

EAST CARTER COUNTY R-II SCHOOLS

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EAST CARTER COUNTY R-II BOARD OF EDUCATION

SEPTEMBER 28, 2023

REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board President Ben Thies called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the East Carter Elementary Cafeteria. The following Board members were present: Ben Thies, John Walker, Becky Fischer, Darrell Emery and JoEllen Carter. Bryan House and Stonie Croy were not in attendance. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Richard Sullivan, High School Principal Matt Stahl, Elementary Principal Kacie Kendrick, SpEd Director Veronica Hollis, Curriculum Director Keri Jameson, Board Secretary Kathey Dalton, Amanda Smith, Tasha Thies, Christy Moore, Olivia price, Cole Adams, Kourtney Walker, Jan Scott, Donald Fann and Susie Fann.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Sullivan reported the electric bill was down \$779.85 from last year. As the replacement of the LPG lines for the Elementary was in progress, the repairmen found that the line running rom the playground to the tanks was already plastic and there was no need to dig up the asphalt and parking lot to replace. The replacements and upgrades are complete. The Veregy crews have been on-campus installing bullet-resistant films to several of our new doors around campus, and are returning to reinstall the ones that did not adhere properly. Bills were discussed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES/BILLS

The Board approved the August 24, 2023 Regular Board Minutes and Bills were approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS

The Board approved the High School Cheer Competition Trips to Regionals and if the qualify to State Competition with the District providing bus and driver and funds for hotel rooms, the FCCLA trip with the District paying for the registration, bus, driver and fuel. The Board approved the CSIP ECSE Integrated Program Handbook, CSIP Alternative Education/At Risk Program Evaluation, CSIP Curriculum Program Evaluation and CSIP School Climate Program Evaluation. The Board approved MSBA Policy Update 2023-C.

OLD BUSINESS

The Board approved the Return to Learn Plans. No Action was taken on Campus Access/Covered Walkways and School Health Plan.

STAFF/COMMITTEE REPORTS

CTA member Christy Moore said Norma Enochs said we had a very successful Book Fair? We set a new record on sales at \$5,400. (that includes 2 hours of checking out at Title 1 night). We qualified for a buy-back product of \$2,700. Which will go toward some new books and items for our STEM Wall. Mrs. House reports that first grade purchased a new writing curriculum with the money we won from our pumpkin contest last year and it is amazing. The growth we've seen so far is incredible and I can't wait to see how they grow this year. 5th grade attended Eco Day at Pine Wood Lake on Wednesday. Eco Day is organized by Mrs. Townsend of the Carter County Soil and Water Conservation. The day consist of a variety of presenters from area agencies and departments like the Forestry Department, Missouri Conservation Department, and Soil and Water Conservation Department. It was an interactive/hands-on, adventurous day of learning for our students. We appreciate the opportunity to participate in such a great experience for our students. We are very thankful for our new secure doors. The kinks seem to be getting worked out and the students are navigating the campus well. Intramural boys and girl's basketball got started this week for grades 1-6. Our students are very excited about this and was are very thankful for Coach Penn and Coach Rodgers for organizing and running this program for our students. We are also thankful for the HS basketball players that donate their time to help our young athletes grow. The intramural games will begin October 19th and conclude the first week of November. We hope that you get a chance to come watch a game. Elementary Cross Country (grades 4-6) is in full swing. Our young runners are doing fantastic! At the Ellington meet our girls and boy's teams both finished 1st place. We had 10 runners medal. We are very proud of them. We had our grade-level data meetings this week with Mrs. Kendrick and Mrs. Jameson. The went well. Mrs. Jameson had plenty of district data ready for us to analyze and reflect on. Good conversations were had about our highs and lows and how we can use what we are doing well to help us improve on our lows. We discussed our upcoming PD days and what we (teacher) would like for those PD day agendas to look like. We appreciate being given the opportunity to have input on this. Elementary 2023 MAP Data looked Great. We are very proud of our students for their success. The MAP test is grueling, and the Rocked It. Congratulations to Brycen Bryant and Mia Stair on Making Middle School All District Choir. Mrs. Ebby Miller and Mrs. Sara Newberry accompanied fifteen seniors to TRC on Thursday for the TRC Preview Day. They got to tour every department on campus and were able to participate in several fun hands-on activities like handling the dummies in the medical departments, getting a shot at the law enforcement simulator, and exploring the fire trucks. The also go free lunch, so they were pleased. Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) hosted their annual kick-off event at the baseball field on the 20th. Daniel Miller's band led worship and provided food, EC alum Aaron Boyer gave an inspiring message, and several staff members

showed up to experience the event. There were about 80 students (ages 12-18) who played games, worshipped, ate pizza, and prayed together. Congratulations to Laney Asher for making All-District Choir. JAG had their first guest speaker, a nurse from Missouri Highlands. FACS classes have started off to a great year. We are using the GEER II Grant. We purchased FCCLA shirts and polos for all members. We purchased FCCLA jackets for all officers. We purchased ProStart jackets, knife sets, and utensil sets for all 20 ProStart students. We purchased several other kitchen items for Food Entrepreneurship students. These items will be used in the spring in their food businesses. I have also applied for a Lamb Grant. This Grant will give the FACS program up to \$400 in FREE lamb meat to be used for resources to learn how to cook and use lamb meat. We have 50 students signed up for FCCLA so far. We had our annual Ice Cream Social on September 8th for all members with their dues paid. We will partner with FFA and have our annual Barn-warming Event on October 20th. Barn-warming starts at 7 p.m. FFA had more than 250 chick that went home with ECC students from VOAG. Today we have our first 2 of the year. VOAG is so happy to have a big garage door, we can now work on bigger project.

Matt Stahl said we have 3 career event days for JAG Juniors and Seniors. He said we are still planning on having the Pumpkin decorating contest again this year. Mrs. Hollis said Title 1 night was the largest fall one that we have had. She said lots of staff helped this year. Kacie Kendrick said she has been in contact with SEMO Behavioral Health and they will be coming here to do a Bulling presentation to Elementary, Middle School and High School students. Keri Jameson said they have a program that could be implemented during class time. Dr. Sullivan talked about the phone outage we had for a couple of days.

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 at 7:34 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Executive meeting was called to order by Board President Ben Thies at 7:57 p.m. in Central Office. The agenda was approved as presented. Executive Board minutes for August 24, 2023 were approved. Nichole Gholson, Melissa Lapar, Ashley West and Liberty Scott were approved as Substitute Teachers. The Board approved to employ Sarah Ordone as a Companion Aide, John Crowley as Middle School Assistant Girls Basketball Coach, and Nichole Gholson as Volunteer Assistant Middle School Cheer Coach. The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.