

**CARTER COUNTY EDUCATION COOMMITTEE
AUGUST 7, 2017**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Hill, Kelly Collins, Larry Miller, Scott Simerly, Bobbie Gouge-Dietz and Chairman Danny Ward

MEMBERS ABSENT: Charles Von Cannon and Buford Peters

Chairman Danny Ward called the Education Committee meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mike Hill made a motion to approve the agenda and Scott Simerly gave a second. Motion passed--all ayes. Mike Hill made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 5th meeting , a second was given by Kelly Collins. Motion passed--all ayes. There were no public comments.

NEW BUSINESS: Chris Little of the IDEAS group presented the committee with several suggestions on how to think outside the box in developing skills for the evolving workforce in Carter Co. He stated that we must have skills taught that meet the needs of the job market.

Director of Schools, Dr. Kevin Ward, discussed the work ethic diploma, which provides certification for employers that the graduate has several skills and traits that interest employers. Dr. Ward said the big advantage for the student is that the diploma guaranties an interview for the graduate with the programs supporting employers.

Commissioner Hill expressed his concern that after school programs are not available as soon as school begins. He was concerned that the programs may be affected by the cutback in grant funds.

Dr. Kevin Ward discussed the systems reading initiative to improve the reading levels of students in grades K-2, which will expand this year to the 3rd grade.

August 10, School Board Workshop, 4:00 p.m.

August 17, School Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m.

In September the School Board and the Education Committee will have a Workshop

OLD BUSINESS: Chairman Danny Ward discussed the Community Library Program.

Commissioner Miller expressed his frustration that the State cut programs for children, yet provided raises for some senior executives.

Education Committee will hold meetings at the following locations:

Sept. Happy Valley Elementary	Oct. Little Milligan
Nov. Cloudland Elementary	Dec. Valley Forge

Commissioner Collins made a motion to adjourn and Commissioner Simerly gave a second. Motion passed.

Submitted by Bobbie Gouge-Dietz, secretary