

EAST CARTER COUNTY R-II SCHOOLS

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EAST CARTER COUNTY R-II BOARD OF EDUCATION

FEBRUARY 23, 2023

REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board President Ben Thies called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the East Carter 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 Cup, Bookkeeper Jamie Shaffer and Board Secretary Kathey Dalton. Also present Jordan Penn, Kristen Penn, Amanda Smith, Sara Newberry, Sarah Young, Thomas Young, Olivia Price, Wes Lutton, Susie Fann, Jessica Causbie, Chris Akiki, John Walker Jr. and Stan Seiler.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Sullivan reported the electric bill was up \$665.63 from last year. Our basketball teams are in District Competition this week. Bills were discussed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board approved the January 19, 2023 Regular Board Minutes. Bills were approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chris Akiki talked about Fentanyl Awareness and the problem with Fentanyl in our Country.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board approved the Roofing Bid from Summit Roofing and the 2023-24 OSBA Health Insurance Rates/Renewal. The Board approved adding a Maintenance Assistant position to the District personnel positions with pay scale as presented and approved adding \$2/hour for a person who has a certificate from an accredited vocational program and active Missouri credentials for HAVAC, \$1/hour for other maintenance relevant certificates from accredited vocational programs with active Missouri certifications if applicable to the maintenance of Building and Grounds if approved by the Board. The Board approved the OPAA renewal for 2023-24, Sr. Week activities with the District providing bus and driver for each trip, FCCLA State Competition trip proposal with the District covering cost of registration for students, cost of bus and driver hotel cost for driver and sponsor and reimbursement of meals for

driver and sponsor. The Board approved Calendar "C" for the 2023-24 school year, Transportation Program Evaluation and February Ridership List. Campus Access and Covered Walkways were discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

The Board approved the Return to Learn Plans.

STAFF/COMMITTEE REPORT

CTA President Jordan Penn talked about the good things going on campus wide. Veronica Hollis said she would like to recognize senior Shelby Fields for her accomplishment of passing her required CPR Certification with the help of Katy Stromatt and Brooke Hampton. Shelby was recognized as a spotlight for The Current River Observer's "Hero of the Week" by Rick Stephens for this accomplishment and more. Ms. Hollis thanked Mrs. Stromatt, Mrs. Hampton, and Mr. Stephens for helping Shelby reach success. She also reported that the Special Services department is well underway on their desk review and was recently notified by the Department of Education to be compliant on the financial side of things. The team is working on the compliance side of the desk review and will be submitting document by April 1. Ms. Hollis also reported upcoming event of Job Olympics in Poplar Bluff on March 31 and Special Olympics in Poplar Bluff on April 21, she extended an invitation to the Board members and Administration to come watch both events. Kacie Kendrick said the Elementary just celebrated their 100th day with the 1st grade students doing a fashion show, and 101 days with 101 Dalmatians. She said we have 76 student who qualified for the MAP trip to Incredible Pizza and City Museum and Academic Bowl is coming up. Matt Stahl said High School has been busy with BETA Trip, FCCLA Trip, FBLA Trip and Sports. Coach Penn said our High school Girls Basketball Team is ranked 10 in state in our division. Jesse Cupp said we are in good shape and are wrapping up the curriculum window.

The Board moved to enter into Executive session in accordance with Public Law, Section 610:021 items 3, 6, 13 and 14 for a closed meeting to the wxt5ent authorized by law. Meeting recessed at 7:38 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Executive Board meeting was called to order by Board President Ben Thies at 7:48 p.m. in the Superintendent's office. The agenda was approved as presented. Executive Board minutes for January 19, 2023 were approved as presented. Amber Moon was approved as substitute teacher, Cynthia Gaebler as a Volunteer. The Board approved resignations from Gabe Thompson, Janice Cooley, Jordan Penn, Kristen Penn and Theresa Kearbey. The Board approved to hire Kaley Alexander as Elementary Teacher and Jake Worley as Maintenance. The Board approved to extend Matt Stahl, Veronica Hollis and Kacie Kendrick's contract for 1 year through the 2024-25 school year and Jess Cupp's contract for 2 years through the 2024-25 school year. The Executive meeting was adjourned at 11:30 p.m.