

EAST CARTER COUNTY R-II SCHOOLS

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News Release: April 22, 2021: Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

EAST CARTER COUNTY R-II BOARD OF EDUCATION

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Board President Ben Thies 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: Ben Thies, John Walker, Stonie Croy, Johnathan Collins, Becky Fischer, JoEllen Carter and Bryan House. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Richard Sullivan, High School Principal Jon McKinney, Middle School Principal Theresa Kearbey, Elementary Principal Kacie Kendrick, SpEd Director Veronica Hollis, Curriculum Director Jesse Cupp, Network Administrator Bill Lewis, Bookkeeper Jamie Shaffer and Board Secretary Kathey Dalton, staff members Daniel Baucom, Christy Moore, Susan Vause, Dustie Collins and Jordan Penn. Also in attendance Olivia Price (OPAA), Susie Fann, Sally Stahl, Jan Scott, Gracie Baucom, Amy Alexander, Mike Alexander, Anna Alexander, Lola Brame and Leonard Voyles.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Sullivan said the electric bill was down \$378.05. We hosted a successful OFC Softball Tournament, despite the weather. In a recent publication in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, an article cited Missouri teachers make an average of \$31,842 per year to start teaching. I am happy to report that East Carter teachers started at \$32,000 this year and will start at \$33,000 next year. Bills were discussed.

Approval of Minutes/Bills

The Board approved the March 9, 2021 Special Board Meeting and March 25, 2021 Regular Board Minutes and bills were approved as presented.

New Business

The Board approved Staff COVID-19 Infectious Disease Training & Implementation Stipend and to set the daily rates for summer school teachers at \$160/day and support staff at \$80/day. The Board approved to set bus driver trip pay at \$65 for 0-60 miles, \$85 for 61-100 miles and \$105 for 101+ miles, and down time after 5 hours at \$8/hour effective July 1, 2021. The Board approved Middle School Principal Theresa Kearbey as District Federal Programs Coordinator for Fiscal 22, to amend

Board Policy AC to reflect the appointment of the Elementary Principal as District Discrimination/Harassment Compliance Officer for Fiscal 2020, and Middle School Principal as the District 1st Alternate, High School Principal as District 2nd Alternate Discrimination/Harassment Compliance Officer. The Board accepted April Van Winkle's resignation as Middle School/High School Counselor, Tena Stanfield's resignation as Para Professional, Brenda Gowen's resignation as bus driver, Ebby Miller's resignation as Elementary Cheer Coach and Assistant Elementary Cross Country Coach and Martha Stahl as Elementary Cheer Coach. The Board approved the transfer of \$3,398.95 from Fund 1 to Fund 4 and the release of the Senior's chrome-books from school ownership and to auction the Chrome-books, with the understanding that the winning bidder will donate them to the graduating Seniors.

Staff/Committee Reports

Network Administrator Bill Lewis said that we have filed for E-Rate funding for wireless internet and received word that we were approved for \$38,158.40. Bill said he hopes to install the wireless this summer. SpEd Director Veronica Hollis said congratulations to all of our athletics who competed in the 50th annual Special Olympics last week, on Friday, April 16th at the Fred Morrow Stadium in Poplar Bluff. We took five athletes, all of whom placed 1st or 2nd in their respective competitions. She said she wanted to thank Dustie Collins, Suzie Vause, April Fischer, Tyler Owen and Amy Collins for all of their hard work and for being dedicated to our students that day. It was a great experience for us all, and a first for many of us. The students who won are: Anna Alexander won 1st in 25 meter run and 2nd in softball throw, Lenny Voyles won 1st in 50 meter run and 2nd in softball throw, Emily Foster won 1st in 50 meter walk and 2nd in Shot Put throw, Danielle Blurton won 1st in 50 meter run and 2nd in tennis throw and Royce Baucom won 2nd in 25 meter run and 2nd in softball throw. Mrs. Hollis said that Title 1 Family Night with a Scholastic Book Fair is coming up next week on Thursday, April, 29 from 5:30-7:30 in the elementary cafeteria. We hope the weather cooperates enough to host most of our fun math and ELA events outside. Elementary Principal Kacie Kendrick said that Elementary Boys and Girls both won 1st place in the BRL Basketball tournament. She said we raised \$6,000 for collecting soda lids and cookie dough sales made \$9,000. Mrs. Kendrick said she is currently working on the honors tea that recognizes students who were on the honor roll 3 out of 4 quarters and play-day will go on as usual. Middle School Principal Theresa Kearbey said the Jr. beta fun trip is planned for May 18th which will include a stop at Sky Zone. High School Principal Jon McKinney said the FFA AG students are on a trip and are currently touring Wonder of Wild Life. Mr. McKinney said FFA won 1st place in District Livestock Judging and is now headed to State. He said our students did well in the BRL Art Show and teachers are cramming for the EOC. Mr. McKinney said our High School Softball team won 1st in OFC Conference.

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 7:07 p.m.

Executive Meeting

The Executive Board meeting was called to order by Board President Ben Thies at 7:36 p.m. in the Central Office. The Agenda was approved as presented. Executive Board minutes for March 9, 2021 and March 25, 2021 were approved. The Board approved Tabitha Hensley, Joshua Aaron Boyer and Jenna Jenkins as substitute teacher's. The Board approved to hire Erin Steele as Elementary Secretary for the 2021-22 SY, Jenna Jenkins as a Companion Aide for 2021-22 SY, Amber Griffin as a Companion Aide for 2021-22 SY, Tierney Wolfe as a Para Professional for the 2021-22 SY and David Russell as SpEd Teacher for the 2021-22 SY. The Board approved that we advertise for a 9 month secretary for SpEd. The Board approved the following coaches and assistant coaches for the 2021-22 SY: Alan Kearbey as Elementary Girls Assistant Basketball Coach, John Crowley as Middle School Head Baseball Coach, Kelly Hampton as Middle School Assistant Baseball Coach, Jordan Penn as Middle School Head Basketball Coach, Alan Kearbey as Middle School Assistant Girls Basketball Coach, Kristen Penn as Middle School Head Softball Coach, Heather Shell as Middle School Assistant Softball Coach, Heather Shell as Middle School Head Cross Country Coach, Tyler Owen as Middle School Assistant Cross Country Coach, Trevor Lewis as High School Assistant Baseball Coach, Jordan Penn as High School Boys Head Basketball Coach, Tasha Thies as High School Cheer Coach, Alan Kearbey as High School Girls Assistant Basketball Coach, Teresa Kearbey as High School Head Softball Coach, Jason Moore as High School Assistant Softball Coach, Stephanie Reynolds as High School Assistant Cross Country Coach and Jordan Penn as Athletic Director. The meeting was adjourned at 8:58