

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 4:59 p.m. in the East Carter Elementary Cafeteria. The following Board Members were present: Ben Thies, Stonie Croy, John Walker, Darrell Emery, JoEllen Carter, Gabe Thompson. Jeremy Reynolds was not in attendance. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Sullivan, High School Principal Matt Stahl, Elementary Principal Kacie Kendrick, SpEd Director Veronica Eudaley, Bookkeeper Jamie Shaffer, Board Secretary Kathey Dalton, Susie Fann, Donald Fann and Jan Scott.

Superintendents Report

Dr. Sullivan reported the Electric bill was up \$450 from a year ago. Initial indications are that the district will finish last year with less than 3% unrestricted reserves due in part to reimbursement money not yet received. We have been approved for the additional MO-QPK Pre-K 4-year-old classroom. One of our first-grade rooms has had some new paneling, ceiling tiles and lighting installed. The high school gym floor is still being installed; humidity has become a factor with the new wood. The administration will be attending a legal update meeting August 1<sup>st</sup>. The concrete has been poured and the ramp moved to enter the nurse's trailer. The concrete has been poured and the ramp is being installed to enter the Pre-k building. The asphalt is being put in place and will likely be complete this week. Offices re-open on August 1<sup>st</sup>, all staff return on August 12<sup>th</sup> and open house is Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup> from 3-6 pm. School re-opens Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. Bills were discussed.

Consent Agenda

The Board approved the Consent Agenda I as presented that includes June 10, 2024 Special Board Meeting Minutes, June 24, 2025 Regular Board Minutes and Payment of Bills. Consent Agenda II as approved as presented that includes Appoint Asbestos Management Contact and Re-Adopt Conflict of Interest Ordinance.

New Business

The Board accepted the Bid for propane from MFA in the amount of \$1.499 per gallon, approved to Adopt Board Resolution relevant to RSMo.165.011, the East Carter County R-2 Board of Education

Authorized the Superintendent to transfer funds from the incidental Fund to the Capital Projects Fund in an amount not to exceed the allowed by law for the purpose of completing necessary repairs to buildings and grounds during the 2025-26 school year and the Faculty/Staff Handbook. The Board approved the Tuition rates for the 2025-26 school year (fiscal'26) at \$9,120. Per year, with 50% due prior to the first calendar day of semester one, 50% due prior to first day of semester two; all rates are to be pro-rated according to date of enrollment when enrollment does not coincide with beginning semester dates. The board approved Policy JFCD-Student Use of Personal Communication Device and Policy update 2025-B. The MSBA Policy Meeting for Policy 2025-C has been set for Thursday, August 21 at 5:00 pm in Central Office and Tax Rate Hearing is set for Tuesday, August 26, 225 at 5:00 pm in the Elementary Cafeteria prior to the regular Board meeting.

#### Old Business

District Supported Student Travel, Elementary Activities Handbook and Middle School High School Activities Handbook- No Action Taken

#### Staff/Committee Reports

None

#### Executive Session

The Executive meeting was called to order by Board President Ben Thies at 5:49 p.m. The agenda was approved as presented and the June 10, 2025 Special Executive minutes and the June 27, 2024 Executive minutes were approved. The Board approved Nick Miller, Pat Riggins, Roxanna Stephens and Heather Stucker as Substitute Teachers. The Board approved to hire Brooke Hinklin for the Stronger Connection Grant position for the remaining 1 year of the grant. The meeting was adjourned at 5:57 p.m.