

EAST CARTER COUNTY R-II SCHOOL

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EAST CARTER COUNTY R-II BOARD OF EDUCATION

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Board President James Gore called the meeting to order at 6:30 in the East Carter County R-II Elementary Cafeteria. The following Board members were present: James Gore, Jordan Collins, Stonie Croy, Ben Thies, Johnathan Collins, JoEllen Carter and John Walker. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Richard Sullivan, High School Principal Jon McKinney, Middle School Principal Theresa Kearbey, Elementary Principal Kacie Kendrick, Network Administrator Bill Lewis, Bookkeeper Jamie Shaffer, Board Secretary Kathey Dalton. Staff members in attendance were Dawn Hood, Jordan Penn and April VanWinkle, also in attendance Susie Fann, Kristin McCormic, Doug Scott and Jan Scott.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Sullivan said the electric bill was down \$252.59 this month from last year. Dr. Sullivan said with regards to the current COVID 19 situation, school is currently cancelled until April 6th. If there is a continuing public health risk, I expect to see widespread closures of school systems extended. Dr. Sullivan said there are concerns about graduation. Dr. Sullivan said he would like to see us hold a commencement ceremony at a time and place that can ensure safety for all, once this COVID 19 issue is behind us. Graduation may not be able to be held at the pre-determined date in May. Dr. Sullivan said that Ms. Fann of EC Custodial and himself had a lengthy discussion of disinfection of the school during this time. Beginning during Spring Break, she had multiple staff on-campus cleaning and sanitizing rooms, walls, and doorways. It is important for staff and patrons to limit their visits to the campus at this time of COVID 19 closure to ensure EC Custodial staff can keep up with and ahead of potentially contaminated surfaces, as there is not time to completely disinfect the entire campus and all surfaces daily. Dr. Sullivan stated that Ms. Price our OPAA director, the cafeteria workers, parents and volunteers have done an excellent job of making sure 2 meals a day available for a majority of our students from day one of our school closure. It is a constant struggle to maintain social distancing and still be able to provide food service for our children. The program served 126 children the first day, 244 Tuesday, 328 Wednesday and 385 on Thursday. This count is for each child, so the number of meals served is actually twice these numbers, as they receive a breakfast and lunch at the same time. All school functions and persons of groups using our facilities for meeting or activities are cancelled or postponed until COVID 19 clears. Dr. Sullivan said, by the same reasoning, staff and patrons should not

be on-campus unless it is for essential business to help curb the potential spread of COVID 19. Bills were discussed.

Minutes/Bills

The Board approved the February 27, 2020 Regular Board meeting minutes and the bills were approved for payment.

New Business

The Board approved to continue to issue payroll for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year as scheduled, regardless of the number of hours worked by any and all staff. Building Plans were discussed. The Board approved the donation of \$1,000 to Project Graduation, Master Calendar C was approved, Student Tutoring Program Evaluation, Title 1 Parent Involvement/Improving Academic Achievement and tentative dates for Summer school 2021 have been approved for May 26, 2020 thru June 19, 2020. The Board moved to set the Non-binding tax rate for Fund 1 at 2.7500, Fund 2 at 0.0000, Fund 3 at 0.0000 and Fund 4 at 0.0000. The Board accepted Chris Armstrong's resignation as Elementary teacher effective at the end of the school year and approved the transfer of \$104,842 from Fund 1 to Fund 4. No action was taken on Student Testing Incentives, April Board Meeting date or the Groundskeeper position.

Staff/Committee Reports

Jon McKinney said Prom went over without a hitch, the kids were well behaved. Mr. McKinney said that Ms Miller did a great job with project prom. Four buses were taken to St. Louis for project prom with no problems. Mr. McKinney said bus inspection went well, we did not receive 100% but did well with no buses out of service. Mr. McKinney thanked John Osborn, Tom Chaligoj, Judy Rice and Jim Rice for helping pull buses in and out for inspection. Mr. McKinney said Dawn Hood always does a good job with project graduation every year.

The Board moved to enter into Executive session in accordance with Public Law, Section 610:21 items 3, 13 and 14 for a closed meeting to the extent authorized by law. Meeting recessed at 7:32 p.m.

Executive Meeting

The Executive Meeting was called to order by Board President James Gore at 7:51 p.m. in the Elementary Library. The agenda was approved as presented. Executive Board minutes for February 26, 2020 were approved. The Board approved Jamie Bell as a Substitute Teacher and Jennifer Davis as substitute secretary. The Board approved to employ Kaley Thies as Middle School Science Teacher, Kristin McCormic as JAG Teacher and Melissa Jackson as an Elementary Teacher. The Board approved the re-hire of Lora Hanebrink as Elementary Teacher, Misty House as Elementary Teacher, Kaylea Mullen as Elementary Teacher, Ashlyn Saffle as Elementary Teacher, Pride Wilder as Music Teacher, Sara Wilder as Art Teacher, Kristie Bagwell as Middle School Teacher, Monique Gribbins as Middle School Teacher, Katrina Stromatt as Middle School Teacher, April VanWinkle as Middle School/High School Counselor, Jordan Penn as Middle School/High School Teacher, Angela Rodgers as Middle School/High School Teacher, Lana Cole as High School Teacher, John Osborn as Vo-Ag Teacher, Caleb Boyer as High School Teacher, Sara Newberry as High School Teacher, Daniel Miller as High School Teacher, Angela Pence as

High School Art Teacher, Amy Collins as Speech Pathologist, Dustie Collins as Special Education Teacher, Briana Epperson as Teacher and Roxana Salamone. The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.