

EAST CARTER COUNTY R-II SCHOOLS

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News Release: November 21, 2024: Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

EAST CARTER COUNTY R-II BOARD OF EDUCATION

NOVEMBER 21, 2024

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, Stonie Croy, 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, SpEd Director Veronica Eudaley, Curriculum Director Keri Jameson, Board Secretary Kathey Dalton, Bookkeeper Jamie Shaffer, staff members Norma Enochs, Angela Rodgers, Angela Kearbey, Michelle Guess, and Christy Moore. Also present Matt Price, Olivia Price, Susie Fann, Keith Eudaley and Amanda Cosby.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Sullivan reported the electric bill was down this month from last year by \$1,072.34. The high school gym bleachers have been moved so the floor repairs could begin. There was standing water found underneath the floor where the initial leak began and the installation company has been notified of the continued problem. They will be sending a technician out next week to re-seal and potentially re-work the ductwork that is causing the issue. The insurance company has been notified that there are additional water concerns and associated high moisture reading in an extended area of the gym sub-floor. Dr. Sullivan reported the elementary playground upgraded equipment and pour in place surface has been installed and should be fully cured for student play when we return from the Thanksgiving Break. Congratulations to our girls and boys Cross-Country Teams, both placed in the Top 10 in State Competition. Congratulations to the Cheer Squad for earning First at State Competition! Dr. Sullivan reminded everyone that the December Board Meeting was previously moved to December 19th at 6:30 in the Elementary Cafeteria. Bills were discussed.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Board approved the Consent Agenda as presented: October 24, 2024, Payment of Bills, MSIP Career Education Program Evaluation, MSIP Guidance and Counseling Program Evaluation, MSIP Special Education Program Evaluation, Jr. Beta State Convention and Sr. Beta State Convention.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board approved the MSIP District Student, Staff and Parent Survey Data, Tax Collection Rate Update and Let Bus Bids. The Board also approved MSBA Policy Updates 2024-C and set Board meetings to the 4th Tuesday of the Month at 5:00 p.m. starting January 2025.

OLD BUSINESS

None

STAFF/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Norma Enochs reported Clarissa Williams represented East Carter well at the Capitol in Jefferson City after winning the JAG essay contest. She had the opportunity to meet Governor Parson and First Lady Teresa Parson. Middle School JAG placed 3rd out of 12 schools in the Southeast Missouri JAG knowledge bowl. Two girls were in All-District choir, Sara Phillips and Aelynn Townsend. Jr. Beta had their craft show on 11/16/2024 and had a great turnout with a lot of support from the community. Middle school choir sang at the Veterans Day Program. Art students created heartfelt artwork that was displayed during the Veterans program. Intramural Basketball had two very good role models this past month. Kaleb Stahl and JJ Pifum who told their elementary intramural team if they won the championship, they would shave their head. They sacrificed their hair to motivate elementary kids to play hard. It was a memory those kids would never forget. The pumpkin contest winner was Sr. Beta. Laney Asher was chosen for All-District Choir. Norma said at the CTA Officer Meeting one item discussed was creating a "new hire" handbook to reference unique ways our district functions. This also could go hand in hand with the tours we do on their training days. This would also help new subs hired throughout the year.

Veronica Hollis thanked JoEllen Carter for her donation. She said all donations are appreciated and help buy food, etc. for the students. Matt Stahl said the new lift bus was up and working great.

The Board moved to enter into Executive session in accordance with Public Law, section 610:21 items 3, 6, 13 and 14 for a closed meeting to the extent authorized by law. Meeting recessed at 7:14 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Executive meeting was called to order by Board President Ben Thies at 7:37 p.m. in the Superintendent's office. The agenda was approved as presented. Executive board minutes from October 24, 2024 were approved as presented. The Board approved Aaron Miller, Destiny Brown and Kaitlyn Boyer as Substitute Teachers. The Board accepted Bill Lewis' resignation as Network Administrator and approved to hire Teresa Crawford as Elementary Boys Assistant Basketball Coach. The Board Approve the Tentative Early Graduation List provided students meet all requirements. The meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.