

EAST CARTER COUNTY R-II SCHOOL

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EAST CARTER COUNTY R-II BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 28, 2025

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Board President Ben Thies called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Elementary Cafeteria. The following Board members were present: Ben Thies, Stonie Croy, John Walker, Jeremy Reynolds, Darrell Emery, JoEllen Carter and Gabe Thompson. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Richard Sullivan, High School Principal Matt Stahl, Middle School Principal Corey Jameson, Elementary Principal Kacie Kendrick, Special Ed Director Veronica Eudaley, Curriculum Director Keri Jameson, Bookkeeper Jamie Shaffer and Board Secretary Kathey Dalton. Also present Olivia Price, Susie Fann, Taylor Eudaley, Christy Moore, Brian Asher, Becky Tindall, Michelle Guess and Kim Brannum.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Sullivan reported the electric bill was up this month \$1,719,74 from last year. He said he hopes we are finished with heavy snow and ice for the year. Our Jr. and Sr Beta groups just returned from State Convention with several students qualifying for Nationals, which is to be held in Orlando this summer. All three of our basketball teams competed for first place in the Black River League this past Saturday which was held at Lesterville. Bills were discussed.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The Board approved the following Consent Agenda Items: December 19, 2024 Regular Board Minutes, Board Bills, CSIP Community Involvement Program Evaluation, CSIP Food Service Program Evaluation, CSIP Technology Program Evaluation, CSIP Health Plan, Appoint High School Counselor as Foster Care Liason, Project Prom donation, Ellsinore City Park usage fee, Baseball Tournament Trip to Camdenton and FCCLA State Convention trip.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board approved the bus bid from Central States Bus Sales for a 2026 Blue Bird 64 passenger, Handicap accessible, gasoline bus for \$157,890.00. The Board approved moving the February March and April 2025 Board meetings to the 4th Thursday of the month at 5:00 p.m. The Board approved the Early Retirement Incentive for this year only at \$5,000. for Certified Staff and \$2,500. for Non-Certified Staff if notified of retirement no later than February 28, 2025. For notification of leaving the district at

the end of the school year, Certified staff would receive \$1,000. and Non-Certified staff would receive \$500. The staff member must complete the current school year (FY'25) for either incentive and also enter into the Retirement System in order to qualify for the Early Retirement Incentive. A staff member may only qualify for one of the two Early Retirement/Early Notification options. Notifications to the District must be signed and delivered to the Superintendent of Schools by the close of business on Friday, February 28, 2024. Personal time-Staff Compensation was tabled until the February Board Meeting. The MSBA Policies 2024D were approved as amended. The Organ Donor Program was tabled until the February meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

The purchase of a large American Flag was discussed, no action was taken. Anti-bullying was discussed, no action was taken.

STAFF/COMMITTEE REPORT

None

The Board moved to enter into Executive session in accordance with Public Law, section 610:21; items 3, 13 and 14 for closed meeting to the extent authorized by law.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Executive session meeting was called to order by Board President Ben Thies at 6:33 p.m. The agenda was approved and the minutes from the December 19, 2024 meeting was approved. The Board approved John Crowley, Tim Gaebler, Theresa Kearbey and Rae Jean Crutchfield as substitute teachers, and John Crowley as substitute bus driver. The Board approved to employ Dr. Richard Sullivan thru the 2027-28 school year. The Executive meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.