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 October 1, 2013.

Board members present:

Neil S. Reynolds, President
Christopher T. Baker, Vice President
William D. Hartman
Arden L. Hoffman
Terry Jo Lightfoot
Robert L. Nelson, Jr.

Board members absent:

Stephen L. Terry, Sr., Secretary

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 Fritzinger, Director of Development
Mr. Ed Mendoza, Director of Student Services
Mr. Keith Madsen, Interim Director of Technology
Dr. Neal Brown III, Principal, Leo Jr./Sr. High School
Mrs. Natalie Drummond, Principal, Southwick Elementary School
Mr. Ronald C. Crosby, President, East Allen Educator's Association
Mrs. Terri Lortie, 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 6:31 p.m.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
1.3 Approval of Agenda

The agenda for October 1, 2013 was approved as presented, with the addition of an addendum to Consent Item 3.1- Human Resources Report, and the addition of Discussion Item 5.12 – Indiana Math and Science Partnership Abstract, and a request to move the 5.1 Presentation – iPads – to after the Consent Items.

1.4 Recognition

The two 2013 Leo High School Academic Super Bowl Team(s) State Champions were recognized. Competing at Purdue University in May of 2013, both teams – a Social Studies team and a Fine Arts team - won the State title. They were recently awarded $600.00 to be used for academic team growth and success. The Social Studies team included: Kaylyn O’Dell, Justin Stuckey and Brandon Werling. The Fine Arts team included: Paige Dempsey, Jordan Schoonover and Rebecca Williams. Coaches are Ms. Molly Baumert and Ms. Mary Hoff, and LEHS Principal is Dr. Neal Brown III.

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 and Addendum
3.2 Financial Reports
3.3 Meetings and Conferences
3.4 Minutes – Regular Meeting Minutes – September 17, 2013

Motion: Baker Second: Hartman Vote: Aye: 6-0

INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 Presentation - iPads

Assistant Superintendent Marilyn Hissong introduced teachers Heather Voirol (NHPS), Jenna Coria (LEHS), and Ben Shappell (LEHS) who shared the exciting things that are happening with iPads in their classrooms and with collaboration with their peers.

4.0 ACTION ITEMS

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

13-1001-4.1 Revised Board Policy 2001

Discussion: None.

Motion: Lightfoot Second: Hartman Vote: Aye: 6-0
13-1001-4.2 Application and Receipt of Funds for Title II, Part A: Improving Teacher Quality State Grants

Discussion: None.

Motion: Baker  Second: Nelson  Vote: Aye: 6-0

13-1001-4.3 Application and Receipt of Funds for AWS Foundation Grant

Discussion: None.

Motion: Nelson  Second: Hoffman  Vote: Aye: 6-0

13-1001-4.4 Contract with Mapsys Systems and Solutions for Upgrade to Storage Area Network (SAN)

Discussion: Brief discussion.

Motion: Lightfoot  Second: Hartman  Vote: Aye: 6-0

13-1001-4.5 Contract with Jennifer England for Conducting Evaluations for Special Education

Discussion: None.

Motion: Hartman  Second: Baker  Vote: Aye: 6-0

13-1001-4.6 Bond Resolution

Discussion: Mr. Hoffman asked many questions which Mr. Stahly answered. Mrs Lightfoot asked President Reynolds to call for the vote.

Call for the Question to End Debate:  

Vote: Aye: 5-1  
Against: Hoffman

Motion: Lightfoot  Second: Nelson  Vote: Aye: 5-1  
Against: Hoffman

13-1001-4.7 Intent to Reimburse Expenditures Resolution

Discussion: None.

Motion: Hartman  Second: Nelson  Vote: Aye: 5-1  
Against: Hoffman

13-1001-4.8 Selection of Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) Network and Hospital Contract

Discussion: Mr. Stahly disclosed that late today a final counterproposal was received from Parkview Health, which narrows the margin of difference between Parkview’s and Lutheran’s proposals. Much discussion ensued. Several Board members would like to
table this vote until the October 15th meeting, however it would be prudent to make the
decision sooner rather than later, especially if there are going to be major changes
made to EACS’ healthcare plan.

Motion: That East Allen County Schools stay with Parkview Signature Care for its
healthcare plan, accepting the latest proposal that was submitted by Parkview.

Motion: Lightfoot  Second: Hartman

Motion: That this decision be tabled for a vote until the October 15th Board meeting.

Motion: Hoffman  Second: Baker  Vote: Aye: 3-3
Against: Hartman, Lightfoot, Reynolds

(Motion failed for lack of a majority.)

Original motion:  Vote: Aye: 5-1  Against: Hoffman

13-1001-4.9  2014 Group Health Insurance Rates and Contribution Amounts

Discussion: None.

Motion: Hartman  Second: Nelson  Vote: Aye: 6-0

13-1001-4.10  Construction Change Order #2 - Woodlan K-12 Project

Discussion: Mr. Hoffman, Mr. Baker and Mr. Nelson expressed their concerns at
having another change order come to the Board.

Call for the Question to End Debate:  Vote: Aye: 6-0

Motion: Lightfoot  Second: Hartman  Vote: Aye: 3-3
Against: Baker, Hoffman, Nelson

(Motion failed for lack of a majority.)

5.0  INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

INFORMATION ITEMS

5.2  School Improvement Plans

Dr. Shaffer explained that our schools are working on their School Improvement Plans.
These plans will be posted on October 7th to the share drive for Board members to
review.  These plans must be approved by the Board at the October 15th Board meeting
to meet state deadlines. (SIP’s are due to the IDOE by November 1st.)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.3  Lilly Endowment Teacher Creativity Fellowship Program

Mrs. Fritzinger provided information for the Board and answered their questions.
5.4 Connecting Kids to Coverage Outreach & Enrollment Grant

Mrs. Fritzinger provided information for the Board and answered their questions.

5.5 Contract with Bowen Center

Mr. Mendoza provided information for the Board and answered their questions.

5.6 Contract with Aaron Hilton for Technology Support/Engineering

Mr. Madsen provided information for the Board and answered their questions. Due to approaching deadlines Mr. Madsen respectfully asked that this Item be approved at tonight's meeting.

Motion: Baker Second: Hartman Vote: Aye: 7-0

5.7 Contract with Brandon Schweyer for iPad Repairs

Mr. Madsen provided information for the Board and answered their questions. Due to approaching deadlines Mr. Madsen respectfully asked that this Item be approved at tonight's meeting.

Motion: Baker Second: Hartman Vote: Aye: 7-0

5.8 Secondary Textbook (Workbooks Only) Fees for 2013-14SY

Mrs. Hissong provided information for the Board and answered their questions. Due to approaching deadlines Mrs. Hissong respectfully asked that this Item be approved at tonight’s meeting.

Motion: Baker Second: Hartman Vote: Aye: 7-0

5.9 Resolution to Adopt the 2014 Budget

A. Capital Projects Plan Resolution
B. Bus Replacement Plan Resolution
C. Reduced Pension Debt Neutrality for 2013
D. Form 4 Resolution of Appropriations and Tax Rates
E. Line 2 Reduction Resolution
F. Resolution to Approve All Budgets
G. Year-End Transfer Resolution

Mr. Stahly provided information for the Board and answered their questions.

5.10 Financial Advisor Engagement Letter

Mr. Stahly provided information for the Board and answered their questions.

5.11 Bond Council Engagement Letter

Mr. Stahly provided information for the Board and answered their questions.
5.12 Application and Receipt of Funds for Indiana Math and Science Partnership

Mrs. Fritzinger provided information for the Board and answered their questions. Due to approaching deadlines Dr. Folks respectfully asked that this Item be approved at tonight’s meeting.

Motion: Baker Second: Hartman Vote: Aye: 7-0

6.0 PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

7.0 SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Folks congratulated and commended New Haven Intermediate School’s staff for their hard work on being recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School because of the significant improvements that are being made in their students’ levels of achievement. A celebration will take place at New Haven Intermediate School on Wednesday, October 9 at 3:30 p.m.

Mr. Bob Barwiler has recently been hired to monitor the tunnel between NHHS and NHMS. With Mr. Barwiler in place to monitor and clean up the tunnel, hopefully students, staff, and the community will find it much more appealing to use.

8.0 BOARD COMMENTS

Name | Topic
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Arden Hoffman | Attended Woodlan FFA’s Wabash Erie Days presentation.
Bob Nelson | Thanked constituents for contacting him regarding EACS’ health insurance; first Transportation Committee meeting was held.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Baker moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hartman seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

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, October 15, 2013 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 October 15, 2013.

EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

President Secretary