

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, Stonie Croy, John Walker, Becky Fischer, Darrell Emery, JoEllen Carter and Bryan House. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Richard Sullivan, High School Principal Matt Stahl, Middle School Principal Corey Jameson, Elementary Principal Kacie Kendrick, SpEd Director Veronica Hollis, Curriculum Director Keri Jameson, Network Administrator Connor Kelch, Bookkeeper Jamie Shaffer and Board Secretary Kathey. Staff members in attendance were Christy Moore, Roy Reynolds, Charles Shell, Pat Riggins, Melissa Colyott, Britney Stahl, Stacy Wilder, Kurt Penn, Courtney Duckett, Alexis Smith, Rachel Scott and Norma Enochs, also present Olivia Price, Wes Lutton Susie Fann and Keith Eudaley.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Sullivan reported the electric bill was down from this time last year. New security doors have been installed and Trauma kits have arrived. Bills were discussed.

Minutes/Bills

The Board approved the July 27, 2023 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 Project Fund Tax Rate of Fund 4 at \$0.0000. New Staff members were introduced to the Board. The Board approved the ASBR (Annual Secretary of the Board Report), and appointed Kathey Dalton as Custodian of Records. The Board approved the Local Compliance Plan and set the Policy meeting for Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 5:00 in Central Office. The Board Members participated in a 1-hour MSBA refresher training on preventing student sexual abuse.

Old Business

The Board approved the Return to Learn Plans. No Action was taken on Campus Covered Walkways and School Health Plan.

Staff/Committee Reports

CTA President Norma Enochs and MSTA sponsored a Taco Bar for Staff meeting lunch on August 18th. She said the trauma training was very informative. She said we had a High school student Kadence Cochran who had a poetry submission published in a magazine. Middle School open house had great community support, and we are planning on updating redbird bucks with prizes the students would like. Christy Moore said the trauma training was the best trauma training that she has attended. She said the students would be receiving a free snow cones on Friday and Leerjak donated pizza for staff on Thursday. Elementary Principal Kacie Kendrick said the elementary has been doing a lot of cleaning to try and make room for the new math curriculum. She said they are trying to find places to put all the new books and work books. She said some old books were donated. SpEd Director Veronica Hollis said this school year's first Title 1 Family Night has been set for September 21st with a small meal (hotdogs/chips). Middle School Principal Corey Jameson said he wanted to say Thank You to staff for being so helpful and being so eager to jump in and help. High School Principal Matt Stahl said high school is trying to get students enrolled and sports kick off will hopefully be this Saturday. Network Administrator Connor Kelch said we have had a few hiccups with the new doors, our ID printer went down and we had to borrow one from Van Buren School.

The Board moved to enter into Executive Session in accordance with Public Law, Section 610:21 items 3, 13 and 14 for a closed meeting to the extent authorized by law. Meeting was adjourned at 6.46 p.m.

Executive Meeting

The Executive meeting was called to order by Board President Ben Thies at 6:53 p.m. The Board approved the July 27, 2023 Executive Session Board meeting minutes. The Board approved Olivia Kearbey, Anna Burgin, Judy Marvin, Jordan Joplin, Justin Smith and Bethany McCoy as substitute teachers and Curtis Crowley as substitute bus driver. The Board approved to accept Charlene Stevenson's resignation as substitute bus driver and approved to hire Theresa Kearbey as Route Bus Driver. The Board approved to hire Brittany Hampton and Brittany Croy as Companion Aide's, Kristin Hillis as an unpaid High School Assistant Cheer Coach, Jake Wilder as a Volunteer High School Assistant Baseball Coach and Courtney Duckett as Middle School Head Softball Coach. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.