

EAST CARTER COUNTY R-II SCHOOLS

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News Release: September 24, 2015 : Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

EAST CARTER COUNTY R-II BOARD OF EDUCATION

SEPTEMBER 24, 2015

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The Board of Education President John Walker 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: John Walker, Rick Saffle, Glenn Crook, Curtis Crowley, Mark Hampton and David Kearbey. Tracy Crowley was not in Attendance. 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 and Board Secretary Kathey Dalton. Staff members: Jamie Shaffer, Janet Hampton, Jamie Stinson and David Bowman.

Dr. Sullivan reported that the electric bill for the month of August was down \$1,100.00. On September 14th, 15th and 16th our staff participated in SLO training as well as Black River League training. The new bus chute is working out well, the black top that was added is helping make the area much cleaner. The drug dogs made a search of the High School, it was a clean sweep with nothing found.

Minutes/Bills

The Board approved the August 27, 2015 board minutes. Bills were approved for payment as presented.

New Business

Dr. Sullivan discussed the SLO training held at East Carter for Staff on Monday and Tuesday September 14th and 15th, 2015 and the Black River League Professional Development meeting at Van Buren held on Wednesday, September 16th, 2015. The following program evaluations were approved by the Board; Alternative Education/At Risk, Curriculum Program, School Climate Program and Title I Parent Involvement Plan. There were no resignations. The Policy Committee meeting has been set for October 20th at 5 p.m. in the Superintendent's office. David Bowman discussed possibly putting an awning between the Elementary Gym and the Band and Music Room. The Board approved getting bids for an architect to take a look at the site.

Old Business

Dr. Sullivan presented an overview of the potential of building a Middle School using land already acquired by the school. He talked about implementing more security with doors that would require students, staff and vendors to be buzzed in. There would be a walkway between buildings, gym and concession stand that would help with tournaments, an elevator would be added so students and staff would not have to drive around the High School in order to access the High School from the upper parking lot. Classrooms would have more storage by adding a closet in each room. The playground would be moved into a courtyard- like setting to keep students in a more enclosed space.

Staff Reports

Ms. Hollis reported that the ACT and EOC scores for High School are close to Benchmark for College and Career Readiness, expect to see improvements this year. American History and Science give bonus points for any area we may be slack in. 76 students received proficient and advanced with 177 rewards total were given. Ms Hollis also presented to the Board a program that Van Buren School is currently involved in call Lending a Hand, it can help provide cancer patients with gas cards as well as help with prescriptions. Ms. Hollis plans to gather more information. Mrs. Kendrick reported that the Elementary students are involved in a contest called Sum Dog, Southeast Missouri Math Contest. 56 classes from southeast Missouri entered the contest. We had 7 of the top 10 classes with Mrs. Smith #1, Mrs. Thompson #2, Mrs. Mullen #3, Mrs. Moore #5, Mrs. Owen #7, Mrs. Sievers #8 and Mrs. Miller #9. We also had 3 of the top 10

students, Brenden Reynolds #4, Alex Arnold #7 and Karla Ochoa #10. Mrs. Mullen had the highest average for a class on September 11th and Mrs. Thompson had the highest average for a class on September 17th. The 3rd grade teachers are implementing a Walk to Read program which allows the students to not stay in their homeroom but to go to another class that would serve that students needs more efficiently. Letters will also be sent to parents regarding this program.

The Board voted to adjourn the regular session board meeting. The Board President stated the Board would now recess to executive session in accordance with Public Law, Section 610.021,3,13 and 14 for closed meeting to extend authorized by law.

Closed Session

Alicia Ellis, Jerriet Nicholas and Stephanie Thompson were approved as a Substitute Teachers The Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.