

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

Susan Goldammer from MSBA was present for the MSBA Professional Development Training starting at 5:00 p.m. Discussion was held with Board Members John Walker, Rick Saffle, Glenn Crook and Superintendent Dr. Richard Sullivan. Also present were Jamie Shaffer, Kathey Dalton and Bill Lewis.

Board President John Walker called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. in the elementary cafeteria. The following Board members were present; John Walker, Rick Saffle, Glenn Crook, Tracy Crowley and David Kearbey. Curtis Crowley and Mark Hampton were absent. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Richard Sullivan, Board Secretary Kathey Dalton, Bookkeeper Jamie Shaffer, Elementary Principal Kacie Kendrick, Middle School Principal Theresa Kearbey, High School Principal Veronica Hollis, Special Services Director Danielle Sullivan, staff members Bill Lewis, Pauletta Walker and Suzie Vause. Also present were Susan Goldammer- MSBA, John Foster, Rebecca Foster, William McDowell, Sandy McDowell, Almitta Brooks, Susan Boyer, Delores Million, David Million, Sharon Murphy, Bernita Phelps, Rhonda O'Dell, Jennifer Hicks, Junior Tipton, Doug Scott, Jan Scott and Connor Hollis.

Superintendents Report

Dr. Sullivan reported that the electric bill was up \$659.72 from last year. He stated that our staff recently participated in the annual Black River League Professional Development Day with Keynote Speaker, Department Level Breakout Sessions, and a presentation by representatives of PSRS and PEERS regarding staff retirement planning. Our Maintenance and Building Trades program have re-roofed the Nurse's trailer and mortared around all of the Music Building's windows. The new gate and fence has been painted between the Middle School and the Shop Building and the new frame and doors have been installed in the Middle School. Dr. Sullivan said that article written by Roger McKinney of the Columbia Tribune reported Governor Nixon has cut \$57.2 million due to the Missouri General Assembly's override of vetoed tax breaks. Of

the cuts, the article indicates \$16.5 million is to come from school transportation, \$6 million from school foundation formula, and Prop C by \$1.9 million. Bills were discussed.

Public Comment

William McDowell stated that the religious community appreciated our school, Administration, Staff and School Board. Mr. McDowell presented the Board with a copied page from a book that was currently being used in a class room, and believes it is degrading to women, among other concerns. He suggested that the book be taken out of the classroom, and that another assignment such as a book report etc. could be given instead of reading this book.

John Foster said he felt there was no educational benefit to students reading this book. Times have changed he said but it is time to change them back.

Doug Scott stated that he had more questions than comments. He ask where we are at on the Athletic handbook? How long before we finish the Handbook? Dismissal after team season is over, what does that mean? Who mandated the dismissal statement on the athletic player contract? He said he would accept a list of names.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes for the Tax Rate Hearing and the August 25, 2016 regular Board Minutes were approved. Board Bills were approved as presented.

New Business

The Early Bus Replacement Grant and the Early School Bus Replacement Resolution were approved and the Board authorized the letting of bus bids. The Alternative Education/At Risk evaluation and School Climate Program Evaluation were approved. Danielle Sullivan updated the Board on the ECSE Program. Prom location is to be discussed at a later date. There were no resignations at this time. No Fund 1 to Fund 4 transfer at this time. The Board approved the 2016B MSBA Policy updates AFA, BBFA, CGC, DD, DG, DID, DIE, DJF, DJFA, DLCA and GBCA as presented. Policy Meeting was set for Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. in the Superintendent's Office. Athletic handbook was discussed.

Old Business

None

Staff/Committee Reports

Theresa Kearbey talked about the new doors in the Middle School building, she said they look very nice and the building is easier to secure. She reported that she is looking at the preliminary Middle School MAP data and will be working to dig into the data to see areas of weakness. Middle School students are taking advantage of tutoring after school, with anywhere from 10 to 20 students attending each evening. Kacie Kendrick stated that Mrs. Sara Wilder will be teaching art grades K-8 grade this year. She reported that we had several winning entries in the Creative Patriotic Art Contest sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary from VFW in Poplar Bluff. The winners were honored at the dinner on August 15th, they were Rebecca Musser 1st place, Cherokee Sparks 2nd place, Maya Henderson 3rd place and Lauren Ladyman 4th place. She also congratulated the winning entries in the state competition for the Amvets Flag Coloring, Poster, and Essay Contest. These students were honored at a dinner on August 1st at the Amvets Post in Poplar Bluff. The state winners were Kenzie Carter, Calleigh Miller, Toby Eudaley, Dalton Rudd and Liberty Scott. Students were awarded monetary prizes except for Liberty who earned a trip to Washington DC.

The Board moved to enter into executive session in accordance with Public Law, Section 610:21 items 3, 11, and 13 for closed meeting to the extent authorized by law; Meeting recessed at 7:50 p.m.

Executive Session

Meeting was called to order by Board President John Walker at 8:02 p.m. in the Superintendent's office. The agenda was approved as presented. Executive Board minutes from August 25, 2016 were approved. Lora Foust was approved as substitute teacher, Johnathan Collins was approved as a substitute bus driver and Curtis Crowley was approved as a volunteer bus driver and will receive no pay. The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.