



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

May 7, 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. Chris Hissong, Exec. Dir. of School Management
Dr. Michael B. Shaffer, Asst. Supt. of Instruction
Mr. William Diehl, Director of Accountability
Mrs. Marilyn Hissong, Director of Curriculum
Ms. Amanda Ricketts, Director of Human Resources
Mrs. Tamyra Kelly, Public Relations Liaison
Mrs. Connie Brown, Interim Dir. of Special Services
Mr. Melvin Falkner, Director of Transportation
Mr. Doug Roemer, Director of Facilities
Mrs. Rose Fritzingler, Director of Development
Mrs. Lois Goeglein, Manager of Financial Services
Mr. Ed Mendoza, Principal on Special Assignment
Dr. Brad Bakle, Principal, Cedarville Elementary

Mrs. Jill Brady, Principal, Leo Elementary
Dr. Neal Brown III, Principal, Leo Jr./Sr. High
Mrs. Karen Charters, Principal, Heritage Elementary
Mr. G. Michael Chen, Principal, WOPS/WOIS
Mrs. Natalie Drummond, Principal, Southwick Elem.
Mrs. Alicia Gatewood, Principal, Meadowbrook Elem.
Ms. Thelma Green, Principal, Prince Chapman Academy
Mrs. Teresa Gremaux, Principal, Paul Harding Jr. High
Mr. Doug Hicks, Principal, East Allen University
Mr. Ron Kammeyer, Principal, Woodlan Jr./Sr. High
Mr. Jeff Kline, Principal, EACS Alternative
Mrs. Teresa Knoblauch, Principal, Highland Terrace El.
Mr. Greg Mohler, Principal, New Haven High
Mrs. Terri Lortie, President, EACS Custodial Assn.
Ms. Karen Smith, President, EACS Transportation Assn.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda for May 7, 2013 was adopted as presented. Mr. Hoffman asked that the Minutes and Action Items all be voted on separately. There was Board consensus for this.

Motion: That the Board of School Trustees approve the minutes of the April 16, 2013 Regular Board Meeting.

Motion: Terry

Second: Baker

Vote: Aye: 6-1

Against: Hoffman

Motion: That the Board of School Trustees approve the minutes of the April 23, 2013 Special Board Meeting.

Motion: Terry

Second: Hartman

Vote: Aye: 5-2

Against: Hoffman, Nelson

Motion: That the Board of School Trustees formally adopt using the Robert's Rules of Order format for constructing meeting minutes as adopted in Board Policy, from this point forward.

Motion: Baker

Second: Hartman

Vote: Aye: 7-0

BOARD BUSINESS

1. Tabled Item from April 23, 2013 Board Meeting

Motion: That the Board of School Trustees move forward with the process of hiring a Director of Special Services.

Motion: Lightfoot

Second: Hartman

Amended Motion: That any candidate considered for the Director of Special Services position must be an internal candidate who is already working in the department, and not from outside the district.

Motion: Hoffman

Second: Baker

Vote: Aye: 7-0

Original Motion At Large That Has Been Amended: That the Board of School Trustees move forward with the process of hiring a Director of Special Services, stating that any candidate considered for the Director of Special Services position must be an internal candidate who is already working in the department, and not from outside the district.

Motion: Lightfoot

Second: Hartman

Vote: Aye: 7-0

Board consensus is that the Board officers will meet with the Assistant Superintendent of Instruction in the next couple of days to discuss the options of where we go from here – removing the Interim status of the position, changing personnel in certain positions, how to be utilize internal staff, to continue operating as is, and/or to make some permanent changes within the Special Services Department.

2. Superintendent Separation Update

Former Superintendent Dr. Karyle Green has accepted a position in Florida. EACS has received no details of her new contract at this point in time.

3. iPads – Possible Purchase Opportunity for 12th Graders

The Board requested that Mr. Diehl and Mr. Stahly get details to them of the feasibility of 12th graders being able to purchase their iPads.

4. Review of Administrative Guidelines 4136, 4140.26 and 4140.26a

The Guidelines were reviewed. Mr. Stahly also provided an additional sheet of information to the Board that is attached to each Meetings and Conference Request that has been Board approved and returned to the attendee, summarizing what will and will not be reimbursed. Board members may contact Mr. Stahly with any further questions regarding these Guidelines.

PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS – AGENDA ITEMS

Speaker

Diane Gibson

Doug Geller

Subject(s)

Board members should seek Administrators’ advise on matters.

Indiana Code outlines specifics on what is required for Board minutes

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Update on Construction Projects

Mr. Stahly updated the Board on the status of the Heritage and Woodlan K-12 projects.

SUPERINTENDENT COMMUNICATIONS

1. Alternative School and Student Discipline

Mr. Ed Mendoza answered questions that had been given to him previously by Board members regarding EACS’ alternative schools for our students, and how student discipline is handled. Mr. Jeff Kline, Principal of the EACS Alternative School also helped answer questions as well.

Mr. Baker announced that a committee has been formed to take an in-depth look at this topic as well. Committee members consist of: Mr. Ed Mendoza of Student Services, Mrs. Teresa Gremaux, Principal, Paul Harding Junior High School, Mr. Doug Hicks, Principal, East Allen University, Mr. Jeff Kline, Principal, EACS Alternative School, Board Members Stephen Terry and Neil Reynolds, and possibly Mr. Jeff Studebaker.

PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS: NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ACTION AGENDA

CONSENT MOTION:

13-0507-01 Approval of Human Resources Report

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

Motion: Lightfoot

Second: Terry

Vote: Aye: 7-0

13-0507-02 Approval of Financial Reports

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

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

13-0507-03 Approval of Meetings and Conferences Requests

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

Motion: Terry Second: Nelson Vote: Aye: 6-1
Against: Hoffman

13-0507-04 Approval of Purchase of RDS Extra Curricular Financial Software

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

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

13-0507-05 Approval of Woodlan K-12 Project Change Order

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

Motion: Terry Second: Lightfoot

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

Vote: Aye: 4-3
Against: Baker, Hoffman, Nelson

PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS: NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Speaker

Amanda Miller

Subject(s)

Bus and SynreVoice/notification concerns; move
Public Expressions for Non-Agenda Items to earlier
in the meeting

NEW BUSINESS

1. Highland Terrace/Meadowbrook – Separate Busing
2. Warranty Agreement with Daimler Trucks North America LLC
3. Permission to Advertise the New Haven High School Softball Field Project
4. Resolution to Transfer Parcel of Land to the Harlan Community Assn. (Harlan Park)

BOARD DISCUSSION

Speaker

Neil Reynolds, Terry Lightfoot,
Chris Baker
Chris Baker
Bob Nelson

Subject(s)

Meeting w/Legal Counsel Tuck Hopkins

For next Agenda - ESL
For next Agenda – Discuss new committees and expectations
for those committees

Arden Hoffman

Motion: That individual Board members and their assigned task-force members acting in support of the various identified Work-Session Prioritized Action Items be given Board authority to request and receive all necessary documents, supporting information, and staff support to perform their research. Individual task-force action items and assignees identified so far include:

- a) **Budget:** A. Hoffman
- b) **Alternative School/Discipline:** C. Baker
- c) **Transportation Budget/Departments:** B. Nelson

Motion: Hoffman

Second: Nelson

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

Vote: Aye: 4-3
Against: Hartman,
Lightfoot, Reynolds

All Board members participated in discussion surrounding this motion, including past practice of how the Board gets information, that the entire Board is a part of the Budget Committee, the need for the new Committees to get started on their research, recommendations for changes, additional funding, etc., and the need for development advancement funds.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

MINUTES

These minutes were taken by Mrs. Julie Labie. Full audio minutes are available on the East Allen County Schools website, under the School Board tab, at www.eacs.k12.in.us.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, May 21, 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 May 21, 2013.

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President

Secretary