At a Special 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 6:39 p.m. on June 10, 2014.

Board members present:
Neil S. Reynolds, President
Christopher T. Baker, Vice President
William D. Hartman
Robert L. Nelson, Jr.

Board members absent:
Stephen L. Terry, Sr., Secretary
Arden L. Hoffman
Terry Jo Lightfoot

EACS Administrators and Association Presidents also in attendance:
Dr. Kenneth H. Folks, Superintendent
Mrs. Marilyn Hissong, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction
Mr. Kirby Stahly, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services
Mrs. Teresa Knoblauch, Director of Title III
Mr. Keith Madsen, Interim Director of Technology
Mrs. Terri Lortie, President, EACS Custodial Association

1.0 ROUTINE ITEMS

1.1 Call to Order

President Neil Reynolds called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1.3 Approval of Agenda

The agenda for June 10, 2014 was approved as presented.
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 **Meetings and Conferences**

3.2 **Minutes – Regular Meeting Minutes – June 3, 2014**

**Motion:** That Consent Items 3.1 and 3.2 be approved as presented.

Motion: **Baker** Second: **Nelson**

**Discussion:** None.

**Vote:**

3.1 - **Aye:** Baker, Hartman, Nelson, Reynolds (Motion carried 4-0)
3.2 - **Aye:** Baker, Hartman, Nelson, Reynolds (Motion carried 4-0)

4.0 **ACTION ITEM**

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

4.1 **Contract with Frontier Communications – Provider Change**

**Motion:** That the Board of School Trustees approves Action Item 14-0610-4.1 as presented.

Motion: **Hartman** Second: **Baker**

**Discussion:** None.

**Vote:**

4.1 - **Aye:** Baker, Hartman, Nelson, Reynolds (Motion carried 4-0)

5.0 **INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

5.1 **Personal Electronic Devices Comparison Presentation**

Dr. Folks began by stating that it is important for him to know the support level of the Board for 1:1 devices to know how to proceed. He is a proponent of 1:1, quoting Daniel Pink, “We need to prepare our kids for their future not our past”. Mrs. Hissong and Mr. Madsen then gave a thorough presentation to the Board regarding personal electronic devices. Mr. Stahly and Mrs. Knoblauch were also on hand to lend insight and to help answer questions.
Dr. Folks asked Mr. Madsen to send the survey results of the e-Learning Day (which were overwhelmingly positive) to the Board.

Mr. Madsen stated that he recommends that the Board go with Option #2 which is buying new iPad Airs for grades 4-12, with the used iPads being passed on to grades K-3.

Mr. Baker would like the pricing for apps for laptops, and a list of the pros and cons of a laptop (Mac Air) versus the iPad.

At the end of the discussion, Dr. Folks asked each Board member to please weigh in on whether or not they support a device for students.

Mr. Nelson
- Supports the use of technology, but not the way it’s currently being utilized.
- At the end of next year when the lease is up what will our answer be to the questions “Did we get our money’s worth out of these iPads?” and “Are we better off?” He does not like taking this money out of CPF, yet we can’t run from technology.
- He is not in favor of all students taking their iPads home.
- Do the (majority) of teachers even want iPads in their classrooms?

Mr. Baker
- Agrees with Mr. Nelson’s points.
- Strongly believes that not all students should get to take iPads home.

Mr. Reynolds
- Agrees with the use of technology in classrooms, but believes that some classrooms just don’t need it.
- Should we consider getting laptops for high schoolers and have the lower grades use iPads?
- If students are messing around with iPads during class it’s the teacher’s responsibility to get that student back on track.
- “I don’t know that I can tell you that what we’re doing is wrong. Likely, (iPads) are very good for a great many students, and probably not good for other students.”
- Overall, supportive of technology.

Mr. Hartman
- Totally believes in 1:1 technology, but we have to be able to afford it.
- Believes either all students or none should be able to take device home.

At the request of the Board members, Dr. Folks shared that in his meeting with Mrs. Lightfoot and Mr. Hoffman that Mrs. Lightfoot is in favor of 1:1 devices and continuing this practice, while Mr. Hoffman would like us to abandon the devices in favor of hard copy textbooks.

6.0 PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

7.0 SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

The Leo High School Softball team is playing in the state finals championship game this Saturday against Gibson Southern High School at Ben Davis High School. Contact Dr. Folks or Mrs. Labie for tickets.
Our thoughts and prayers are with Rev. and Mrs. Terry and their medical situation.

Summer school is off to a great start.

EACS’s Birthday Celebration, (a Meet Me @ 5 event sponsored by the New Haven Chamber) is this Monday, June 16 at 5:00 p.m. here.

8.0 BOARD COMMENTS

None.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss the meeting ended at approximately 8:40 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 regular Board meeting of the Board of School Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. 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 June 17, 2014.

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