Mrs. Kearbey said we had a surprise bus inspection and we did fine. The Highway Patrol said that Shane was doing a good job with the buses. Kacie Kendrick said the parents liked the door prizes and that was given out at Parent Teacher Conference. Matt Stahl said the High School had the most people ever attend the Parent Teacher Conferences this year. Groups and Clubs participated in the pumpkin decorating contest. The Art department displayed some of their art projects and one student sold one of his projects. Mr. Stahl said we had one student (Holden Green) who qualified for District Choir. Softball won 2<sup>nd</sup> in Districts and our Veteran's Day Ceremony will be on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am in the High School gym. Network Administrator Connor Kelch said that IT is running smoothly with no issues. Curriculum Director Jesse said we had our first CSIP meeting and our District webpage will show the documents that were approved. Veronica Hollis said she is getting ready for a desk review on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Norma Enochs said this is our 8<sup>th</sup> year for the coding club. She said we have 31 students now and are doing STEM activities.

The Board moved to enter into Executive session in accordance with Public Law, Section 610:21 items 3, 6, 11, 13 and 14 for a closed meeting to the extend authorized by law. The meeting recessed at 8:46 p.m.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Executive meeting was called to order by Board President Ben Thies at 9:18 p.m. The agenda was approved as presented. Executive Board minutes for September 22, 2022 were approved as presented. The Board approved April Newton, Victoria Crafton, Roxanna Stephens and Clarissa Newman as substitute teachers. The Board approved to employ Jennifer Robertson as Federal Programs Secretary, Tara Hice as Classroom Paraprofessional pending completion of all requirements and Cassie Treppish as a Companion Aide pending completion of all requirements. The Board approved Jordan Penn as Middle School Head Baseball Coach and Ethan Boyer as Middle School Assistant Baseball Coach. The Board approved to employ Barry Colyott as Maintenance Director. The meeting was adjourned at 12:33 a.m.