



**EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS
WORK SESSION OF THE
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
MINUTES**

MARCH 5, 2013 - 6:30 p.m.

**Administration Building – Board Room
1240 State Road 930 East
New Haven, IN 46774**

CALL TO ORDER President Neil Reynolds called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Neil S. Reynolds, President
Christopher T. Baker, Vice President
Stephen L. Terry, Sr., Secretary (Left at 7:30 p.m.)
William D. Hartman
Arden L. Hoffman
Terry Jo Lightfoot
Robert L. Nelson, Jr.

Staff Dr. Michael B. Shaffer, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction
Mr. Kirby Stahly, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services
Mr. Chris Hissong, Executive Director of School Management
Mr. William Diehl, Director of Accountability
Mrs. Marilyn Hissong, Director of Curriculum
Mrs. Tamyra Kelly, Public Relations Liaison
Mrs. Connie Brown, Interim Director of Special Services
Mr. Melvin Falkner, Director of Transportation
Mr. Ed Mendoza, Principal on Special Assignment
Mrs. Karen Charters, Principal, Heritage Elementary School
Mrs. Teresa Gremaux, Principal, Paul Harding Junior High School
Mrs. Terri Lortie, President, EACS Custodial Association
Ms. Karen Smith, President, EACS Transportation Association

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda for March 5, 2013 was adopted as presented, with the addition of removing Superintendent's Search as an Information Item and making it Action Item 13-0305-04 - Authorization for Board of School Trustees to Begin Superintendent's Search. Mr. Hoffman asked that the Action Items be voted on separately.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – None were approved; removed and moved to the March 19, 2013 meeting for approval.

INFORMATION ITEMS

The annual report for Demographics (Housing Trends/Enrollment) was reviewed. Several unforeseeable factors have contributed to numbers being askew, i.e. the influx of Burmese students and the voucher program. Board consensus is that EACS needs to do a better job of marketing itself.

ACTION AGENDA

CONSENT MOTION:

13-0305-01 Approval of Human Resources Report

Discussion: None.

Motion: That the Board of School Trustees approve item one as presented.

Motion: Baker

Second: Terry

Vote: Aye: 7-0

13-0305-02 Approval of Financial Reports

Discussion: Mr. Hoffman asked Mr. Diehl about iPad repair charges. Mr. Hoffman asked that the June 30th Technology presentation be moved to the March 19th meeting, but it will remain as is. Debate continued.

Motion by President: That debate on item two be halted.

Vote: Aye: 6-1

Against: Hoffman

Motion: That the Board of School Trustees approve item two as presented.

Motion: Terry

Second: Nelson

Vote: Aye: 6-1

Against: Hoffman

13-0305-03 Approval of Meetings and Conferences Requests

Discussion: Mr. Hoffman would like feedback from Mr. Studebaker when he returns from his upcoming Safety Conference regarding how other area schools are handling school safety issues, i.e. school staff carrying guns, etc.

Motion by President: That debate on item three be halted.

Vote: Aye: 7-0

Motion: That the Board of School Trustees approve item three as presented.

Motion: Hartman

Second: Baker

Vote: Aye: 7-0

13-0305-04 Authorization for Board of School Trustees to Begin Superintendent's Search

Discussion: Mr. Baker read a prepared statement regarding the start of EACS' Superintendent search. At present no Interim Superintendent will be named, but current staff will be utilized. A proposed timeline for recruiting and hiring has been developed. Public meetings with staff, parents, and patrons will begin as follows:

All EACS Service Center & Central Office Staff March 19th – 5:30 p.m. @ Admin. Bldg.
All EACS School Staff March 21st – 4:30 p.m. at respective attendance area's High School;
Adams Township schools meet at NHHS
Community & Parents March 21st - 6:00 p.m. at respective attendance area's High School;
Adams Township schools meet at NHHS

This information will be posted on the EACS website.

Motion: That the Board of School Trustees approve item four as presented.

Motion: Terry

Second: Nelson

Vote: Aye: 7-0

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Kindergarten Countdown Program
- 2. Pension/Severance Bonds – Refunding Opportunity
- 3. 2014 Budget Schedule
- 4. Loss Control Services – Old National Insurance

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 1. Health Care Reform Update

Mr. Stahly gave a status report on the Health Care Reform as to where we are to date as a district. Attorney Michael Nader, with Faegre Baker Daniels, was also on hand to answer questions.

- 2. Timothy L Johnson Presentation

Mr. Steve Bollier, School Leader of the Timothy L. Johnson Academy, on behalf of the TLJ Board of Directors, is asking for consideration from EACS to become their authorizer. Questions asked included what would be the advantages and liabilities for EACS to be their authorizer; TLJ’s expectations from EACS; are students mainly EACS or FWCS students; would an EACS staff person be needed; why did BSU pull their charter and what is status of TLJ’s appeal to BSU; what would the cost to EACS be; is TLJ considering a different management group; etc.

At this point, President Reynolds opened the floor for Public Expressions.

Speaker

Lloyd Wallace, Takiyah Starks, and
La’Kaya Kelsaw
Steve Snodgrass

Subject

Asked EACS to sponsor the TLJ charter

Encouraged Board to take a hard look at EMO’s –
specifically The Leona Group

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

MINUTES

These minutes were taken by Mrs. Julie Labie.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, March 19, 2013 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 March 19, 2013.

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Secretary
