



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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

February 3, 2015 - 6:33 p.m.

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

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 6:32 p.m. on February 3, 2015.

Board members present:

Christopher T. Baker, President
Robert L. Nelson, Jr., Vice President
Terry Jo Lightfoot, Secretary
Leland L. Etzler
Timothy E. Hines
Arden L. Hoffman (arrived 6:35 p.m.)
Paulette Nellems

Board members absent:

None

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. Rose Fritzinger, Director of Development
Mrs. Teresa Knoblauch, Director of Title III
Mr. Keith Madsen, Director of Technology
Mr. Ed Mendoza, Director of Student Services
Mr. Gregory M. Geise, 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 Chris Baker called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1.3 Approval of Agenda

The agenda for February 3, 2015 was approved as presented, with the deletion of 1.4 Recognitions, and the addition of an addendum - Discussion/Action Item 15-0203-4.4 – Resolution Regarding Public School Funding.

1.4 Recognitions

None.

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

3.2 Financial Reports

3.3 Meetings and Conferences

3.4 Minutes – Regular Meeting – January 20, 2015

3.5 Minutes – Special Work Session – January 26, 2015

3.6 Minutes – Executive Session – January 27, 2015

Motion: That Consent Items 3.1 through 3.6 be approved as presented.

Motion: Lightfoot

Second: Hines

Discussion: None.

Vote:

*3.1 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 6-0)

*3.2 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 6-0)

*3.3 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 6-0)

*3.4 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 6-0)

*3.5 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 6-0)

*3.6 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 6-0)

4.0 ACTION ITEMS

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

15-0203-4.1 Amendment to EACS' Health and Welfare Plan - Spousal Carve Out

*Mr. Hoffman was not yet present for the vote.

15-0203-4.2 Contract with ASCD for Virginia Rojas Professional Development Workshop

15-0203-4.3 Request for Use of Infrastructure Improvement Funding

Motion: That Action Items 15-0203-4.1 through 15-0203-4.3 be approved as presented.

Motion: Etzler Second: Nellems

Discussion: None.

Vote:

*4.1 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 6-0)

*4.2 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 6-0)

*4.3 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 6-0)

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

15-0203-4.4 Resolution Regarding Public School Funding

Dr. Folks provided information to the Board and answered their questions.

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 15-0203-4.4 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nelson Second: Lightfoot

Discussion: Mrs. Lightfoot appreciates this Resolution and that the area Superintendents are standing together on this issue. Mr. Hoffman commented. Mrs. Nellems wanted to go on record, stating "I am for public schools; I am for choice."

Vote:

4.4 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson; Against: Hoffman (Motion carried 6-1)

5.0 INFORMATION ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Cenergistic Presentation

Representatives from Cenergistic presented information about their energy conservation company.

5.2 Secondary Course Catalog Revisions

Mrs. Hissong provided information to the Board and answered their questions.

*Mr. Hoffman was not yet present for the vote.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.3 Provide Kindergarten Countdown Program in Partnership With United Way of Allen County

Dr. Shaffer provided information for the Board and answered their questions.

5.4 School Calendars for 2015-16SY and 2016-17SY

Dr. Folks and Mr. Greg Geise provided information for the Board.

5.5 2016 Budget Schedule

Mr. Stahly provided information for the Board.

6.0 PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Name

Pastor Gonzalee Martin (on behalf of the United Pastors Association), Rev. Stephen Terry, Robert Bell, Pastor Carlton Lynch

Topic

Building Utilization Plan, specifically the Harding attendance area

7.0 SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

The EACS/ABC High School Construction Prep Academy Open House held yesterday was very impressive. Thank you to Mr. Hines and Mr. Nelson who also attended.

This is School Showcase week. Highlighted attendance areas will be open for tours from 10:00 a.m.-12 noon and 6:00-7:30 p.m. on their specified day. Harding attendance area schools' is tomorrow (Wednesday) and Heritage attendance area schools' is on Thursday.

If any Board member plans to attend The Depth of Knowledge Workshop please let Dr. Folks know.

A teacher In-service will be held on Tuesday, February 10 at New Haven High School. Board members are welcome to attend. Breakfast is at 7:00 a.m. with breakout sessions running from 7:30 a.m. to 11:20 a.m.

8.0 BOARD COMMENTS

Name

Arden Hoffman

Topic

Clarified to the audience that only a straw vote/ consensus was taken at Monday night's Special Work Session; suggested that the building utilization plan come back as a discussion item on 2/17 allowing for 2 weeks of community input.

Bob Nelson

Clarified that the next Board meeting is February 17th.

Chris Baker

ISBA Spring Regional Academy is 4/9-4/10/15. It would be a good idea to have members attend this. Let Mrs. Labie know if interested in attending.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. Nellems moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hines seconded it, and the meeting ended at 7:42 p.m.

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 regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. These meetings 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 February 17, 2015.

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