

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

Board President John Walker called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the East Carter Elementary Cafeteria. The following Board Members were present: John Walker, Rick Saffle, Curtis Crowley, Glenn Crook, Tracy Crowley, Mark Hampton and David Kearbey. 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, Board Secretary Kathey Dalton, Bookkeeper Jamie Shaffer, and staff members, Bill Lewis, Norma Enochs, Pauletta Walker and Teresa Kearbey. Also present were Doug and Jan Scott.

**Superintendents Report**

Dr. Sullivan reported the electric bill is down \$40.31 for the month from last year, and energy conservation measures saved the district \$8104.76 on electric bills for 2015-16 from 2014-15. The district has received a certificate and decals recognizing our spring bus inspection achieving 90% or greater approval rating. Dr. Sullivan stated that we are applying for a grant to help early replacement of 2 school buses, there is a maximum of \$16,000 available for each one. It appears funds will be quite limited. The new district tractor has been delivered and was in use the first week. The tractor/loader/bucket/pallet forks and box blade have all be needed to help with summer projects and campus maintenance. He stated that most of the projects slated for the summer are complete. Some of the bigger ones really can't be seen, there have been underground culverts placed beside the drive going to the Nurse's Trailer and Loading Dock, as well as in the upper parking lot. Part of the subfloors in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade has been replaced and new flooring installed and walls painted, the awning supports around the elementary and middle schools have been scraped, rust neutralized and re-painted. This has really improved the appearance of the walkways. Our technology department has migrated the data on 14 servers, re-imaged over 300 desktops, installed Windows 10 on over 300 desktops and

performed maintenance on approximately 700 Chromebooks. They have also re-installed computers in classrooms after summer maintenance, and upgraded memory in desktops as needed for Windows 10. Dr. Sullivan reported that our students performed very well at National Jr./Sr. Beta Convention and the High School Cheerleaders attended their Regional Competition this month. Bills were discussed.

### **Minutes/Bills**

The Board approved the June 23, 2016 Board meeting minutes. The bills were approved for payment as presented.

### **New Business**

No Public Comment made at this time. School Supply lists were discussed, Rick Saffle said he would like to look into buying school supplies in bulk for the students. Elementary Principal Kacie Kendrick said that \$100. for each teacher is not enough money to buy supplies for their classroom, High School Principal Veronica Hollis stated that Van Buren Youth Center had a back to school fair. LP Propane bids were opened and the bid was awarded to MFA Oil for 99 cents per gallon. Asphalt bids were opened, the bid was awarded to Robertson's Asphalt in the amount of \$24,000. Vending/Beverage bids were opened, the bid was awarded to Pepsi with a 7 year contract.

The Board appointed the Maintenance Director as the districts asbestos management contact, and to adopt Board Resolution relevant to RSMo.165.11, which authorizes the Superintendent to transfer funds from the Incidental Fund to the Capital Projects Fund in an amount not to exceed that allowed by law for the purpose of completing necessary repairs to building and grounds during the 2016-17 school year. The Faculty/Staff hand book for the 2016-17 school year was approved as presented. The tuition rate for the 2016-17 school year (fiscal '17) was approved at \$8,500 per year, with 50% due prior to the first calendar day of semester one, 50% due prior to the first calendar day of semester two; all rates are to be pro-rated according to date of enrollment when re-enrollment does not coincide with beginning semester dates. The Board approved to re-adopt the Conflict of Interest Ordinance, and to implement the recommendation of the State Technology Audit to the school district information systems, and to create relevant policy and procedures. On-Line/Web Credit classes, no action taken. The Board approved the MSBA Policy Updates 2016A as presented and continuing Board professional development. There were no resignations at this time.

The Board approved \$9064.12 transfer from Fund 1 to Fund 4. The Tax rate hearing date was set for August 25, 2016 at 6:15 p.m. in the elementary cafeteria. The transgender policy was discussed, no action taken. There was no Old Business.

### **Staff/Committee Reports**

Mrs. Hollis reported that she had 2 students attend the Senior Beta Nation Conference in New Orleans, even though they did not place she was very proud of them. She said she appreciated the sponsors, Katy Miller and Brooke Woodard, and Theresa Kearbey for traveling with them and making sure the competition was a success. The East Carter Varsity cheerleaders placed first in regional competition and will be competing in state. Mrs. Hollis said that Kaylea Mullens and Tasha Thies, cheer coaches, worked really hard getting the girls ready for competition. Theresa Kearbey reported that Betsy Scott received 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the Beta Convention in New Orleans with her quilt entry.

The Board moved to enter into executive session in accordance with Public Law, Section 610:21 items 3, 13, and 14 for closed meeting to the extent authorized b law; Meeting recessed at 8:03 p.m.

### **Executive Session**

The Executive session meeting was called to order by Board President John Walker at 8:21 p.m. in the Superintendent's office. The agenda was approved as presented. Executive Board minutes from June 23, 2016 were approved. Staff and Parents met with the Board. Alice Allen, Joana Lefler, Cody Rector and Roger Slayton were approve as substitute teachers. Alex West was employed as Middle School Language Arts Teacher, Kris Whitaker was employed as Industrial Arts Teacher, Tony Ketchem was employed as High School Baseball Head Coach, Bethany Newman was employed as Middle School Assistant Softball Coach, Alan Kearbey was employed as High School Assistant Girls Basketball Coach and Middle School Girls Assistant Basketball Coach.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:01 p.m.