

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 Ben Thies called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the East Carter County R-II Elementary Cafeteria. The following Board members were present: Ben Thies, Jordan Collins, Stonie Croy, Becky Fischer, Johnathan Collins and John Walker. JoEllen Carter was not in attendance. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Richard Sullivan, High School Principal Jon McKinney, Middle School Principal Theresa Kearbey, Elementary Principal Kacie Kendrick, SpEd Director Veronica Hollis, Network Administrator Bill Lewis, Curriculum Director Jesse Cupp, Bookkeeper Jamie Shaffer, Board Secretary Kathey Dalton, staff members Kendra Asher, John Osborn, Becky Tindall, Daniel Baucom, Ladeana Crowley and Kristie Orchard. Also in attendance Gracie Baucom, Susie Fann, Sally Stahl, Mandy Gore, Karen White CEO Highland Healthcare, Julie O'Neal CFO Highland Healthcare, Dr. Tammy Lindsay Medical Director Highland Healthcare, and Amy Baldridge Clinical Director Highland Healthcare.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Sullivan reported the electric bill was up \$249.02 from this time last year. Our elementary basketball program is well underway. Congratulations to our High School Cheerleaders for winning a 1st place State Championship. Dr. Sullivan said with the Governor's release of funds, our state payment this month was up about \$20,000 from last year. Our previous state aid payments have been averaging about \$30,000 less per month this fiscal year. With additional monies reportedly to be released in the remaining months of FY'21, we should not finish the year as far in the red as previously projected. Bills were discussed.

Minutes/Bills

The Board approved the February 4, 2021 Special Board Meeting and the February 27, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes. Bills were approved as presented for payment.

New Business

The Board did not approve to pursue the Grant for the Health Clinic to be placed on our Campus. The Board approved the FFA Convention Trip with the District providing transportation and driver and meals for chaperones. The Board approved the Jr. Beta National Convention with the district providing transportation and driver, registration, lodging and meals for sponsors and bus drivers. The Board approved Project Graduation trip with the District providing transportation, driver and a donation of

\$1000 with the understanding that this is not a school sponsored event. The Board approved the MAP incentives and to revise Fiscal 2021 Master Calendar that will make the last day of school May 24, 2021. The Board approved Calendar C for Fiscal 2022 and to increase staff health benefit contribution from the District from \$650 to \$750 per month and salary schedules and salary step FY 2022. The Board approved the Student Tutoring Program Evaluation, Title 1 Parent Involvement/Improving Academic Achievement Program Evaluation and set tentative dates for Summer School 2021 for June 1 thru June 25, 2021. 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 resignations from Lana Cole as Family and Consumer Science Teacher and Linda Casey as 6th Grade Teacher effective at the end of the 2020-21 school year and approved the transfer of \$4,560 from Fund 1 to Fund 4 and approved the letting of bids for buses including a bid for an electric bus.

Staff/Committee Reports

CTA President Daniel Baucom thanked the Board on behalf of the staff. He said staff will be very happy. Middle School Principal Theresa Kearbey said we had 3 students try out for choir. Mrs. Kearbey said that softball and baseball games have started. She said Mr. Cupp has met with teachers and have gone over ELA to see what needs to be worked on. Mrs. Kearbey said that we have received another check from STEM Grant for our Science department which will allow them to renew our subscription and purchase some items for hands-on learning. Curriculum Director Jesse Cupp said local area curriculum directors will have a meeting here at East Carter on April 1st. iReady EOY diagnostic window closed. Initial student motivation strategies are having an impact on student progress. High School mathematics curriculum review is underway. Mr. Cupp said final curriculum walk-throughs and formation of curriculum summative evaluations are completed on all non-tenured teachers. SpEd Director Veronica Hollis said Special Olympics will be held in Poplar Bluff this year on April 16th and our new head coach will be Dustie Collins. High School Principal Jon McKinney said ball teams are in full swing. Big 3 all-star games will be this weekend. Mr. McKinney said staff and students are preparing for EOC testing starting next month. High School staff are finishing up their 3rd quarter data review meetings this week, Missouri State Highway Patrol bus inspections are next week and FFA will wrap up their district contest this Saturday, JAG state contest will be held next month virtually. Elementary Principal Kacie Kendrick said they made at least \$8,000 with cookie dough sales.

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 8:22 p.m.

Executive Meeting

The Executive meeting was called to order by Board President Ben Thies at 8:51 p.m. in the Central Office. The agenda was approved as presented. Executive Board minutes from February 25, 2021 were approved. The Board approved Liberty Scott, Morgan Bales and Alexis Nippe as substitute teachers. The Board approved the re-hire of Lora Hanebrink as elementary teacher, Misty House as Elementary Teacher, Pride Wilder as Music Teacher, Sara Wilder as Art Teacher, Kristie Bagwell as Middle School Math Teacher, Monique as Middle School Reading/Language Teacher, Katriana Stromatt as Middle School Social Studies Teacher, Angela Rodgers as Middle School/High School PE/Health and Coach, Kaley Thies as Middle School Science Teacher and Kristin Penn as Middle School/High School JAG

Teacher for the 2021-22 school year. The Board approved the re-hire of Caleb Ethan Boyer as High School Social Studies and Head Baseball Coach, John Osborn as Vo-Ag Teacher, Angela Pence as High School Art Teacher, Hattie Shepherd as High School Language Arts and Head Cross Country Coach, April Van Winkle as Middle School/High School Counselor, Amy Collins as Speech Pathologist, Dustie Collins as Special Education Teacher and Briana Epperson as Early Childhood Teacher for the 2021-22 school year. The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 p.m.