At a meeting held in the Board Room at the Administration Building, 1240 State Road 930 East, New Haven, Indiana, the Board of School Trustees of East Allen County Schools met at approximately 6:30 p.m. on March 18, 2014.

Board members present:
  Neil S. Reynolds, President
  Christopher T. Baker, Vice President
  Stephen L. Terry, Sr., Secretary
  William D. Hartman
  Terry Jo Lightfoot
  Robert L. Nelson, Jr.

Board members absent:
  Arden Hoffman

EACS Administrators and Association Presidents also in attendance:
  Dr. Kenneth H. Folks, Superintendent
  Mrs. Marilyn Hissong, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction
  Dr. Michael B. Shaffer, Asst. Superintendent of School Management & Special Programs
  Mr. Kirby Stahly, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services
  Mrs. Connie Brown, Director of Special Services
  Ms. Amanda Ricketts, Director of Human Resources
  Mrs. Tammyra Kelly, Public Relations Liaison
  Mrs. Rose Fritzing, Director of Development
  Mr. Ed Mendoza, Director of Student Services
  Mr. Keith Madsen, Interim Director of Technology
  Mrs. Teresa Gremaux, Principal, Paul Harding Junior High School
  Mr. Doug Hicks, Principal, East Allen University
  Mr. Jody Smith, Assistant Principal, Leo Jr./Sr. High School
  Mrs. Terri Lottie, President, EACS Custodial Association
  Ms. Janet McEvoy, President, EACS Transportation Association

1.0    ROUTINE ITEMS

1.1    Call to Order

President Neil Reynolds called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1.2    Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
1.3 Approval of Agenda

The agenda for March 18, 2014 was approved as presented. Note: Discussion Item 5.4 - Selection of Mascot for East Allen University was voted on and approved later in the meeting.

1.4 Recognitions

The EACS’ Digital Day Video Contest winners were recognized and their videos were shown as well. These videos are posted on the EACS website home page. The 1st place winners for the first annual EACS National Digital Day Video Contest are:


Coren Paige – 7th grade - New Haven Middle School – “Dream It. Do It.”

Jacob Cooper - 12th grade and Jeneca Cooper - 10th grade – Leo Jr./Sr. High School - “Dream It. Do It.”

2.0 PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS – AGENDA ITEMS

None.

3.0 CONSENT ITEMS

Superintendent Folks requested the Board’s approval for the Consent Items as presented as follows:

3.1 Human Resources Report
3.2 Financial Reports
3.3 Meetings and Conferences
3.4 Minutes – Regular Meeting – March 4, 2014
3.5 Minutes - Executive Session – March 11, 2014

Motion: That Consent Items 3.1 through 3.5 be approved as presented.

Motion: Hartman Second: Lightfoot

Discussion: None

Vote:
3.1 through 3.5 - Aye: Baker, Hartman, Lightfoot, Nelson, Reynolds, Terry (Motion carried 6-0)

4.0 ACTION ITEM

Superintendent Folks requested the Board’s approval for the Action Items as presented as follows:

14-0318-4.1 Application and Receipt of Funds for Monsanto Grant: America’s Farmers Grow Rural Education
14-0318-4.2 Purchase of Economics and Personal Finance Online Curriculum Package from Compass Learning

14-0318-4.3 Heritage K-12 Project – Change Order #13 – Additional Bracing in Roof Bracing in Roof and Repair of Existing Structure

14-0318-4.4 Heritage K-12 Project – Change Order #14 – Connection to and Extension of Existing Storm and Sanitary Lines

14-0318-4.5 Heritage K-12 Project – Change Order #15 – Installation of 3” and 4” Domestic Water Isolation Valves

14-0318-4.6 Heritage K-12 Project – Change Order #16 – CMU Pilaster Build Out at Structural Columns in Gymnasium

14-0318-4.7 Heritage K-12 Project – Change Order #17 – Court Striping, Drinking Fountain, Backboard Circuits/Controllers

**Motion:** That the Board of School Trustees approves Action Items 14-0318-4.1 through 14-0318-4.7 as presented.

Motion: Nelson Second: Lightfoot

**Discussion:** None.

**Vote:**
4.1 - Aye: Baker, Hartman, Lightfoot, Nelson, Reynolds, Terry (Motion carried 6-0)
4.2 - Aye: Baker, Hartman, Lightfoot, Nelson, Reynolds, Terry (Motion carried 6-0)
4.3 - Aye: Baker, Hartman, Lightfoot, Nelson, Reynolds, Terry (Motion carried 6-0)
4.4 - Aye: Baker, Hartman, Lightfoot, Nelson, Reynolds, Terry (Motion carried 6-0)
4.5 - Aye: Baker, Hartman, Lightfoot, Nelson, Reynolds, Terry (Motion carried 6-0)
4.6 - Aye: Hartman, Lightfoot, Nelson, Reynolds, Terry; Against: Baker (Motion carried 5-1)
4.7 - Aye: Baker, Hartman, Lightfoot, Nelson, Reynolds, Terry (Motion carried 6-0)

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM**

**14-0318-4.8 Plan for Make-up Days**

Because of the school cancellation on March 12th due to inclement weather, Dr. Folks shared the revised plan for make-up days, which includes adding minutes to the school day through May 8th and adding one e-Learning Day in April for grades 7-12.

**Motion:** That the Board of School Trustees approves Discussion/Action Item 14-0304-4.8 as presented.

Motion: Hartman Second: Terry

**Discussion:** Mr. Baker expressed that he is not comfortable with holding an e-Learning day. Mr. Madsen explained that although the e-Learning day would be held on a Saturday, students would have a full week to complete their assignments. Mr. Nelson would like administration to “take lots of notes” for future reference on e-Learning days.
Vote:
4.8 - Aye: Baker, Hartman, Lightfoot, Nelson, Reynolds, Terry (Motion carried 6-0)

5.0 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 Annual Report of Demographics (Housing Trends/Enrollment)

5.2 2013 Year End Financial Report

5.3 Heritage K-12 and Woodlan K-12 Equipment Purchases

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.4 Selection of Mascot for East Allen University (Presentation)

East Allen University Principal, Mr. Doug Hicks, introduced Student Council Staff Advisor Ms. Nichole Decker. Ms Decker introduced freshmen Landrie Jones, Isaiah Rivera, and Katie Watson who presented information on behalf of EAU as to how the student body arrived at choosing their school mascot. They respectfully asked that the Board approve the Blue Jay as the official mascot for East Allen University.

Board Members complimented the students for a job well done on how the whole process was carried out at their school, for their due diligence, and for their presentation tonight. Mr. Baker asked that formal action be taken tonight instead of waiting until the next Board meeting.

Motion: That the Board of School Trustees approves the selection of the Blue Jay as the official mascot of East Allen County Schools as presented.

Motion: Baker Second: Terry

Vote:
5.4 - Aye: Baker, Hartman, Lightfoot, Nelson, Reynolds, Terry (Motion carried 6-0)

5.5 Application and Receipt of Funds for Heritage Jr./Sr. High School Band Instruments/Equipment/Repairs

Mrs. Fritzinger provided information for the Board.

5.6 Purchase of a Cisco Blade from Network Solutions Incorporated

Mr. Madsen provided information for the Board.

5.7 Secure Entrance Projects and Funding Source

Mr. Stahly provided information for the Board. After Board discussion it was decided to schedule an Executive Session to first get an overview of EACS’ security deficiencies prior to taking any further action.
5.8 Woodlan K-12 Project - Change Order #7 – Delete Gym Expansion Joints (4" CMU Block Walls and Shower Wing)

Mr. Stahly provided information for the Board.

5.9 Woodlan K-12 Project - Change Order #8 – Court Striping and Backboard Circuits/Controllers

Mr. Stahly provided information for the Board.

6.0 PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

7.0 SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Folks congratulated the Board on earning Outstanding Board status by the Indiana School Boards Association. Mr. Reynolds also earned a Level 1 status and Mr. Hartman earned a Level 3 status.

Congratulations to LEHS science teacher Ben Shappell and HEHS science teacher Jeff Easterday who each won a $10,000 teaching fellowship grant from the Lilly Endowment Teacher Creativity Fellowship Program.

The applied skills part of ISTEP testing is taking place this week. The multiple choice section has been extended by two days allowing EACS to delay administration of the test for one week to May 6th.

New Haven High and Leo Jr./Sr.High Schools are competing in the CANstruction competition at Glenbrook Square Mall which runs through March 23. Mentored by local engineering and design professionals, the students have designed and will construct giant sculptures made with donated canned goods and nonperishable food products. The food will be given to the Community Harvest Food Bank at the end of the competition.

Dr. Folks wished everyone a safe and relaxing Spring Break.

8.0 BOARD COMMENTS

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<td>Neil Reynolds</td>
<td>The Board Retreat is set for April 11 and April 12. Friday morning will be spent with Tuck Hopkins with Dr. Folks joining the group in the afternoon. Board members received the Supt.’s evaluation form via e-mail and should come to the Retreat with it completed prepared to discuss it.</td>
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<td>Bob Nelson</td>
<td>Thank you to the Heritage High School FFA for Sunday’s Pancake Breakfast; Congratulations to Woodlan High School’s Boy’s Basketball team who made it to Regional’s before losing. Their</td>
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coach, Coach David Randall, was interviewed after the game. Mr. Nelson was impressed with his interview; Congratulations to Dr. Folks for being awarded a PHP award on behalf of NHIS at the Komet’s hockey game on Friday night; The Transportation Committee recently met and have given their recommendations to Mr. Stahly for his review before passing them on to Dr. Folks. Dr. Folks will then bring his recommendations back to the Board.

Chris Baker

The Digital Day videos were outstanding, as well as the presentation by the EAU students.

Stephen Terry, Bill Hartman

Ditto on the presentations; the War Room visit at the EACS Alternative School this morning was outstanding.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Baker moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. The meeting ended at approximately 7:35 p.m.

Full audio minutes are available on the East Allen County Schools website, under the School Board tab, at www.eacs.k12.in.us.

The next meeting of the Board of School Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. This meeting will be held at the EACS Administration Building, 1240 State Road 930 East, New Haven, IN.

These minutes were approved and adopted by the East Allen County Schools Board of School Trustees on April 15, 2014.

EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

President __________________________ Secretary __________________________