

EAST CARTER COUNTY R-II SCHOOLS

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EAST CARTER COUNTY R-2 BOARD OF EDUCATION

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Board Vice-President Stonie Croy called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the elementary cafeteria. The following Board members were present: Stonie Croy, John Walker, Jeremy Reynolds, Darrell Emery, JoEllen Carter and Gabe Thompson. Ben Thies 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 Norma Enochs, Faith Stucker and Kristin Hillis. Also present were Susie Fann and Keith Eudaley.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Sullivan reported the electric bill was up \$161.64 from last year. He said he has been approached by a volunteer group offering to spruce up the practice field, filling in some low spots and picking up rocks, so we may have some weekend activities in the coming weeks. Prom was well attended. Bills were discussed.

Consent Agenda.

The Board approved the following items on the Consent Agenda: March 27, 2025 Regular Board Minutes, Bills, Tri-Lakes Shoot Out with the district providing bus and driver, BOE Policy AC; Discrimination Harassment Compliance Officer, Sr. Class Chromebook Auction, Summer School Food Service Addendum and Prom Location to be held at the Westwood Center.

New Business

The Board approved the Pre-K Expansion/Application, District Supported Student Travel and Revised District Trip Request forms were discussed, No Action was taken. The Board approved Testing Incentives for students reaching growth target for MAP and EOC Testing. Elementary students who meet their goal or growth measure will be allowed to go on the Testing Incentive Field Trip. Middle School Students who meet their growth measure would receive \$10 per subject area that the growth measure is met in only if they are basic or below and will qualify for only one testing incentive (growth measure or proficient). The Board approved the FBLA National Conference with the district providing ground travel, registration, meals and lodging for advisor's

Old Business

None

Staff/Committee Reports

Norma Enochs said the high school band placed 3rd at the Music in the Parks Festival. Mrs. Saffle said her anatomy class attended the Adventures in Medicine and Science Field Trip on March 28th. They were able to observe a professionally facilitated surgery (on a cadaver) by vascular surgeon Dr. Michael Williams. Following this auditorium presentation, the students were able to tour a small portion of the University and then attend a full cadaver dissection facilitated by a third- year medical student. The students were very engaged and did an excellent job of representing East Carter.

Middle School art students won the No More Trash Competition. Both 1st place and grand Prize out of 24 entries. Their trash can will be on display during the Missouri State Fair. BRL art show in Bunker was successful, over 20 winning entries from East Carter middle school and high school students, including 2 best of show. Over 20 entries placed at the high school level, including 2 best of show art work is on display outside the high school office. Students participated in a poster contest hosted by Southeast Behavioral Health. Two posters are being converted into banners for our school and the students who created them will get to be on the radio.

Mrs. Newberry's English 3 class concluded their mock trial unit last month, and on April 9th, the winning prosecution and defense teams went head-on in the Carter County Courtroom in Van Buren with Judge Steven Lynxwiler and Sheriff Alonzo Bradwell. They were exceptional! Using evidence from a real murder case in 1999, students gathered evidence, constructed arguments, and presented their finding. After careful deliberation, our student jury found the defendant guilty of first-degree murder and sentenced him to life in prison. It was a wonderful learning experience in how to find the truth using research skills and how to construct effective arguments. They represented East Carter Well.

Mrs. Enochs said that after a rigorous interview process, senior JJ Pflum has been selected for a \$9,000/year scholarship to MSU by the National Science Foundation. BRL baseball tournaments start this week. Middle School and High School both got the 1 seed. High School softball got the 5 seed for OFC tournament and starts on Monday. Mrs. Enochs reminded up of the Book Fair starting next week.

Veronica Hollis said Title 1 night was next Saturday from 5:00-7:00 pm. and reminded everyone of the Special Olympics Athletic Banquet. Keri Jameson said she has applied for Literacy Grants for every building and hopes to get the literacy kits. Matt Stahl discussed the FBLA National Conference.

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. Meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Executive Meeting

The Executive meeting was called to order by Board Vice-President Stonie Croy at 6:15 p.m. The Board approved the March 27, 2025 Executive Session Board meeting minutes. The Board accepted Brittnee Gibbs resignation as substitute teacher. The Board approved the re-hire of Michelle Guess as Stronger Connections Grant Community Health Care Worker for the 2025-26 school year. The Board approved to hire Bonnie Thompson as and Elementary Teacher, Maddy Winters as a Middle School Teacher, Erika Smith as a High School Teacher and Benji Stahl as MS/HS PE/Health teacher and coach and to move Ethan Boyer to a middle school teaching position. The Board approved Eric Jameson as Middle School head baseball coach, Keith Eudaly as Middle School assistant baseball coach, Angela Rodgers as Middle School girls head basketball coach, Teresa Crawford as Middle School girls' assistant basketball coach, Kim Jordan as Middle School cheer coach, Teresa Crawford as Middle School cross country Head coach and Cassie Treppish as Middle School assistant cross-country coach. The Board approved Curtis Crowley for Elementary boys' basketball head coach, Teresa Crawford as Elementary boys' basketball assistant coach, Kennedy Eddington as Elementary head cheer coach, Tabitha Hensley as Elementary assistant cheer coach and Kennedy Eddington as Elementary cross-country head coach. The Board approved Ethan Boyer as High School head baseball coach, Justin Smith as High School assistant baseball coach, Tasha Thies as High School head cheer coach, Kaley Alexander as High School assistant cheer coach, Kristin Hillis as unpaid volunteer cheer coach, Angela Rodgers as High School girls head basketball coach, Heather Shell as High School girls' assistant basketball coach, Teresa Kearbey as High School head softball coach and Heather Shell as assistant softball coach. The Board approved Kennedy Eddington as High School head cross country coach, Stephanie Reynolds as High school assistant cross-country coach, Eric Jameson as High School head trap team coach, and Angela Rodgers as Athletic Director. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.