

EAST CARTER COUNTY R-II SCHOOLS

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EAST CARTER COUNTY R-II BOARD OF EDUCATION

FEBRUARY 24, 2022

REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board President Ben Thies called the meeting to order at 6:30 in the East Carter Elementary Cafeteria. The following Board members were present: Ben Thies, John Walker, Stonie Croy, Becky Fischer, Johnathan Collins and Bryan House. JoEllen Carter 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, Bookkeeper Jamie Shaffer and Board Secretary Kathey Dalton. Also present Hailey Kirkman, Wyatt Kirkman, Martha Stahl, Ebby Miller, Misty House, David Kingston, Amy Stahl, Daniel Baucom, Susie Fann, Melody Wallace and Makayla Legrand.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Sullivan reported the electric bill was down \$458.61 from this time last year. Our boys and girls basketball teams have had very strong seasons, with all three teams participating in the Championship Game held at Three Rivers College. We have gotten our fair share of sleet, ice and freezing rain in the last few weeks. Bills were discussed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES/BILLS

The Board approved the January 25, 2022 Regula Board Minutes. Bills were approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS

The Board approved the Return to Learn Plans and the OPAA renewal for 2022-23 school year. The Board approved the Sr. Week activities, the FCCLA State Championship trip, Transportation Program Evaluation, February Ridership List and Facilities/Grounds/Plant Operations Program Evaluation. The Board accepted Susan Vause's resignation, set the March Board meeting for Thursday, March 31st at 6:30 p.m. and allow Dr. Sullivan to sell or dispose of two buses.

OLD BUSINESS

None

STAFF/COMMITTEE REPORT

CTA President Daniel Baucom discussed concerns with the district not replacing Elementary teachers. Mr. Baucom said this decision is causing large class sizes which we believe is having and will continue to have an impact to students learning and will impact future teacher retention of highly qualified teachers. Ben Thies said this has not gone un-noticed, Mrs. Kendrick has brought it to our attention. Kacie Kendrick said our students did well at the Lesterville Academic Bowl this year.

The Board moved to enter into Executive session in accordance with Public Law, Section 610:021 items 3, 13 and 14 for a closed meeting to the extent authorized by law. Meeting recessed at 6:51 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Executive Board meeting was called to order by Board President Ben Thies at 7:14 p.m. in the Superintendent's office. The agenda was approved as presented. Executive Board minutes for January 25, 2022 were approved as presented. Michalea Boyer, Melissa Colyott, Jaden Douglas, Clarissa Newman, Sky Ritter, Mikki Stinchcomb and Payton Golden were approved as substitute teachers. The Board approved to employ Kimberly Foster as School Health Coordinator/School Nurse. Elementary Principal Kacie Kendrick, Middle School Principal Theresa Kearbey, High School Principal Matt Stahl, SpEd Director Title 1 Coordinator Veronica Hollis and Curriculum Director/Technology Integrator Jesse Cupp's contracts were extended. The Executive meeting was adjourned at 11:20 p.m.