

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 5:00 p.m. in the elementary cafeteria. The following Board member 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 Education Director Veronica Eudaley, Curriculum Director Keri Jameson, Bookkeeper Jamie Shaffer and Board Secretary Kathey Dalton. Also present Nadia Chambliss, Faith Stucker, Briana Epperson, Jake Worley, Kendra Asher, Taylor Eudaley and Susie Fann.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Dr. Sullivan said that as a result of the recent extreme cold snap, the electric bill was up \$2,097.24 from this time last year. Our basement boring and drain project appears to be working well so far, with dry classrooms and hallway. Baseball and softball seasons will soon be here. Dr. Sullivan said he received a not stating Senate Bill #63 passed today. Bills were discussed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS

The Board approved the Consent Agenda that includes January 28, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes, Payment of Bills, MSIP February Bus Ridership, MSIP Transportation Program Evaluation, MSIP Facilities and Grounds Program Evaluation, Band Trip with the District providing Bus, Driver and parking fee and Sr. Week with the District providing bus and driver. The Board approved the MSIP District Comprehensive Literacy Plan, Early Learning plans for ECSE and Pre-K, 2025-26 OSBA Health Insurance rates/renewal with the District's contribution of \$711 per eligible employee and Calendar A for the 2025-26 school year.

STAFF/COMMITTEE REPORT

CTA member Kendra Asher said two art students applied for Missouri Fine Arts Academy. Middle School students completed the NoMOre Trash Can Design for a contest hosted by Missouri Department of Transportation. The students collaborated and the end result was awesome. The Ag officers prepared

breakfast for staff and it was a big hit. Mrs. Smith's Prostart students are preparing great food for staff to be able to order. Band is getting prepared for BRL and Band Trivia night will be March 22nd, 8 members per team for \$80 each, includes concession stand and silent auction. One band student applied for the Missouri Fine Arts Academy. ECHS JAG partnered with Ozark Federal Credit Union to put on a Financial Simulation for the entire High School student body. Davine Conover discussed the importance of financial literacy and shared an encouraging message to our students. After making connections last fall with Nation Guard recruiter, Caleb Parkin, JAG member Steven Way has officially joined the Missouri Army Nation Guard. We are very proud of him. Mrs. Newberry is completing mock trials in English 3 and the students have learned so much about using evidence to support opinions and finding biases.

The Board moved to enter into Executive session in accordance with Public Law, Section 610:.21 items 3, 6, 13 and 14 for a closed meeting to the extent authorized by law. Meeting recessed at 5:23 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Executive Board meeting was called to order by Board President Ben Thies at 6:53 p.m. in the Superintendent's office. The agenda was approved as presented. Executive Board minutes from January 28, 2025 were approved as presented. The Board approved Henry Etheridge as substitute teacher. The Board accept resignations from Deanna Conaway, Dillon Landewee, Melissa Colyott, Pat Brown and Morgan Shaffer. The Board approved to extend Matt Stahl, Corey Jameson, Keri Jameson, Veronica Hollis, Kacie Kendrick's contract for 2 years through the 2026-27 school year. The Executive meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.