

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 6:15 p.m. in the East Carter County Elementary Cafeteria. The following Board members were present: Ben Thies, John Walker, Stonie Croy, Becky Fischer, Johnathan Collins, JoEllen Carter and Bryan House. 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 Bill Lewis, Bookkeeper Jamie Shaffer and Board Secretary Kathey Dalton. Staff members in attendance, Nathaniel Hulett, Amanda Smith, Lydia Mabury, Jennifer Davis, Martha Price, Erin Steele, Daniel Baucom, Kimberly Jordan, David Kingston, David Russell and Jordan Penn. Also in attendance David Bishop, Susie Fann, Sally Stahl, Alannah Brooks and Ayelet Brooks.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Sullivan reported the electric bill was up \$675.17 from last year. Several areas of asphalt have been repaired and the re-sealing of all asphalt surfaces will be completed tomorrow. The water line from the middle school has been re-run to eliminate the leak under the building. The elementary cafeteria storeroom has been repaired and new flooring installed. Two of the second-grade classrooms flooring has been replaced. The new school bus is still in production. Our fall sports started this afternoon. Bills were discussed.

Minutes/Bills

The Board approved the July 22, 2021 Regular Board meeting minutes, bills were approved for payment as presented.

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 Projects Fund Tax Rate of Fund 4 at \$0.000. New Staff members were introduced to the Board by Administration. The Board accepted the bid for roofing from Summit Commercial Roofing and the bid from Advanced Technology Consulting for the VOIP phone system. The Board approved the commitment to the Black River League Contract and the Annual Secretary of the Board Report. The Board approved Kathey Dalton as Custodian of Records and the Local Plan for Compliance with State Regulation Part B of the IDEA. The SpEd Determination Letter was presented, no action taken, SLP-A agreement, no action taken. Fund 1 to Fund 4 Transfer-none at this time. The Board approved the MSBA Policy update 2021-B and to change bereavement days for all staff members from 3 working days to 5 working days beginning with the 2021-22 school year. The Board participated in a 1-hour MSBA refresher training on student sexual abuse.

Staff/Committee Reports

Daniel Baucom said school is going well and hopes that CTA can help teachers feel supported. He said they plan to do a report every month and ask if the Board had anything they would like from the CTA. Ben Thies said he is glad to see someone here from CTA at the meeting and hopes they can relay information from the Board meeting back to staff. Daniel Baucom said CTA has 4 officers and representatives from each building and plans to have 3 team members at each Board meeting. Theresa Kearbey said she missed the first day of school and her staff divided up and got everything done. She said she has a great group of staff. Matt Stahl said he also missed the first day of school. He said Jordan Penn and Jesse Cupp stepped up and helped get school off to a good start. Jesse Cupp talked about the preliminary test results. Kacie Kendrick thanked the Board for hiring Jesse Cupp as Curriculum Director. She said he has pushed forward with the Curriculum and has helped ease her work-load. Jordan Penn said he has just attended a fall coaches meeting and talked about the athletic handbook. He said the wording concerning students who receive an F needs to be changed.

The Board moved to enter into Executive Session in accordance with Public Law, Section 610:21 items 1, 3, 13 and 14 for a closed meeting to the extent authorized by law. Meeting recessed at 8:05 p.m.

Executive Meeting

The Executive meeting was called to order by Board President Ben Thies at 8:16 p.m. The Board approved the July 22, 2021 Executive Session Board meeting minutes. The Board approved the Substitute Teacher list as presented. The Board approved to employ Janelle Mischka as a 10-month Speech Language Pathologist for the 2022-23 school year. The Board approved Kim Jordan as Middle School Cheer Coach, Zach Price as Elementary Assistant Boys Basketball Coach, Conner Powell as Middle School Assistant Boys Basketball Coach, Heather Shell as Elementary Head Cross Country Coach, Hattie Shepherd as Elementary Assistant Cross Country

Coach, Middle school softball will be co-coached by Kristen Penn and Heather Shell. The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.