

EAST CARTER COUNTY R-II SCHOOL

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TAX RATE HEARING AND REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Board President James Gore called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. in the East Carter County Elementary Cafeteria. The following Board members were present: James Gore, Jordan Collins, Stonie Croy, Ben Thies, Johnathan Collins, JoEllen Carter. John Walker 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 Danielle Sullivan, Network Administrator Bill Lewis, Bookkeeper Jamie Shaffer and Board Secretary Kathey Dalton. Staff members in attendance, Jordan Penn, Teresa Kearbey, Kelly Saffle, Christy Moore, Dustie Collins, Katie Miller, Shane Robertson, David Kingston, Lana Cole, April Van Winkle and Jason Moore. Also in attendance Susie Fann, Sally Stahl, Doug Scott, Jan Scott, Naomi Crowley, Hailey Croy and Hailey Brown.

Superintendents Report

Dr. Sullivan reported the electric bill was down \$318.54 from this month last year. Dr. Sullivan stated that school is up and running well. He said that we have replaced the ice machine in the elementary cafeteria this summer as well as replacing 6 HVAC units before school started and another one this week and significant repair to the HVAC in the FEMA Building. Dr. Sullivan said that representatives from the iDS architect team met this week with internal building committee members. He said it was a productive meeting regarding district needs and desires and there will be a follow-up discussion. Dr. Sullivan stated that the meeting revealed we most likely will not be able to afford to completely replace the elementary building. New facilities for various grade levels were discussed and hopefully iDS will have an updated rendering for our remote meeting. Dr. Sullivan said he would like to thank everyone for their extra work getting school ready to open. Bills were discussed.

Minutes/Bills

The Board approved the July 25, 2019 Regular Board meeting minutes, bill were approved for payment as presented.

New Business

The Tax Rate Hearing was held in the Elementary Cafeteria prior to the Regular Board Meeting. The Board by utilization of Amendment 2 set General Fund Tax Rate of Fund 1 at \$2.7500, set Special Fund Tax Rate of Fund 2 at \$0.0000, set Debt Service Fund Rate of Fund 3 at \$0.0000, and t set Capital Projects Fund Tax Rate of Fund 4 at \$0.0000. New staff members David Kingston (Maintenance), Shane Robertson (Bus Mechanic), Dustie Collins (Special Education Teacher), April Van Winkle (Middle School/High School Counselor), and Lana Cole (FACS Teacher) introduced themselves to the Board and Administration. The Board approved Kathey Dalton as Custodian of Records, IDEA Compliance Plan and accepted Donna Cates resignation as a Paraprofessional. The Board approved the AIMS trips to St. Louis on December 3, 2019 and April 28, 2020 with the use of bus and driver. Dr. Sullivan discussed procedure EF-AP1 and the \$20 lunch charge procedure for students. The Board approved the MSBA Policy Updates 2019B with the exception of Policy JHC, which was tabled for a later date. The Board approved the Softball trip to Jefferson City for September 20 and 21, 2019 with the use of bus and driver cost. The Board discussed Electronic Board Meeting Documents. High School Principal Jon McKinney said he has visited with the Counselor for Clearwater School concerning top 10 criteria. He said that their Counselor said they have no guidelines and all classes have the same weight. Mr. McKinney said that Clearwater and East Carter are the only schools around without weighted classes and Clearwater has not had any issues. Jordan Collins asked if graduation requirements were in the student handbook and suggested students may be required to take dual credit classes to meet criteria. Mr. Collins said he would like to see the college grades be transferred to our grading scale.

Staff/Committee Reports

Middle School Principal Theresa Kearbey said the Chrome Book deployment went well with 2 days designated before school for staff to help with deployment. Mrs. Kearbey said she only had 15 students that had not picked up their chrome books by the first day of school. Mrs. Kearbey said the new middle school cross-country team has a lot of students participating and students are really enjoying it.

High School Principal Jon McKinney said that this year's school opening has been very smooth with the biggest turn out at the open house that he has seen. Mr. McKinney said that the bus drivers attended an active shooter training with different driving scenarios at Clearwater and thanked Dr. Sullivan for allowing them to attend. Mr. McKinney thanked Cynthia Stucker and Lisa Saffle for helping with Chrome book deployment. Mr. McKinney said the new staff members were a great fit and thanked them for coming in weeks before school to prepare their room and do what they needed to do to be ready for school opening.

Danielle Sullivan said that several staff members have attended a math improvement training in Cape Girardeau and are planning on a monthly meeting for positive improvement.

Dr. Sullivan thanked Bill Lewis for all his hard work making sure Chrome book deployment went smoothly. Dr. Sullivan said several other school have called and asked how we were handling our Chrome book deployment. Dr. Sullivan thanked the Board for all their support with chrome books.

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 7:11 p.m.

Executive Meeting

The Executive meeting was called to order by Board President James Gore at 7:36 p.m. The Board approved the July 25, 2019 Executive Session Board Meeting Minutes. The Board approved the substitute teacher list as presented and to employ Heather Shell as a Para Professional. The Meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.