

CARTER COUNTY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

MAY 4, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Hill, Kelly Collins, Charles VonCannon, Larry Miller, Buford Peters, Bobbie Gouge-Dietz and Chairman Danny Ward

Member Absent: Scott Simerly

The meeting was called to order at 6:26 p.m. at Unaka High School by Chairman Danny Ward. Commissioner Mike Hill made a motion to approve the agenda and a second was given by Commissioner Larry Miller. Motion carried --all ayes. Mike Hill made a motion to approve the minutes for the April 3rd meeting, Commissioner Kelly Collins gave the second. Motion passed--all ayes.

NEW BUSINESS: The agenda was adjusted to allow the Unaka High School Key Club to give their presentation first. Key Club President Jada Walters and Advisor Kayla Clawson discussed activities of the key club members. They also expressed how the activities had enriched their lives. The focus of the Key Club is "Building Character and Leadership". Most of the club's activities is after school hours and the club has received 14 awards.

Chairman Danny Ward introduced Melissa Hill who introduced the program "DigiGirlz" started by Microsoft and partnered with Eastman Company. The program introduces high school (grades 9-12) girls to the technology field. The program provides hands-on technology activities.

Dr. Kevin Ward, Director of Carter County Schools, updated the committee on the school budget which includes a request for a one (1) percent raise for paraprofessionals. Dr. Ward gave the following information:

High School Juniors will make a field trip to TCAT

Go-Cart competition will be Monday, May 8, at the Bristol Race Track

Tuesday, May 9, School Board Workshop

June 30, Auction of the property across from the airport

June 18, School Board Meeting at Hampton Elem., at 5:00 p.m.

School system has 24 ROTC members from all four high schools

Guitars from Central Elem. will be sold on Ebay

There were no Public Comments

Betsy Oliver, Principal of Unaka High School, discussed the Evaluation Partnership Program sponsored by Vanderbilt University. In the program, which is used at the school, teachers work together to help each other. The purpose of the program is to better equip the teachers to prepare students for life.

OLD BUSINESS: Chairman Ward gave an update of the property on Doe River in Hampton.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS: Larry Miller told the committee he was concerned about children attending school that are hungry. He said that we need to feed children when they appear to be hungry.

Dr. Kevin Ward told the committee about the Summer Lunch and Literacy Book Drive, April 24--May 15. Lunch will be served to children and teens under the age of 18 years old. All children/teens will receive a free book.

Mike Hill made a motion to adjourn, second given by Larry Miller--Passed all ayes.