



**EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
MINUTES**

**MARCH 19, 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 6:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**Staff**

Mr. Kirby Stahly, Asst. Supt. for Admin. Services	Mr. G. Michael Chen, Principal, WOPS/WOIS
Mr. Chris Hissong, Exec. Dir. of School Management	Mrs. Natalie Drummond, Principal, Southwick Elem.
Dr. Michael B. Shaffer, Asst. Supt. of Instruction	Mrs. Alicia Gatewood, Principal, Meadowbrook Elem.
Mr. William Diehl, Director of Accountability	Ms. Thelma Green, Principal, Prince Chapman Academy
Mrs. Marilyn Hissong, Director of Curriculum	Mrs. Teresa Gremaux, Principal, Paul Harding Jr. High
Mrs. Tamyra Kelly, Public Relations Liaison	Mr. Doug Hicks, Principal, East Allen University
Mrs. Connie Brown, Interim Dir. of Special Services	Mr. Ron Kammeyer, Principal, Woodlan Jr./Sr. High
Mr. Melvin Falkner, Director of Transportation	Mr. Jeff Kline, Principal, EACS Alternative
Mr. Doug Roemer, Director of Facilities	Mrs. Teresa Knoblauch, Principal, Highland Terrace El.
Mrs. Rose Fritzingler, Director of Development	Mr. Greg Mohler, Principal, New Haven High
Mrs. Lois Goeglein, Manager of Financial Services	Mr. Doug Pickett, Principal, New Haven Middle
Mr. Ed Mendoza, Principal on Special Assignment	Mr. Bob Rohrbacher, Principal, Heritage Jr./Sr. High
Dr. Brad Bakle, Principal, Cedarville Elementary	Ms. Becky Christensen, Admin. Intern, WOPS/ WOIS
Mrs. Jill Brady, Principal, Leo Elementary	Mr. Ronald C. Crosby, President, EAEA
Dr. Neal Brown III, Principal, Leo Jr./Sr. High	Mrs. Terri Lortie, President, EACS Custodial Assn.
Mrs. Karen Charters, Principal, Heritage Elementary	Ms. Karen Smith, President, EACS Transportation Assn.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The agenda for March 19, 2013 was adopted as presented with the following changes – Added to Information Items - Superintendent Search Update, as well as the Green Road and 930 Crossing Progress Update; Textbook Adoption Recommendation will be removed from New Business. Mr. Hoffman asked that the Action Items and Approval of Minutes be voted on separately.



## ACTION AGENDA

### CONSENT MOTION:

13-0319-01 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

13-0319-02 Approval of Financial Reports

**Discussion:** None.

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

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

13-0319-03 Approval of Meetings and Conferences Requests

**Discussion:** Mr. Hoffman asked Mr. Stahly if the estimated costs given for meetings and conferences are correlating to what expenses are actually being submitted, and Mr. Stahly answer yes if they do not they need to come back to the Board for approval. Mr. Hoffman questioned the expenses did not seem correct, for example a 4 day trip to Orlando for \$1000? Does this trip include a substitute in the classroom, airfare, hotel cost? He was told it was for a Teacher of the Year award. Mr. Hoffman said that was only an example, generally these trips don't look like they include all cost such as substitutes, airfare, cost of the conference itself, just take another example, a trip to Indianapolis \$147 would only pay for mileage? He also questioned expenses for former Superintendent Karyle Green's MasterCard expense report Dr. Green crisscrossing the country returning the day before her release? Mr. Hoffman asked if the Board approved this trip, noting going back as far as early January no board approval was found? Mr. Stahly noted it must have been at some point. In answer to Mr. Baker's question, Mr. Stahly stated that each administrator manages their own professional development budgets and that gross overspending would not and does not happen.

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

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

13-0319-04 Approval of Working With United Way to Provide 2013 Kindergarten Countdown Program

**Discussion:** Both Mr. Baker and Mr. Hoffman commented on how they think this is a wonderful program. Mr. Hoffman stated that in general he does not favor 3 and 4 year old pre-kindergarten programs for a couple reasons but primarily because early-childhood studies suggest any benefits "become noise" by the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

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

Motion: Terry Second: Lightfoot Vote: Aye: 7-0

13-0319-05 Approval of 2004 Pension/Severance Bonds – Refinancing

**Discussion:** Mr. Hoffman is against doing this and would instead like to pay this off in full. Mr. Stahly explained that the district does not have the money to do this, and by not approving this would cost taxpayers more money in the long run.

**Motion by President:** That debate on item three be halted. Vote: Aye: 7-0

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

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

13-0319-06 Approval of 2013 Bus Purchase From the Central Indiana Educational Services Cooperative (CIESC) Bid

**Discussion:** Mr. Baker’s and Mr. Hoffman’s questions about the bids were answered by Mr. Mel Falkner, Director of Transportation and Mr. Stahly. Mr. Hoffman noted at 2M miles/year and only buying 5 buses was an unsustainable situation? Mr. Stahly noted additional buses would be purchased later in the year, assuming money was available, approximately 12 buses in total.

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

Motion: Lightfoot Second: Terry Vote: Aye: 7-0

13-0319-07 Approval of Old National Insurance – Loss Control Services

**Discussion:** Mr. Stahly explained that this program was implemented last year. Consensus is that if a year from now a drop in Worker’s Comp. claims is not seen to possibly discontinue this service.

**Motion by President:** That debate on item three be halted. Vote: Aye: 6-1  
Against: Nelson

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

Motion: Terry Second: Nelson Vote: Aye: 5-2  
Against: Baker, Hoffman

13-0319-08 Approval of 2014 Budget Schedule

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

Motion: Lightfoot Second: Hartman

**Discussion:** Mr. Baker asked to table the schedule as presented until the Board has established their goals, and is able to meet with the Cabinet. Mr. Stahly stated that there is some flexibility in the schedule, but certain dates must be met. A Work Session will be scheduled in the near future to discuss the budget and timetable.

**Amended Motion:** That the Board of School Trustees table item eight as presented at the present time.

Motion: Nelson Second: Hoffman Vote: Aye: 5-2  
Against: Hartman, Lightfoot

## NEW BUSINESS

1. America's Farmers Grow Rural Education Grant

## PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS: NON-AGENDA ITEMS

### Speaker

John Clendenen, Leo Town Council

### Subject(s)

Requested (and was given) a copy of the Disannexation Report

## BOARD DISCUSSION

### Speaker

Arden Hoffman

### Subject(s)

**Investments-Business Policy** – Mr. Hoffman provided a preliminary hardcopy of proposed changes to Admin. Guideline 3292. Mr. Hoffman has not yet met with Mr. Stahly to go over these proposed changes. Mr. Stahly expressed concern that some of the proposed changes are not allowable by law and any losses may be the personal obligation of the responsible official or employee.

-What is the status of the TLJ discussion? A Special Board Meeting to discuss this issue has been set for Tuesday, April 9.

Neil Reynolds

The next meeting with Administrators, the Board, and ISBA Rep. Mike Adamson has been scheduled for this Tuesday, March 26.

Chris Baker

-The Board needs to meet to set their priorities/goals soon as this affects the budget.

-Distributed information from a meeting he and Bob Nelson had with New Haven City Court Judge Geoff Robinson. Judge Robinson would like to get a teen court started in New Haven if there is interest and support.

-Requested a calendar of district events for the upcoming months.

Mrs. Kelly will send out.

-The Board received an anonymous letter, in which the writer cites they could face retribution if they signed their name. Mr. Baker would like that person to contact them and assured that there will be no retribution.

Terry Jo Lightfoot

Asked Board to e-mail their availability for a meeting to set priorities/goals.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

## MINUTES

These minutes were taken by Mrs. Julie Labie.

## NEXT MEETING

The next special meeting to discuss the TLJ Charter School is April 9, 2013. The next regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, April 16, 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 April 16, 2013.

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Secretary

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