

EAST CARTER COUNTY R-II SCHOOLS

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News Release: April 23, 2020: Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

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 6:34 p.m. 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, SpEd Director Danielle Sullivan, Network Administrator Bill Lewis, Bookkeeper Jamie Shaffer and Board Secretary Kathey Dalton, staff members Jordan Penn, Kristin McCormic, and April VanWinkle. Also in attendance Olivia Price (OPAA), Becky Fischer, Doug Scott and Jan Scott.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Sullivan reported the electric bill was down \$1,275.81 from this month last year. Dr. Sullivan said with regular school attendance being cancelled for the rest of the year, many may wonder about why we haven't collected books for the year. We are still 'in-session' until May 15th, per the district calendar after extending one day due to closing school for the Softball Final Four. This is why we are still offering supplemental educational opportunities for our students. Dr. Sullivan said he has received multiple communications from various levels of the State Department reminding us that we are expected to complete our district calendar and provide instruction to the best of our ability. With regards to completing our school calendar we have been informed, 'Failure to do so will result in loss of all state aide for the 2019-20 school year'. Dr. Sullivan said he met with administration on Monday to discuss various strategies to complete in school year, offer supplemental instruction and how to effectively close school at the regular time in May. Dr. Sullivan said he plans to put the senior's names on the sign, after the graduation list is finalized. MSHSAA has announced the summertime dead period and limits on contact optional for 2020. This option will still be dependent upon approval from local and state health officials. Missouri has awarded \$3 million dollars to improve broadband internet access. The closest any of these monies appear to have been awarded is in Ripley County. Hopefully students at the southern end of our district may see improved internet service. Dr. Sullivan said our food service program continues to serve a great number of young people, they are serving hundreds of meals daily. We would like to thank OPAA and our volunteers for helping to feed so many during this time. Dr. Sullivan said he has been notified by Dr. Jackson, our area Supervisor, the National Guard is ready to help with our food service and delivery if the need arises. We would like to thank them for their offer to

help support our families during the COVID 19 event. On April 20, Governor Mike Parsons announced he will be holding approximately \$47.2 million dollars from this year's budget, approximately \$23.6 million dollars are to be withheld from k-12 education. While we do not yet know the exact dollar amount to be withheld from East Carter, the approximate numbers statewide breakdown is: Supplemental Appropriation- \$15.8 million, Transportation- \$7.1 million (est. 2.4% reduction), K-3 Reading Assessment-\$166,141 (waived end of year testing), Missouri Scholars/Fine Arts- \$266,750 (cancelled academies for 2020), and Missouri Pre-School Report- \$200,000 (pilot activities which could not take place). Bills were discussed.

Approval of Minutes/Bills

The Board approved the March 26, 2020 Regular Board Minutes and bills were approved as presented.

New Business

Covid 19 was a discussion piece only, no action taken. High School Graduation date has been re-scheduled for June 5, 2020, and the Board approved the reallocation of staff to fill a secretarial position in the Counselor's office. The Board approved the Middle School MSHSAA Affiliate status, OPAA Food Service Addendum/Extension FY'21, and OPAA Summer School Food Service Addendum. The Board approved to advance staff members on the appropriate salary schedule for years of service for the 2020-21 school year, new salary schedule for 2020-21 school year including the associated raises for the various positions and to increase the Board-Paid portion of the health-care plans by \$100/month/eligible employees from \$550/month to \$650/month. The Board approved the MSIP Program Evaluation and appointed, Middle School Principal as District Federal Programs Coordinator for Fiscal 2021, to amend Board Policy AC to reflect appointment of the Elementary Principal as District Discrimination/Harassment Compliance Officer for Fiscal 2021, and to appoint Middle School Principal as 1st Alternate and High School Principal as 2nd Alternate District Officer for Fiscal 2020. The Board accepted resignations from Beth O'Dell as High School Math Teacher, Jordan Penn as Middle School Head Baseball Coach, Courtney Duckett as Middle School Assistant Softball Coach, Kurt Penn as Special Education Paraprofessional, High School Boys Basketball Assistant Coach, Middle School Boys Basketball Assistant Coach, Elementary Boys Basketball Head Coach and High School Cross Country Assistant Coach, and Traci Reinbott's resignation as Curriculum Director/Technology Integrator.

Old Business

None

Staff/Committee Reports

Theresa Kearbey said the Current Local will be running short stories this week and next week that were written by East Carter Middle School students.

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 8:06 p.m.

Executive Meeting

The Executive Board meeting was called to order by Board President James Gore at 8:35 p.m. in the Elementary Library. The Agenda was approved as presented. Executive Board minutes for the March 26, 2020 were approved. The Board approved to hire Jesse Cupp as Curriculum Director/Technology Integrator and Veronica Hollis as Special Education Director. The Board approved Caleb Boyer as High School Head Baseball Coach, Jordan Penn as High School Boy Head Basketball Coach, Tasha Thies as High School Cheerleading Coach, Angela Rodgers as High School Girls Head Basketball Coach, Alan Kearbey as High School Girls Assistant Coach, Teresa Kearbey as High School Head Softball Coach, Jason Moore as High School Assistant Softball Coach, Jordan Penn as Athletic Director, Kelly Hampton as Middle School Assistant Baseball Coach, Jordan Penn as Middle School Head Boys Basketball Coach, Kristin McCormic as Middle School Cheer Coach, Angela Rodgers as Middle School Head Girls Basketball Coach, Alan Kearbey as Middle School Assistant Girls Basketball Coach, Kristin McCormic as Middle School Head Softball Coach, Heather Shell as Middle School Assistant Softball Coach, Heather Shell as Head Middle School Cross Country Coach, Tyler Owen as Assistant Middle School Cross Country Coach, Jordan Penn as Elementary Head Boys Basketball Coach, Tyler Owen as Elementary Assistant Boys Basketball Coach, Martha Price Elementary Head Cheerleading Coach, Ebby Miller as Elementary Assistant Cheerleading Coach, Angela Rodgers as Elementary Head Girls Basketball Coach, Alan Kearbey as Elementary Assistant Girls Basketball Coach, Tyler Owen as Elementary Head Cross Country Coach, and Ebby Miller as Elementary Assistant Cross Country Coach. The meeting was adjourned at 10:13 p.m.