

EAST CARTER COUNTY R-II SCHOOLS

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EAST CARTER COUNTY R-II BOARD OF EDUCATION

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board President Ben Thies called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the elementary cafeteria. The following Board Members were present: Ben Thies, Stonie Croy, John Walker, Becky Fischer, Darrell Emery and Bryan House. JoEllen Carter 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, Curriculum Director Jesse Cupp, Network Administrator Connor Kelch, Bookkeeper Jamie Shaffer, Board Secretary Kathey Dalton, staff members Norma Enochs, Kendra Asher, Nathaniel Hulett, Daniel Miller, Amanda Smith, Kurt Penn and Jordan Penn. Also in attendance Keith Eudaley and William Jones.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Sullivan reported the electric bill was down \$296.05 from last year. We have had a very busy end of the year with lots of student activities. Playday went well and was well attended. We will have a roll-off dumpster delivered next week to begin some improvements on the South House, the former Washing Well, which is the school property south of the high school parking lot. Summer school begins next Tuesday, May 30th. Bills were discussed.

Approval of Minutes/Bills

The Board approved the April 11, 2023 Re-organization Board minutes and April 27, 2023 Board minutes. Bills were approved as presented.

Public Comment

None

New Business

The Board approved the May 4, 2024 Prom at the Westwood Center in Poplar Bluff, Tri-States shootout with the District providing bus and cost of driver. The Board approved to support the final monies needed for Jr. Beta National Convention, HS Beta National Convention and FCCLA National Convention as long as fund raising is continued. The Board approved the Let Bids for Conventional Door Replacements using ESSER monies and a perimeter fence using Safety Grant monies. The Board approved the MSIP Professional Development Plan Program Evaluation, Library/Media Center Policies

and Procedures, Parents as Teachers Program Evaluation and ECSE Program Evaluation. The Board approved the SpEd Program Evaluation, Health Services Program Evaluation, A+ Certification of Students, A+ Partnership Plan and A+ Program Evaluation. The Board approved to appoint the Elementary Counselor as LEP/ELL/ESOL Coordinator and High School Counselor as Homeless/Migrant Coordinator. The Board approved the Special Education Assurance Statement, Federal Programs Assurance Statement, Elementary Student Handbook, Middle School Student Handbook and High School Student Handbook. The Board approved the Elementary Activities Handbook, District Activities Handbook, Transportation Student Handbook and Transportation Bus Driver Handbook. Fund1 to Fund 4 transfer-None. The Board approved Policy Update 2023-A and set Policy meeting for June 27, 2023 at 5:00 in the office of the Superintendent and to set the June Board Meeting as June 29, 2023 at 6:30 in the Elementary Cafeteria.

Old Business

The Board approved the Return to Learn Plan. No Action was taken on Trauma Kits, Campus Access/Covered Walkways and Parking Lot Stops.

Staff Committee Reports

CTA President Jordan Penn updated the Board on the new CTA officers. He discussed the highlights of the student activities at the High School. Kendra Asher talked about the Band Competition and some of the projects Middle School Teachers have been working on with students. Veronica Hollis talked about a Grant that she has been working on and is currently getting bids for work on the upper playground. She said that she and Mr. Stahl did a walk-thru and they have made a list of updates that are a priority. Mrs. Hollis said the first SpEd Social went well and she has received good reviews from parents and staff. Kacie Kendrick said May has been a very busy month with fieldtrips, book parties, tents in classrooms, book signing parties, Honor Tea and Playday. Matt Stahl said the first Academic Banquet went well with 79 students having a 3.5 GPA or better. He said we have had Sports Banquets, Alumini Banquet, Graduation and Baseball Tournament with the team falling short of the win. Bryan House suggested that we possibly have the Academic Banquet catered next year. He said we should step up and offer a free meal for the students who qualify and parents would pay for their meal. Theresa Kearbey said MAP Testing is done and the Teachers have been doing Hands-on activities with the students. Jesse Cupp said Summer School is ready to go. He talked about some new materials that is steadily coming in for next school year. Connor Kelch talked about training for Technology.

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.

Executive Session

The Executive meeting was called to order by Board President Ben Thies at 8:17 p.m. in Central Office. Executive minutes from April 27, 2023 were approved. The Board approved Janice Hulett added to the Volunteer List. The Board approved to hire Teresa Kearbey as High School Head Softball Coach, Heather Shell as High School Softball Assistant Coach. The Board accepted resignations from Tom Chaligoj as bus driver, Theresa Kearbey as bus driver, Grace Crowley as paraprofessional, Jeremy Jones as companion aide, Brooke Hampton as school nurse, Kristie Todd as middle school student council sponsor and Carla Bryant as student council sponsor. The Board approved to hire Roy Reynolds as maintenance, to move

Jake Worley to maintenance director, Rachele Wilkins as classroom paraprofessional, Rachel Scott as companion aide. The Board approved to hire Courtney Duckett as elementary teacher, Britney Stahl as middle school teacher and Melissa Colyott as middle school teacher. The Board approved to hire Charles Shell as bus mechanic, Trevor Lewis as high school teacher, John Crowley as middle school head baseball coach and middle school head cross country coach, Kennedy Thies as high school head cross country coach, Stephanie Reynolds as assistant high school cross country coach, Tim Gaebler as head trap coach, Heather Gower as assistant trap coach and Matt Stahl as A+ Coordinator. The Board meeting was adjourned at 12:06 a.m.