

EAST CARTER COUNTY R-II SCHOOL

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News Release: January 19, 2023: Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

EAST CARTER COUNTY R-II BOARD OF EDUCATION

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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, John Walker, Stonie Croy, Becky Fischer, Johnathan Collins 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, Network Administrator Connor Kelch, Curriculum Director Jesse Culp, Bookkeeper Jamie Shaffer and Board Secretary Kathey Dalton, staff members Daniel Miller, Nathaniel Hulett, Ethan Boyer, Misty House, Christy Moore and Kendra Asher. Also present Olivia Price, Susie Fann, Keith Eudaley, Madyline Jackson, Claire Scott, Sage and Mitchell (Veregy).

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Sullivan reported the electric bill was up \$968.58 from last year. The three new buses are now on regular routes. Our basketball teams are competing in the Black River League Tournament being held at Ellington this week, and will finish Saturday. Our girls won the Current River Showdown and the boys won the Yellow Sucker Traveling Trophies this year. Bills were discussed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board approved the December 13, 2022 Regular Board Meeting minutes and bills were approved for payment.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board approved the Sr. Beta Convention with the District providing funds for registration, chaperones and drivers lodging and meals, bus, fuel and bus driver. The Board approved the donation of \$1,500 to Project Prom and the Band/Choir trip to Six Flags with the District providing bus and driver. The Board approved the Baseball tournament in Camdenton with the District providing bus and driver. The Board approved the ESSER III, Teacher Retention, Grow Your Own & Local Stipended/Expenditures for East Carter Students and Staff while funds are available. Verigy discussed security doors and plan to return at a later date to update the Board. Jesse Cupp presented an iReady overview. The Board approved the CSIP Community Involvement Program Evaluation, CSIP Food Service Program Evaluation, CSIP Technology Program Evaluation and the High School Counselor as Foster Care Liaison. The Board

accepted resignations from Hillary Nichols' as a Companion Aide and Barry Colyott as Maintenance Director. The Board approved using ESSER III funds for a Learning Loss 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Position.

#### OLD BUSINESS

The Board approved the approved to re-adopt the Return to Learn Plans.

#### STAFF/COMMITTEE REPORT

Christy Moore discussed positive things going on in the Elementary along with concerns about not having Trauma kits in classrooms, the lack an of SRO officer and the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade emergency exit. Kacie Kendrick talked about the Academic Club Members selected with their first competition set for the first Friday in February. Matt Stahl said that having a custodial person in the high school during the day has helped a lot. Veronica Hollis said she is still doing a desk review. She said custodial is doing a good job in their building. Theresa Kearbey said custodial is easier to contact now if there are any issues. She said she would like to thank the Poplar Bluff Masonic Lodge for their donation again this year. This will allow the nurse to pick up some needed items. Susie Fann said she has talked with the nurse and Dr. Sullivan concerning the "LifeVac" that can be used on students if they are chocking. She said she would like to see one in each lunchroom.

The Board moved to enter into Executive session in accordance with Public Law, section 610.21; items 3, 13 and 14 for closed meeting to the extent authorized by law.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Executive session meeting was called to order by Board President Ben Thies at 9:17 p.m. The agenda was approved and the minutes for the December 13, 2022 meeting was approved as amended.

The Board approved Ashlyn Saffle and Mikayla Burkhart as substitute teachers. The Board approved to employ Mikayla Burkhart as a Companion Aide and Keith Eudaley as a volunteer Middle School Baseball Coach. The Board voted to employ Dr. Richard Sullivan as Superintendent thru the 2024-25 school year. The Executive meeting adjourned at 12:11 a.m.