

EAST CARTER COUNTY R-II SCHOOLS

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EAST CARTER COUNTY R-II BOARD OF EDUCATION

SEPTEMBER 24, 2020

REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board President Ben Thies called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the East Carter Elementary Cafeteria. The following Board members were present: Ben Thies, Jordan Collins, Johnathan Collins, Becky Fischer, JoEllen Carter and John Walker. Stonie Croy 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 Jessie Cupp, Bookkeeper Jamie Shaffer and Board Secretary Kathey Dalton. Also present Briana Epperson, April VanWinkle, Connie Hensley, Hailey Kirkman, Kristin Penn, Daniel Baucom, Angela Rodgers, Kirstie Orchard, Ladeana Crowley, Susie Fann, Sally Stahl, Courtney Walker, Cassidy Sullivan, Payton Dobbs, Elizabeth Larkin and Teresa Smith (JAG).

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Dr. Sullivan said the electric bill was down \$1,302.33 from this time last year. Fall sports are going well and students are competing strongly. Bills were discussed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES/BILLS

The Board approve the August 27, 2020 Regular Board minutes, August 31, 2020 Special Board Meeting (morning), August 31, 2020 Special Board Meeting (evening) minutes. Bills were approved as presented

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

NEW BUSINESS

Teresa Smith (JAG) presented the 5 of 5 award to Kristin Penn and the JAG Program. The Board approved the Annual Secretary of the Board Report (ASBAR), ECC Missouri Course Assess Program Guidelines (MOCAP), Alternative Education/At Risk Program Evaluation, Curriculum Program Evaluation and School Climate Program Evaluation with climate survey and monthly updates through 2020. The Board approved if a staff member qualifies for COVID-19 related leave, they are to receive their full rate of pay for the initial 10 days. This is in effect for the 2020-21 school year to go along with the Family

First Corona Virus Protection Act (FFCRA). The Board approved March 13, 2020 for Prom at the Westwood Center in Poplar Bluff and accepted Tim White's resignation as Ala' Carte point of sale. The Board approved the 2020-A MSBA Policy Updates as amended in the policy meeting.

#### STAFF /COMMITTEE REPORTS

CTA President, Daniel Baucom said everyone is doing the best they can. Jessie Cupp updated the Board on the meeting between himself, teachers and principals over the last couple of months. Ladeana Crowley said they are learning new stuff every day. She said they are busy working on COVID-19 paperwork. Kacie Kendrick introduced elementary teacher Hailey Kirkman and Connie Hensley. Mrs. Kendrick said the playground equipment has been delivered. She said that they have discontinued the rewards program because it would involve too many students and parents together at one time. Mrs. Kendrick said we would still be doing the Student of the month program but will not invite parents. She said they would be taking pictures of the Students with their t-shirts. Mrs. Kendrick thanked the Board for allowing Elementary Cross Country and said the kids are doing great. She said we have a 4<sup>th</sup> grade student who has improved his time by 4 minutes. She said Tyler Owen set up the meet here in Ellsinore and Coach Pen bragged on the job Tyler is doing. Ben Thies said we have an elementary student who ran a 5.47 mile. Veronica Hollis said Special Services is off to a great start. She said she has been in all of the classrooms a few times to see our students and staff doing some awesome projects and assignments. Ms. Hollis said the Tiffney Smith, our Regional DESE Special Education Compliance support person, has been in the office a few times for some inner office training and may be offering some free training to our Special Services teachers in the coming months. Ms. Hollis said she met with Paul D'Amico, Pre-Employment Transition Services Specialist with the College of Education, University of Missouri, and DESE's Robin Thomas from Vocation Rehabilitation to go over and sign our Transition Partnership Planning Tool with the state. This plan helps our kids with vocational rehabilitation with things such as transition fares, post-secondary training job exploration, and job shadowing just to name a few. Mr. D'Amico meets with some out our students throughout the year and helps them with career planning, even helping some of them secure employment. Ms Hollis said she is very pleased with the beginning of school.

The Board moved to enter into Executive session in accordance with Public Law, Section 610:021 Items 1, 3, 13 and 14 for a closed meeting to the extent authorized.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Executive meeting was called to order by Board President Ben Thies at 9:34 p.m. in Elementary room 5. The agenda was approved as presented. Executive Board minutes for August 27, 2020 and August 31, 2020 Special Board Meeting were approved as presented . The Substitute Teacher list was approved as presented. The meeting was adjourned at 10:01 p.m.