

EAST CARTER COUNTY R-II SCHOOLS

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EAST CARTER COUNTY R-II BOARD OF EDUCATION

DECEMBER 19, 2024 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, Darrell Emery, Jeremy Reynolds, JoEllen Carter and Gabe Thompson. Stonie Croy 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 Hollis, Keri Jameson, Curriculum Director, Bookkeeper Jamie Shaffer and Board Secretary Kathey Dalton. Also present were Ebby Miller, Kendra Asher, Melinda Wyatt, Pride Wilder, Susie Fann and Keith Eudaley.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Sullivan reported the electric bill was up \$154.25 from this time last year. We are checking on sizes and prices of Large American Flags for events. The on-site insurance adjuster was on-campus Tuesday to look at the additional repair area needed in the High school gym. Our flooring contractor was on-site to take moisture readings for the report. At this point, elevated moisture readings were found at half-court, under the big bleachers. Dr. Sullivan said Dutch as been on campus today to look at the continuing water sealing issue in the High School gym. They will return to remove and re-build the seal area and related ductwork. The contractors will be on-site over the Holiday break to install a new drainpipe system in the elementary basement and to bore a new drain line exiting the building which is gravity fed, instead of having to depend on sump pumps. We will have our Active Shooter training in January. Our winter sports tournaments are underway and we will be returning to the Bloomfield Christmas Tournament this year. Bills were discussed.

Consent Agenda

The Board approved the Consent Agenda as presented (November 21, 2024 Regular Board Minutes, Payment of the Bills, Annual Secretary of the Board Report, District Report Card/Annual Performance Report, District Comprehensive School Improvement Plan, Gifted Program Evaluation, Homeless Program Evaluation, Migrant Program Evaluation, and Safety and Emergency Preparedness Program Evaluation).

New Business

The Board approved the Custodial Bid from E. Carter Custodial to begin January 1, 2025. The Board approved the Budget Amendment for 2024-25 (FY'25) as presented. The Board approved the Carter

County Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution, and set Policy meeting on January 23, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. Anti-Bullying programs were discussed

Old Business

None

Staff/Committee Reports

CTA member Kendra Asher said the Elementary Christmas Concert was December 17<sup>th</sup>. Elementary and Middle School have enjoyed the 12 days of Christmas dress up days. Middle School/High School band together participated in the Van Buren and Ellsinore Christmas Parades. Middle School low brass participated in the Christmas in Cape Girardeau. They had a blast and want to do it again next year. FFA also had a float in the Ellsinore Parade. High School Boys Basketball are in semi-finals at Clarkton Tournament, Girls start in the Royals Christmas Class. Middle School had a door decorating contest for Christmas. The Daily Christmas quizzes that Keri Jameson has been giving the staff has been fun as well. Many teachers have reported and said Thanks for the very nice backpack that were given as staff Christmas gifts. CTA is currently working on a New Staff member handbook detailing many things that they can use throughout the year. It will contain items such as a forms to be filled out for a trip, how to do a deposit and using the copier. Kacie Kendrick said she is trying to finalize the Books are Fun new program. It has video introduction for each program. All the students will receive a book and can order whatever grade level they need. Parent pick-up fundraiser didn't have a lot of participation but the winner will start after Christmas break.

Executive Session

The Executive session meeting was called to order by Board President Ben Thies at 8:24 p.m. The Board approved the November 21, 2024 Executive Minutes. The Board approved Korra White, Mackenzie Dowd, Katy Stromatt, Clare Scott and Pat Riggins as a substitute teacher. The Board approved the Early Graduation list as presented with students meeting all ECC graduation requirements. Meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.