

EAST CARTER COUNTY R-II SCHOOL

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EAST CARTER COUNTY R-II BOARD OF EDUCATION

MARCH 27, 2025

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Board President Ben Thies called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the East Carter County R-II Elementary Cafeteria. The following Board members were present: Ben Thies, Stonie Croy, John Walker, Jeremy Reynolds, Darrell Emery, JoEllen Carter and Gabe Thompson. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Richard Sullivan, High School Principal Matt Stahl, Middle School Principal Corey Jameson, Elementary Principal Kacie Kendrick, Special Education Director Veronica Eudaley, Curriculum Director Keri Jameson, Bookkeeper Jamie Shaffer and Board Secretary Kathey Dalton, staff members Norma Enoch, Heather Gower and Kendra Asher, also present Susie Fann and Taylor Eudaley

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Sullivan reported the electric bill is up \$1,677.32 from last year and our spring sports are well underway. The recent storms did not do any significant damage to the school buildings. Bills were discussed. Dr. Sullivan presented the Board plaques and thanked each Member for their service.

Consent Agenda

The Board approved on the Consent Agenda the following items: February 27, 2025 Board Minutes, Payment of Bills, Student Testing Incentives, MSIP Student Tutoring Program Evaluation, MSIP Title 1 Parent Involvement/Improving Academics Program Evaluation, District Non-Certified Salary Schedule (staff to be advanced a step for years of service for 2025-26), District Certified Salary Schedule (staff to be advanced a step for years of service for 2025-26), Extra Duty Stipend Schedule and personnel to advance a step for years of service for 2025-26, Jr. Beta Fun Trip, Band State Competition, FFA State Convention, FBLA State Convention, FCCLA National Convention, Sr. Beta National Convention, Legislative Shadowing Trip and JAG Conference.

The Board would like to have two separate consent agendas. One for regular consent items and one for items such as trips, and special request. They ask administration to come up with a standard form that anyone wishing to take a trip would fill out and return to administration.

Keri Jameson and Kacie Kendrick discussed including students who have met their growth incentives on testing, possibly next year. They said that some students may not get a proficient or advanced on their testing but are still showing growth. Plans are to bring a proposal to the next Board meeting on the growth incentives.

New Business

The Board approved Project Graduation with the District providing buses and drivers and a monetary donation of \$1,000. The Board approved Summer School 2025 dates of May 27- June 20, 2025. The Board approved to set the non-binding tax rate for Fund 1 at 2.7500, Fund 2 at 0.0000, Fund 3 at 0.0000 and Fund 7 at 0.0000. The Board approved Corey Jameson as Federal Programs Director and ParentSquare should be fully operational for the opening of 2025-26. This will replace "Remind", "School Messenger", and our website. It will be a much better product for our communion with our publics.

Old Business

None

Staff/Committee Report

CTA member Norma Enochs presented the Board with a gift from the CTA and thanked them for everything they do for our district. CTA Member Kendra Asher said Mrs. Newberry is taking 23 English students to the Carter County Courthouse on April 8th to observe court, then on April 9th they will return to go head-to-head in a mock trial. They have spent weeks preparing and are excited to put their work to the test. Mrs. Smith had several FCCLA students make Nationals. Some also had top places in Regional only competitions. FFA is going to the next level of competition as well. High school band had Makayla Shonk apply and was selected for the Missouri Fine Arts Music Academy where she will spend two weeks at the College in Springfield learning more on her flute as well as earning college for an interdisciplinary work. They only take so many students across the state and the only cost to the child is transportation there and back and any spending money. High school band and choir will have 6 members go to Districts and see if they will advance to State. Middle school and high school band BRL went well and the high school students enjoyed our guest clinician. He is currently teaching in Illinois but spent 20 years in the military as a player and a director. High school band had their Trivia night fundraiser last Saturday and earned enough money to cover the tickets of all the members who participated in the fundraiser.

Special Education director Veronica Eudaley invited the Board members to an upcoming Special Olympics Athlete Banquet and stated that this banquet and treats for the athletes are made possible by generous donations from various community members. She thanked the following for their donation: Jessica and Zach Austin, Stacey and Allen Wilder, Lena Weber, Loftis Land Management, Connie Hensley and Bizzee Kidz Therapy. She also invited any Board Member and Administration member to join the team at the area Special Olympics on Friday, April 11th at Poplar Bluff middle school football field. Mrs. Eudaley also reported that the regional Job Olympics event sponsored by Mizzou Transition will not be rescheduled this year due to storm damage in the area.

Keri Jameson said this year we are going to try something a little different for summer school. We have been looking at a company that helps encourage students to attend. There are different incentives that should help our ADA. This company guarantees no money loss to our District.

The Board moved to enter into Executive session in accordance with Public Law, section 610:21 items 1, 3, 6, 13 and 14 for a closed meeting to the extent authorized by law. Meeting recessed at 5:52 p.m.

Executive Session

The Executive meeting was called to order by Board President Ben Thies at 6:15 p.m. in the Central Office. The agenda was approved as presented. Executive Board minutes for February 27, 2025 were approved. The Board approved Kurt Penn's resignation as MS/HS Teacher and Coach and Courtney Penn's resignation as kindergarten teacher and middle school softball coach. The Board approved to re-hire Kaley Alexander, Amanda Daughette, Courtney Hampton, Tabitha Hensley, Connie Hensley, Hailey Kirkman, Miranda Korokis, Kennedy Eddington and Faith Stucker as elementary teachers. The Board approved to re-hire Kayla Peterman as middle school teachers and Britney Stahl as part time teacher and part time counselor for the 2025-26 school year. The Board approved to re-hire Mary Ann Gargac, Sara Hofer, Nathaniel Hulett, Eric Jameson, Steven Moore, Amanda Smith and Bailey Stevenson as high school teachers for the 2025-26 school year and Teresa Crawford, Chrystal Pratt and Rachelle Kelch as Special Education Teachers for the 2025-26 school year. The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.