

CARTER COUNTY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

MAY 4, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Hill, Danny Ward, Scott Simerly, Larry Miller, Robert Gobble, Bobbie Gouge-Dietz and Chairman Charles VonCannon.

Chairman VonCannon called the meeting to order. Mr. Gobble made a motion to accept the April meeting minutes and the May agenda. Mr. Miller gave a second and the motion passed with all ayes.

Director of Carter County Schools, Dr. Kevin Ward gave the committee an update on the TNReady program, which has been adopted for at least two (2) years by Tennessee. A large teachers' training will be provided by the state at Happy Valley High School. All schools in the county will be represented at the training therefore all schools will get the same information. Dr. Ward said that most schools have two or three computer labs which are being used to prepare the students to take the state tests. Third graders should be ready to use a keyboard and take the state tests on a computer. Because the state standards change so often, the school system will use consumable math textbooks so new standards can be added when needed. Dr. Ward invited all committee members to visit the computer labs at the schools.

Commissioner Danny Ward, a member of the New Education Committee for the county, expressed concern over the conditions of some of the school facilities. He suggested that all commissioners visit the schools to become familiar with the needs of the school system. The fact that the county has 56 modular classrooms which are 50 years old is a troubling issue.

Director Dr. Kevin Ward stated that the school system has some excellent programs--Welding, Auto Mechanics, and Nursing. The students continue their studies at technical schools for two years.

Chairman VonCannon is planning a program on plastics. Danny Ward made a motion to adjourn - second by Larry Miller--all Ayes.

Submitted by Bobbie Gouge-Dietz, secretary