

EAST CARTER COUNTY R-II SCHOOLS

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EAST CARTER COUNTY R-II BOARD OF EDUCATION

OCTOBER 26, 2021

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, Stonie Croy, Becky Fischer, Johnathan Collins, JoEllen Carter and Bryan House. Also present were Superintendent, Dr. Richard Sullivan, High School Principal Matt Stahl, Elementary Principal Kacie Kendrick, SpEd Director Veronica Hollis, Network Director Bill Lewis, Curriculum Director Jesse Cupp, Bookkeeper Jamie Shaffer and Board Secretary Kathey Dalton. Also present Vickie Shepherd, Angela Pence, Hattie Shepherd, Kendra Asher, Norma Enochs, Teresa Kearbey, Brian Asher, Lauren Bratton, Olivia Price, Sally Stahl and Susie Fann.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lauren Bratton talked about her concerns with the COVID-19 Guidelines.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Sullivan reported the electric bill was up \$263.67 from this time last year. Our Middle School basketball teams are competing in the Black River League Tournament this week. Our Softball Team had a good following for their win over Leeton Saturday and play in the Final Four on Friday at 11:00 a.m. in Springfield. Bills were discussed.

MINUTES/BILLS

The Board approved the September 23, 2021 Regular Board Minutes and bills were approved for payment.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board approved to adopt the Missouri School COVID-19 Operating Guidance as recommended by Dr. Sullivan. There was much discussion and multiple points of view over concerns with student masking. The Board discussed the pros and cons of the Missouri School COVID-19 Operating Guidance. The Board approved \$4,500 to the City Ballpark for ground maintenance. The Board approved the addition of an Assistant Trap Team Coach and an Assistant High School Cheer Coach. The Board approved the Sr. Beta State Convention trip proposal with the District providing Bus, Driver, Student Registration, Chaperone Registration and Chaperone hotel rooms, Jr. Beta Convention proposal

trip with the District providing, Bus, Driver, Beta Registration for members and chaperones, room and meals for chaperones and bus drivers. The Board approved the Cross Country State Competition with the District providing Bus, Driver, rooms and meals if we qualify to compete. The Board approved the Professional Development Program Evaluation, Library Media Resources Program Evaluation, ESOL/ELL Program Evaluation, Title 1 Parent Involvement Plan and Federal Programs Program Evaluation. The Board approved Policy IGBCA- Programs for Homeless Students, IGBC-Programs for Migrant Students, IGBE-Programs for Foster Care Students and IGBH-Program for English Learners. The Board approved the October Ridership and to extend the current custodial contract. The Board approved November 16, 2021 for the November Board Meeting and December 14, 2021 for the December Board Meeting. The Board approved the transfer of \$26,500 from Fund 1 to Fund 4. The Board set the Board Re-Organization meeting for Tuesday, April 12, 2022 and approved the Board Candidate Filing dates and times. The Board set the Policy Committee Meeting for Thursday, November 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

STAFF/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Kendra Asher talked about the positive information that the CTA would like the Board to hear instead of always hearing the negatives. She said former student George Baldrige is getting ready to go thru the Military Crucible Program which is a very intense and his dad would encourage everyone to write him a letter. She said High School students went together and bought the High School Secretary Kim White a new office chair. Middle School student Chloe Price made All-District Choir. Elementary students are given positive recognition each morning during Elementary announcements. She said we have had 2 or 3 positive recognitions each day. Coach Teresa Kearbey thanked the Board for all their support. She said the Coaches and community appreciated it. She thanked Ben Thies for helping get reservations. Matt Stahl said our Trap Team is currently ranked 3rd in team competition and 1st in overall ranking Logan Gower was 3rd out of 110, Luke Carter was 7th in individual and Luck Roark was 8th in individual. Veronica Hollis said there will be a Transition Fair on Thursday, parent-teacher conference evening in the FEMA building from 4:30-7:00 p.m. This fair has been organized by Ms. Susan Vause, our essential needs classroom special education teacher. This fair will have a keynote speaker, Mr. Michael Chiodini who is a parent/advocate of special needs students and helps with financial planning for families of special needs kids. We also will have presenters from MERS Goodwill, MPACT, and Paul D'Amico for MU Vocational Rehab Services. There have been donations from local businesses and individuals for food, door prizes, and drinks. This event helps us meet our agreement with DESE on providing transition services for our special services students. Kacie Kendrick said she has been working on the MAP rewards trip. They are planning on going to the City Museum and Incredible Pizza. Intramural season is coming up. Coach Penn and Coach Rodgers have been working on it. We have added 1st grade and have had about 100 kids signed up. We just did Math performance day which includes several multi-steps that students do. The last day of each quarter we use our math block to work on this. The 5th grade project was Fall Festival. The students worked on how to raise money, how to start, etc. They had to figure out a goal and how they would reach that goal. Jesse Cupp said they are focusing on science and goal setting. Trying to overhaul how we teach science. Mr. Cupp said there is concern with higher math if students have to quarantine or are in isolation.

The Board moved to enter into Executive session in accordance with Public Law, Section 610:021 items 3, 11, 13 and 14 for a closed meeting to the extent authorized by law. Meeting recessed at 9:16 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Executive meeting was called to order by Board President Ben Thies at 9:42 p.m. in the office of the Superintendent. The agenda was approved as presented. Executive Board minutes from September 23, 2021 was approved. The Board approved Patricia Voyles and Morgan Bales as substitute teachers. The Board approved to move Morgan Shaffer from a Companion Aide to an ECSE Paraprofessional and to employ Deanna Conaway as a Middle School Companion Aide. The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 p.m.