

**EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS
SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES OF WORK SESSION
MAY 5, 2009**

At a work session 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 May 5, 2009, with the following members present:

Stephen L. Terry, Sr., President
Janice A. Kelly, Vice President
Leland L. Etzler, Secretary
Terry Jo Lightfoot, Assistant Secretary
William D. Hartman
Richard A. Allgeier
Alyssa Lewandowski

The following EACS Administrators were in attendance: Dr. M. Kay Novotny, Superintendent; Dr. Janet MacLean, Deputy Superintendent; Mr. Kirby Stahly, Chief Financial Officer; Mr. J. Timothy McCaulay, General Counsel; Mrs. Connie DeLong, Executive Director of Special Services; Dr. Jeanne Zehr, Title I Area Administrator; Mr. Melvin Falkner, Director of Transportation; Mr. Roger Miller, Manager of Transportation; Mrs. Juanita Tolbert, Director of Early Intervention; Mrs. Peggy J. Rohrbacher, Director of Human Resources; Mrs. Natalie Drummond, Director of Curriculum & Instruction; and Mrs. Tamyra L. Kelly, Public Relations Liaison. Also present were Dr. Neal Brown III, Principal, Paul Harding High School; Mr. Gregory M. Geise, President of EAEA; Mr. Pat Lortie, President of EACS Custodial Association; and approximately 70 people representing employees, students, patrons and the media.

President Stephen Terry called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the April 21, 2009 Regular Board Meeting were approved as presented.

The Agenda was approved with the addition of addendums to 4.3 Meetings and Conferences, and the addition of 3.2 Apply For and Receive Secure Our Schools Grant (SOS), 4.2 Personnel Report, and 4.6 Apply For and Receive IDOE 2009/10 School Improvement Grant Funding.

Patron Ms. Condra Ridley, presented remarks on behalf of the PHHS parents demonstrating support for keeping the neighborhood school open.

Dr. Novotny publically recognized:

- EACS' 2009 "Teacher of the Year" winners: Larry Linson - Cedarville; Christina Murphy - Harlan; Brad Snyder - Highland Terrace; Jennifer Elrod – Hoagland; Danielle Newman - Leo El.; Abby Akers - Meadowbrook; Matt Bucher – Monroeville; Darlene Lankenau - New Haven El.; Tiffany Belcher - Southwick; Julie Smith - Village;

Kathie Dawes - Woodburn; Sharla Hoting - Heritage; Stephen Gabet - Leo High School; Cindy Fiedler - New Haven High; Elizabeth Bixby - New Haven Middle; LuAnn Neri - Paul Harding; Donna Hosier - Prince Chapman; and Joyce Goodin - Woodlan.

EACS' Elementary Teacher of the Year is Larry Linson. EACS' Secondary Teacher of the Year is Stephen Gabet. Larry Linson is also EACS' overall Teacher of the Year.

- Our five high schools were well represented with Sterling Sentinel finalists. Three Sterling Sentinel Award Winners were from EACS. Top honors and a scholarship of \$3,000 was awarded to Leo High School Senior Lindsey Mohlman in the Journalism category. Top honors and scholarships of \$1,500 each were awarded two other Seniors from New Haven High School - In Athletics – Haley Nelson and in Industrial/Vocational Arts — Matthew Kawiecki. EACS had a total of 56 Sterling Sentinel Award finalists.

Section 1.4 Spotlight on Education

Dr. Jan MacLean, Deputy Superintendent, presented information regarding a "New Tech High School Model". The Board is interested in exploring further the possibility of bringing this type of school to our district. Administration will continue to pursue a planning grant from The Community Foundation by submitting a letter of intent.

Section 2.0 Discussion Items

2.1 Review of Annual Reports

Review/open discussion occurred regarding the annual AYP and NCA reports requested by the Board. PL221 information was also provided. Ms. Jo Ann Roscoe, Manager of Student Achievement & School Improvement, was on hand to answer the Board's questions. Mr. Allgeier would like information showing trends of the schools over the last few years based on no percentage change from the DOE.

2.2 Other Issues of Interest to the Board

After lengthy discussion, it was decided to bring the previously proposed middle school programming options back to the table at the May 19th Board meeting.

Section 3.0 Information Items

Per the Board's request, information regarding financial projections was given to the Board by Mr. Kirby Stahly, Chief Financial Officer.

Apply For and Receive Secure Our Schools Grant (SOS) - Given to the Board as information, formal action is recommended for the May 19th Board meeting.

Section 4.0 Consent Items

Vice President Kelly moved to approve the consent items with addendums as presented. Secretary Etzler seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. The following consent items were approved:

- 4.1 Approval of vendor claims: 251887-252090 totaling \$457,355.07.
- 4.2 Acceptance of resignation of Miss Nicole Knott, teacher at Village Elementary School, effective at the end of the 2008-09 school year.

Acceptance of resignation of Ms. Su Khin, language translator for East Allen County Schools, effective April 24, 2009.

Acceptance of resignation of Ms. Sarah Cramer, teacher at Southwick Elementary School, effective at the end of the 2008-09 school year.

Acceptance of resignation of Ms. Angela Brooks-Ngwenya, paraprofessional at Paul Harding High School, effective April 20, 2009.

Acceptance of resignation of Mr. Ronald Peters, an employee of the EACS Transportation Department, effective May 8, 2009.

Approval of FMLA leave of absence to Ms. Jessica Harper, teacher at Highland Terrace Elementary School, effective May 7, 2009, for the remainder of the 2008-09 school year.

Approval of FMLA leave of absence to Ms. Trisha Mitchell, teacher at New Haven Middle School, effective May 18, 2009, for the remainder of the 2008-09 school year.

Approval of FMLA leave of absence to Ms. Hayley Etzler, teacher at Prince Chapman Academy, effective April 29, 2009, for the remainder of the 2008-09 school year.

Approval of FMLA leave of absence to Ms. Cara Gerber, teacher at Heritage Jr./Sr. High School, effective April 7, 2009, for the remainder of the 2008-09 school year.

Approval of FMLA leave of absence to Ms. Amy Yoder, teacher at New Haven Elementary School, effective April 4, 2009 through May 1, 2009.

Approval of medical leave of absence to Ms. Deidre Wells, paraprofessional at Southwick Elementary School, effective April 17, 2009, for the remainder of the 2008-09 school year.

Approval of medical leave of absence to Mr. Matthew Miller, teacher at Prince Chapman Academy, effective May 29, 2009, for the remainder of the 2008-09 school year.

- 4.3 Approval of Meetings and Conferences (see Exhibit A, incorporated herein).

- 4.4 Agreement Re: Services for NUA Videography (see Exhibit B, incorporated herein).
- 4.5 Ombudsman Program Agreement for 2009-10 School Year (see Exhibit C, incorporated herein).
- 4.6 Apply For and Receive IDOE 2009-10 School Improvement Grant Funding (see Exhibit D, incorporated herein).

Section 5.0 Adjournment

Dr. Novotny relayed that after speaking with the Senior Vice President of Ombudsman Educational Services Ltd., EACS students will be able to earn an Indiana diploma. Our high school guidance counselors will help in determining those students who will be on track to earn an East Allen County Schools diploma. Students not qualifying for an EACS diploma will still be presented with the opportunity to earn an Ombudsman (Illinois) diploma.

A second International Forum, sponsored by EACS and the New Haven Chamber of Commerce will be held on Tuesday, May 12th at 6:30 p.m. in the New Haven High School Auditoria. Speakers will include Dr. Karen Moustafa-Leonard – IPFW; Dr. Deb McMahan – A.C. Health Department; Mr. Nyein Chan – Catholic Charities; and Mrs. April Steury – EACS.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 p.m.

These minutes were approved and adopted by the East Allen County Schools Board of School Trustees on May 19, 2009.

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Secretary
