

EAST CARTER COUNTY R-II SCHOOL

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EAST CARTER COUNTY R-II BOARD OF EDUCATION

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TAX RATE HEARING AND REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Board President Ben Thies called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the East Carter County Elementary Cafeteria. The following Board members were present: Ben Thies, Stonie Croy, John Walker, Darrell Emery, JoEllen Carter and Gabe Thompson. Jeremy Reynolds was not in attendance. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Richard Sullivan, High School Principal Matt Stahl, Middle School Principal Corey Jameson, Elementary Principal Kacie Kendrick, SpEd Director Veronica Eudaley, Curriculum Director Keri Jameson, Bookkeeper Jamie Shaffer and Board Secretary Kathey Dalton. Staff members in attendance were Erika Smith, Julie Rayfield, Maddie Winters, Norma Enochs, Shelly Guess and Christy Moore. Also present were Donald Fann and Susie Fann.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Sullivan reported the electric bill was up only \$161.64. It was anticipated to be higher as we had to keep the high school gym fully air-conditioned this summer as the new floor was being installed. The floor has two coats of sealant on it and the tinting and lines for the new gym floor should be done this week. Our new asphalt improvement project is complete and lines are in place for parking and the parent pick up line. This improvement will make our campus safer for students being dropped off and picked up for elementary and for anyone walking between buildings. Our fall baseball and softball seasons are getting underway and the middle school basketball season is just around the corner. Open House went very well and school is off to a great start. Opening day enrollment had: 41 Pre-k and ECSE and there were 703 K-12 students enrolled. Bills were discussed.

Consent Agenda

The Board approved the following items on the Consent Agenda I: July 22, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes and Payment of Bills and Consent Agenda II: ASBR, Appoint Custodian of Records and SpEd Determination Letter.

New Business

The Tax Rate Hearing was held in the Elementary Cafeteria prior to the Regular Board Meeting. The Board by utilization of amendment 2 set General Fund tax Rate of Fund 1 at \$2.7500, set Special Fund Tax Rate of Fund 2 at \$0.0000, set Debt Service Fund Rate of Fund 3 at \$0.0000, and set Capital Project Fund Tax Rate of Fund 4 at \$0.0000. New Staff members were introduced to the Board. The Board

approved the Early Childhood Programs Handbook and Policy update 2025-C. District Supported Student Travel was tabled. The Board approved the Elementary and Middle School/High School Activities Handbook. The Board Members participated in a 1-hour MSBA refresher training on preventing student sexual abuse.

Staff/Committee Reports

CTA President Norma Enochs said CTA had their first meeting August 12th and voted in officers. She said the Taco Bar that CTA provided for the staff training was a success. Veronica Eudaley said the first Title I night will be September 5th from 5:00- 7:00 p.m. in the elementary cafeteria for students Pre-K thru 8th grade.

The Board moved to enter into Executive Session in accordance with Public Law, Section 610:21 items 3, 13 and 14 for a closed meeting to the extent authorized by law. Meeting was adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Executive Meeting

The Executive meeting was called to order by Board President Ben Thies at 5:48 p.m. The Board approved the July 22, 2025 Executive Session Board meeting minutes. The Board approved Anna Parker, Jordan Pullum, Cindy Clark, Kaydee Owen, Adam Duckett, Leanna Waller, Paige Wilcoxon, Oliva Price and Marilyn Moore as substitute teachers. The Board approved to accept resignations from Kim Gower as companion aide, Justin Smith as paraprofessional, Cassie Treppish as middle school assistant cross-country coach, Kristin Hills as paraprofessional and Vicky Shephard as paraprofessional. The Board approved Kayla Peterman as Elementary Assistant Cross-Country Coach, Kara Phillips-Ritchey as Middle School Head Softball Coach, Ciara Duckett as Middle School Assistant Cross-Country Coach, Aaron Boyer as High School Assistant Baseball Coach and John Crowley as a Volunteer Assistant Coach. The Board approved Kara Phillips-Ritchey and Aaron Boyer as substitute bus drivers. The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.