

EAST CARTER COUNTY R-II SCHOOL DISTRICT

24 South Herren Avenue

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News Release; September 26, 2013: Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

EAST CARTER COUNTY R-II BOARD OF EDUCATION

SEPTEMBER 26, 2013

-REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING-

The Board President Andy Bowman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., in the East Carter Co. R-II Elementary Cafeteria. The following board members were present: John Walker, George Meyers, Andy Bowman, Ben Thies, Kerie Amsden and Mark Hampton. Board Member Rick Saffle was absent. Also present were the following: Superintendent Richard Sullivan, Elementary Principal Angie Bowman, Middle School Principal Theresa Kearbey, High School Principal Robert Eudaley, Secretary Linda Sandage; Danielle Sullivan, Special Services Director, Norma Enochs, Pauletta Walker, Janice Risby and Janet Hampton.

-SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT-

Superintendent Richard Sullivan started his report by telling the Board that the electric bill was almost ½ of what it was last year. PD 360 templates for administration use are ready for use with our teacher observations. Thanks to Ms. Kearbey for her efforts in getting our template designs organized for our District. David Bowman believes that if the ditches are cleaned from south of the gym over around behind the dumpsters it will help direct the runoff water away from the High School. He estimates cost would be \$2,000-\$3,000. We currently have one sub-bus driver and are advertising for this position. Thanks to Mr. Eudaley for coordinating our fall staff shirt order, he picked them up today, saving time and shipping costs. Tuesday evening Board President Andy Bowman and I attended the Interim House Education Committee meeting, held in Poplar Bluff. Many points of interest were addressed by area business persons and school superintendents. Concerns covered included the 'new' requirement for students to attain A+ status is to score Proficient or Advanced on the Algebra End of Course Exam (EOC). Also discussed was the impact on Districts whom have to work through teacher tenure cases. The panel also heard of the inability for rural students to access high speed internet at home. Without this access, students cannot work on projects at home with their parents or access on-line curriculum support. Also discussed was Representative Cookson's proposed uniform calendar which would require schools to start on or after the second Tuesday in September, and end the year by May 10. Mr. Sullivan thanked the Ozark Border Electric Company for sending the District copies of the 'Pioneers of Power'.

-MINUTES/BILLS-

The minutes of the August 22, 2013, Tax Rate Hearing and the Regular Board Meeting were approved. Bills were presented and approved for payment.

-NEW BUSINESS-

Superintendent Richard Sullivan presented a video presentation which was shown to the faculty October 11, 2013, Professional Development Day. The Alternative Education/At Risk Program Evaluation, Curriculum Program Evaluation, School Climate Program Evaluation and the Special Education Part B Compliance Plan were approved by the board. It was the consensus of the Board to go forward with purchasing a PA System for the FEMA Building. The Board directed the administration to look into Cross Country Running and what would be involved to add it to the Athletic Program next year. It was approved to let bids for 2014-15 Food Service. The Board approved to transfer \$33,566.27 from Fund 1 to Fund 4.

-STAFF/COMMITTEE REPORTS-

CTA President Norma Enochs reported that Patricia Burkett had applied and received a mini grant. She reported that MSTA will be having salary negotiation training.

Board Member Kerie Amsden reported that the Construction Committee had met this month and will be checking into options for construction.

High School Principal Robert Eudaley reported that the high school enrollment is 221 students; year to date attendance is 95.83%. As of today they have 76 students with perfect attendance. ACT results for East Carter Co. R-II were 22.2; state was 21.6. The EOC rewards will be presented in October. Mr. Eudaley reported that the high school gym floor is done and we will be hosting the OFC Baseball Tournament and the Softball Districts at TRCC on October 7-11, 2013. The Board toured the new high school gym floor.

-EXECUTIVE SESSION-

During executive session the Board approved Nikkie Salamone and Carlos Boyer to be substitute teachers for the 2013-14 year. The meeting adjourned at 9:56 p.m. The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be Thursday October 24, 2013, 6:30 p.m. in the elementary cafeteria at 24 South Herren Avenue, Ellsinore, MO.