

EAST CARTER COUNTY R-II SCHOOLS

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EAST CARTER COUNTY R-II BOARD OF EDUCATION

SEPTEMBER 22, 2022

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 and JoEllen Carter. Bryan House 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, Curriculum Director Jesse Cupp, Network Administrator Connor Kelch, Board Secretary Kathey Dalton, Jamie Baucom, Gracie Baucom, Susie Fann, Sara Newberry, Stacy Wilder, Angela Rodgers, Christy Moore, Brad Asher, Tasha Thies, Becky Tindall, Melvin Walton, Wes Lutton, Keegan Corregan (Veregy) and Fred Weber (GRP Wegman)

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Sullivan reported the electric bill was down \$191.98 from last year. Our fall sports are well underway and we hosted our EC Cross-Country invitation meet. We are hosting a middle school basketball tournament this week and will soon host the Black River League Cross-Country Meet. Through the use of grant funds, we have been able to purchase three (3) message chairs for staff use, to help manage and alleviate stress. Bills were discussed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES/BILLS

The Board approved the August 25, 2022 Regular Board Minutes and Bills were approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Melvin Walton discussed wanting to add a bus stop that would be closer to his house for easier access for his grandchildren. The concern is for bus safety which Mrs. Kearbey is currently looking into.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board approved to proceed with negotiations with Veregy and the Design Build Project, the High School Cheer Competition Trips to Regionals and if the qualify to State Competition with the District providing bus and driver and funds for hotel rooms and usage fee of \$4,500 to the Ellsinore Ballpark.

The Board approved the CSIP ECSE Integrated Program Handbook, CSIP Alternative Education/At Risk Program Evaluation, CSIP Curriculum Program Evaluation, CSIP School Climate Program Evaluation and David Kingston's resignation as Maintenance Director.

OLD BUSINESS

The Board approved the Return to Learn Plans. The 4-Day School week and Volleyball were discussed with no action taken.

STAFF/COMMITTEE REPORTS

CTA members Christy Moore, Angela Rodgers and Sara Newberry presented the Board with a survey that was sent out by the CTA to staff concerning the 4-day school week along with positive feedback from Elementary and High School. The Board was given 2 calendars from schools in our area along with data gathered by Mrs. Moore concerning Math and ELA scores from other school who are currently implementing the 4-day school week. Mrs. Moore shared concerns with the Board. Theresa Kearbey talked about the \$1,000 Stem Grant money that the middle school received. She said we have received this Grant for the last couple of years. Mrs. Kearbey said Robin Miller from Look at That Shirt has sponsored the Student of the Month shirts this year for middle school. She said our nurse, Brooke Hampton would like to ask the Board if we could have a flu clinic on campus for staff. The Board collectively agreed that was okay. Mrs. Kearbey said the nurse is concerned for students who are needing shots, but after talking with Dr. Sullivan, they felt this should be the parents' responsibility. Veronica Hollis said that Family Night was a big success. She said this was the biggest turnout ever. She said parents met in Mrs. Sievers classroom and were asked what they thought could make Family Night better. She said we had a lot of staff here helping and it was a great night. Connor Kelch talked about our firewalls and cyber security. He said we have had some issues with MoreNet and our phone service. He said we would be doing some checking to see why our phone system is not doing what it should be doing.

The Board moved to enter into Executive session in accordance with Public Law, Section 610:021 items 3, 11, 13 and 14 for a closed meeting to the extent authorized.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Executive meeting was called to order by Board President Ben Thies at 8:32 p.m. in Central Office. The agenda was approved as presented. Executive Board minutes for August 25, 2022 were approved. Lauren Bratton and Jeremy Jones were approved as Substitute Teachers. The Board approved Heather Gower as Assistant Trap Coach. The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 p.m.