

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 John Walker called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. in the East Carter Elementary Cafeteria. The following Board Members were present: John Walker, Rick Saffle, Curtis Crowley, Tracy Crowley and Mark Hampton. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Richard Sullivan, High School Principal Veronica Hollis, Middle School Principal Theresa Kearbey, Elementary Principal Kacie Kendrick, Special Services Director Danielle Sullivan, Board Secretary Kathey Dalton, staff members Kevin, Asberry, Mary Jo Bell, Jamie Baucom, Kris Whitaker, Suzie Vause, Norma Enochs, Laura Andrews, Sara Newberry, Pride Wilder, Sara Wilder, Ed Moore, Jordan Penn, Pauletta Walker, Levi McNeal, Katrina Stromatt, Alex West, Rae Jean Roach, Kristy Coursey and Bill Lewis. Also present were Susan Goldammer-MSBA, Steve and Toni McNeal, Mike Saffle, Jan and Doug Scott, Amber Sappington and Addison Wilder.

**Superintendents Report**

Dr. Sullivan reported that the school year has gotten off to a good start. The electric bill was up \$510.14 from last year, with the elementary and high school buildings going up the most. He also stated that enrollment is currently at 713 students for grades Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade and we ended last May with 707 students. DESE Communications sent out some results from the first Census Administration of the ACT, East Carter's Composite ACT score fell last year from 21.0 to 18.2. The Missouri's State Average also fell from 21.7 to 20.2. Mr. Catlett, District Auditor was on campus last Friday for the on-site portion of the District's Audit. Dr. Sullivan stated that the District has been notified we were approved for a grant to assist in the early replacement of two (2) school buses. The grant will reimburse \$32,000 to assist in replacing the buses. Bills were discussed.

## **Approval of Minutes**

The Board approved the July 28, 2016 and August 4, 2016 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Board bills were approved as presented.

## **New Business**

Susan Goldammer from the Missouri State Board Association was present for the Board of Education Professional Development. Tax Rate Hearing began at 6:15 with the Board utilizing Amendment 2 to set the General fund tax rate fund 1 at 2.7500, fund 2 was set at 0.0000, fund 3 was set at 0.0000 and fund 4 was set at 0.000.

New staff introductions were made, Mrs. Kendrick introduced Sara Wilder as the new Elementary Art Teacher. Mrs. Kearbey introduced Alex West as the Middle School Language Arts Teacher, Katrina Stromatt as Middle School Social Studies Teacher and Laura Andrews and Middle School Science Teacher. Mrs. Hollis introduced Ed Moore as High School Girls Head Basketball Coach, Middle School Girls Head Basketball Coach and Elementary Boys Head Basketball Coach, High School and Middle School Girls PE/Health Teacher, Levi McNeal as ISS Para Professional, Ray Jean Roach as High School Science Teacher, Kevin Asberry as High School and Middle School Guidance Counselor, Jordan Penn as High School Head Boys Basketball Coach, Middle School Head Boys Basketball Coach, High School and Middle School Boys PE/Health Teacher and Athletic Director, and Kris Whitaker as High School and Middle School Industrial Arts Teacher and Middle School Assistant Boys Basketball Coach.

The Board approved the ASBR, Kathey Dalton was appointed as Custodian of Records and the Local IDEA Compliance Plan was approved. The Board accepted Kristie Orchard's resignation as Assistant Cross Country Coach and the Policy Meeting date was set for Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Superintendent's office. The Board approved the transfer of \$9064.12 from Fund 1 to Fund 4. The FBLA Career Day trip on September 14th to St. Louis was approved with the use of 1 bus and driver if available with a September 8<sup>th</sup> deadline. Sponsors are planning to have 25 to 30 students attending. Administrators, Athletic Director and Coaches are to meet to review and revise the Athletic Handbook and return it to the Board for approval. Theresa Kearbey stated that she would like to know what needs to be worked on. Veronica Hollis said that all suggestions need to be highlighted in the handbook. Rick Saffle would like administration to have a bigger role on what goes out to the public. Dr. Sullivan stated that any student who has concerns about the athletic handbook need to meet with Administration and Coaches to address any issues.

### **Public Comment:**

Mike Saffle talked to the Board concerning the Athletic Handbook. He said he thought parents should be notified of any problems the coaches may have with their student before they were dismissed from the team. He was concerned that if the handbook agreement page was not signed by the athlete that he/she would not be eligible to play. Doug Scott also spoke to the Board concerning the Athletic Handbook. He believes that the handbook needs to be revised concerning students who are involved in 2 sports that have conflicting practice and game days. Steve McNeal expressed his disappointment with the Board over decisions they have made. He believes they need to look at the decisions they make a little closer and see the effect it has on individuals. He stated they need to make a decision and stick with that decision. John Walker stated that if anyone ever had questions on how the Board Member stand, he recommended they ask for a copy of the Board minutes.

### **Staff/Committee Reports**

Theresa Kearbey stated that the school year started out good. Currently we have 161 students enrolled in the Middle School which is down 12 students from last year. She stated that she has 3 new teachers and that their training was done before school started. Veronica Hollis stated that the High School was off to a good start. Kacie Kendrick reported that they have started implementing the Write Steps writing curriculum K-5 grades, Walk to Read K-4 grades and Walk to Math 3<sup>rd</sup> grade with math push in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. Art Contest winner: "Creative Patriotic Art Contest" sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary at the VFW in Poplar Bluff, had a dinner on 8/15/16. The state winners were, Kenzie Carter, Calliegh Miller, Toby Eudaley, Dalton Rudd, and Liberty Scott. These students were awarded monetary prizes except for Liberty who earned the trip to Washington D.C. Mrs. Kendrick said that Norma Enochs has worked hard and had the Book Closet organized and ready to go.

The Board moved to enter into executive session in accordance with Public Law, Section 610:21 items 1, 3, 13 and 14 for closed meeting to the extent authorized by law; Meeting recessed at 7:29 p.m.

### **Executive Session**

Meeting was called to order by Board President John Walker at 7:50 p.m. in the Superintendent's office. The agenda was approved as presented. Executive Board minutes from July 28, 2016 were approved, August 4, 2016 Executive Board minutes were approved. Staff and Parents met with the Board. Judy Rice, JoNeil Siefert, Danielle Alexander, Tammy Neidenberg and Danika Emery were approved as substitute teachers, Robbie Bradshaw was approved as a substitute secretary. Robbie Bradshaw as employed as a bus driver.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

