

EAST CARTER COUNTY R-II SCHOOLS

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EAST CARTER COUNTY R-II BOARD OF EDUCATION

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REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board President Ben Thies called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the elementary cafeteria. The following Board member were present. Ben Thies, 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, Special Education Director Veronica Hollis, Curriculum Director Keri Jameson, Network Director Connor Kelch, Bookkeeper Jamie Shaffer and Board Secretary Kathey Dalton. Also present Jamie Baucom, Marie Inmon, Taylor Eudaley, Keith Eudaley, Misty House, Jake Worley, Kendra Asher, Melissa Colyott, Christy Moore, Martha Price, Julie Sievers, Kayla Peterman, Mr. Peterman, Ciara Duckett Donnie Moffitt, Melanie Moffitt, Brian Asher and John Walker.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Dr. Sullivan Reported the electric bill is up from this time last year. He said we have new doors installed in the FEMA building. Bills were discussed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Walker said he is not in favor of the 4-day school week. He said he has done some research and 9% of students would be home alone. Crime drugs and alcohol use goes up. He said big schools have to have the 4-day school week on the ballot but small schools can vote on it. He said it makes a hardship on small schools. Legislators are fighting to do a 5-day school week by giving incentives if you work the 5 days. He asked what do we do to attract Teachers? We used to get more application than we do now. He said it would be hard to go back to a 5-day school week. Ben asked about the Governor giving money for 5-day school week. He said "aren't you leery of that?" Bryan Asher said he is up in the air about the 4-day school week. He said it is not an issue for his family but others do not have that structure. He said that in 3-4 years if this does not work do we have a plan to turn it back around. He asked about MSHSAA practice and if students would be able to get in practices before the game. Unless you use Wednesday night, what do we do about Monday practice and getting students to practice, mostly the younger students. How about Vo-tech and getting students there?

NEW BUSINESS

The Board approved the Consent Agenda that includes January 18, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes, Payment of Bills, MSIP February Bus Ridership, MSIP Transportation Program Evaluation, MSIP Facilities and Grounds Program Evaluation. The Board approved the purchase of a new 2025 Bluebird bus as specified to include a wheelchair lift, up graded driver's seat, air conditioning and other options determined by the Superintendent total price not to exceed \$155,000. The Board approved the annual Park Board usage fee of \$4,500., Band trip to Six Flags with the District providing bus, driver and funds for parking, Senior Week with the District providing bus and driver for each day, 2024-25 OSBA Health Insurance rates/renewal, Calendar "C" for the 2024-25 school year and MSBA Policy Update 2023D.

STAFF/COMMITTEE REPORT

CTA member Kendra Asher said the elementary basketball is in full swing with the games starting next week. Middle school softball and baseball start next week. Jr. Beta will be traveling to state convention February 28-29th. High School JAG had the opportunity to visit the National Park Service Headquarters in Van Buren, MO. Students learned about the different positions that the Park Service offers and the information on how to apply and navigate USAJOBS. We also had a speaker from Ranken Tech visit with the ECHSE JAG students. Our students learned about Ranken's programs in the areas of automotive, electrical construction, IT and manufacturing. It was great from our students to see there are some awesome opportunities to learn and master a trade after high school. OFC basketball tournament-JV boys place 1st and Varsity girls placed 2nd. High School girls' basketball plays for first place tomorrow night at 6:00 pm. The High School band has a Trivia night fundraiser March 8th in the FEMS Building. Sr. Beta will be traveling to State convention March 13th. FCCLA had several winners from our district and the top 2 from each category got to advance to state. Keri Jameson said she has ordered 1000 solar eclipse glasses and the t-shirt design for the Eclipse will be sent off to a company to have it dolled up. The T-shirts will be sold to help pay for a band for the event and would like to have someone take pictures for the event.

The Board moved to enter into Executive session in accordance with Public Law, Section 610:.21 items 3, 6, 13 and 14 for a closed meeting to the extent authorized by law. Meeting recessed at 8:17 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Executive Board meeting was called to order by Board President Ben Thies at 8:37 p.m. in the Superintendent's office. The agenda was approved as presented. Executive Board minutes from January 18, 2023 were approved as presented. The Board accept the resignation from Katy Stromatt as Special Education Teacher. Kurt Penn was approved as Middle School assistant softball coach. The Board approved to extend Matt Stahl, Veronica Hollis, Kacie Kendrick's contract for 1 year through the 2025-26 school year and Corey Jameson and Keri Jameson's contract for 2 years through the 2025-26 school year. The Executive meeting was adjourned at 11:01 p.m.