

EAST CARTER COUNTY R-II SCHOOL

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EAST CARTER COUNTY R-II BOARD OF EDUCATION

MARCH 23, 2023

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Board President Ben Thies called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the East Carter County R-II Elementary Cafeteria. The following Board members were present: Ben Thies, John Walker, Becky Fischer, Johnathan Collins, JoEllen Carter and Bryan House. Stonie Croy 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, Bookkeeper Jamie Shaffer and Board Secretary Kathey Dalton, staff members Jamie Baucom, Jake Worley and Kendra Asher. Also present Tara Garrett, Travis Garrett, Olivia Price, John Walker Jr., Michelle Walker, Keith Eudaley, Susie Fann, Wes Lutton, Gracie Baucom and Jan Scott.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Sullivan reported the electric bill was down \$646.07 this month from a year ago. Our spring sports seasons have gotten underway, in between rains. Both Jr. and Sr. Beta Clubs have members place at the State Convention, earning their way to the National Convention to be held in June. Our bus inspection this week went very well. Bills were discussed. Dr. Sullivan said he would like to congratulate the East Carter Board of Education for completing the Missouri School Board's Association CBM Board Member Refresher Training.

Minutes/Bills

The Board approved the February 23, 2023 Board Minutes. Bills were approved as presented for payment.

New Business

Dr. Sullivan discussed the District Annual Performance Report (APR). The Board approved Project Graduation with the District providing transportation, driver and \$1,000 donation. The Board approved the FFA convention trip with the District providing Hotel, transportation, driver and meals for chaperones, FBLA trip with the District providing use of the white school van, registration fees and advisor reimbursement for meals. The Board approved the High School and Middle School MAP/EOC incentives of \$25 per MAP/EOC test that scores proficient and \$50 per MAP/EOC test that scores advanced. The Board approved the Facilities/Grounds/Plant Operations Program Evaluation, Student

Tutoring Program Evaluation, Title I Parent Involvement/Improving Academic Achievement Program Evaluation and to set the tentative dates for Summer School 2023 as May 30, 2023 thru June 23, 2023. The Board moved to set the Non-Binding Tax Rate for Fund 1 at 2.7500, Fund 2 at 0.0000, Fund 3 at 0.0000 and Fund 4 at 0.0000.

#### Old Business

The Board approved the Return to Learn Plan. Trauma Kits, Campus Access/Covered Walkways and Parking Lot Stop were discussed, No Action was taken.

#### Staff/Committee Reports

CTA member Kendra Asher talked about the Elementary Academic Bowl, she said the Elementary Ball Season is in full swing. Parent/Teacher conference was a huge success, Spring Family Fun Night is coming up. Middle School and High School Softball and baseball are in full swing. Trivia Night is April 1<sup>st</sup>, \$80 per team of 8 members and the Craft Fair is May 20<sup>th</sup>. Theresa Kearbey said iReady scores are showing growth, ELA had 88 students who showed growth and 104 in math. Middle School softball and baseball are well underway. Parent/Teacher conference was a big success with the district offering incentives for attendance. Veronica Hollis reported that the High school Special Services students recently toured Mingo Job Corps in Puxico and the student who attended found it intriguing, a couple of them expressed interest in touring at a later date with their parents. She also notified the Board of the following upcoming events: March 31<sup>st</sup> Job Olympics in Poplar Bluff and Title 1 prek-8 Family night and program review meeting, April 13<sup>th</sup> will be a Job Fair at the Libla Center in Poplar Bluff for high school Special Services Seniors, April 14<sup>th</sup> will be an organized job tour in Poplar Bluff for High School Special Services students, and April 21<sup>st</sup> will be Special Olympics in Poplar Bluff. Mrs. Hollis invited the Board to attend and reminded everyone of the send off for the Special Olympics on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Matt Stahl said we had 5 students test to qualify to go to Nationals for Sr. Beta and our High school Art Teacher Ms. Hoefer had a display at the Three Rivers Tinnin Fine Art Center in Poplar Bluff. Connor Kelch updated the Board on the technology program and updates that need to be addressed. Jesse Cup updated the Board on Curriculum.

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 recessed at 7:32 p.m.

#### Executive Session

The Executive meeting was called to order by Board President Ben Thies at 7:58 p.m. in the Central Office. The agenda was approved as presented. Executive Board minutes from February 23, 2023 were approved. The Board approved to uphold the Administrations decision concerning Summer School grades. The Board approved to hire Katrina Stromatt as Special Education Teacher, Kurt Penn as Middle School/High School PE/Health and Coach for the 2023-24 school year. The Board approved to re-hire Dustie Collins, Amanda Daughhettee, Courtney Hampton, Tabitha Hensley, Connie Hensley, Hailey Kirkman, Denise Murphy, Kennedy Thies, Monique Gribbins, Kayla Peterman, Mary Ann Gargac, Sara Hoefer, Nathaniel Hulett, Trevor Lewis, Amanda Smith, Teresa Crawford, Chrystal Pratt, David Russell, Katy Stromatt and Janelle Mishka. The Board approved to hire Jesse Cupp as Summer School Director for 2023 and Angela Rodgers as Athletic Director for the 2023-24 school year. The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 p.m.