



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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

February 17, 2015 - 6:30 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 6:30 p.m. on February 17, 2015.

Board members present:

Christopher T. Baker, President
Robert L. Nelson, Jr., Vice President
Terry Jo Lightfoot, Secretary
Leland L. Etzler (arrived 6:31 p.m.)
Timothy E. Hines
Arden L. Hoffman
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. Ed Mendoza, Director of Student Services
Dr. Teresa Gremaux, Principal, Paul Harding Junior High School
Mr. Ron Kammeyer, Principal, Woodlan Jr./Sr. High School
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 6:30 p.m.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1.3 Approval of Agenda

The agenda for February 17, 2015 was approved as presented, however the order in which the first five Discussion Items will be discussed was changed to: 5.2, 5.3, 5.6, 5.5 and 5.4.

1.4 Recognitions

Lizzy Hodges, a 9th grade student at Woodlan Jr./Sr. High School, won 2nd place in the Allen County Public Library's 'Imagine That' Poetry Contest. Her poem is entitled "Volumes".

Loretta "Nana" Loy makes handmade blankets that she gives to entire classes of preschool children in the hopes that all children would have something of their very own to love while transitioning to the rigors of attending school. Last year preschoolers at Southwick and New Haven Elementary Schools were recipients of her "Nana's Creations."

EACS Public Relations Liaison Tamyra Kelly was a guest soloist with the Voices of Unity Youth Choir during their annual Praise concert held recently at IPFW.

2.0 PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS – AGENDA ITEMS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Jonathan Ray, Pastor Gonzalee Martin (on behalf of the United Pastors Association)	Building Utilization Plan, specifically the Harding attendance area
Mike Clendenen, Charlie Hatten	Building Utilization Plan, specifically the New Haven attendance area
Louis Schmucker, Toby Graber	Transportation of Amish school students
Dean Stewart, Justin Zeisloft	Building Utilization Plan, specifically the Leo attendance area

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 – Special Work Session – February 2, 2015

3.5 Minutes – Regular Meeting – February 3, 2015

Motion: That Consent Items 3.1 through 3.5 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nelson

Second: Lightfoot

Discussion: Mr. Hoffman asked for clarification on several items.

Vote:

- 3.1 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 7-0)
- 3.2 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 7-0)
- 3.3 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 7-0)
- 3.4 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 7-0)
- 3.5 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 7-0)

4.0 ACTION ITEMS

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

15-0217-4.1 Provide Kindergarten Countdown Program in Partnership With United Way of Allen County

15-0217-4.2 School Calendars for 2015-16SY and 2016-17SY

Dr. Folks shared that the calendar for the 2016/17SY which was included in the Board packet showed the wrong dates for the proposed fall break. The intent is to have fall break take place between the end of the first nine weeks and the beginning of the second nine weeks. Therefore the correct date should be October 14-17, 2016.

15-0217-4.3 Budget Calendar for 2016

Motion: That Action Items 15-0217-4.1 through 15-0217-4.3 be approved as presented.

Motion: Hines Second: Lightfoot

Vote:

- 4.1 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 7-0)
- 4.2 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 7-0)
- 4.3 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 7-0)

5.0 INFORMATION ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 Annual Review of Special Education Programs Report

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.2 Partnership Opportunity with Science Central

Mrs. Fritzingler provided information for the Board.

5.3 Building Corporation Members

Mr. Stahly provided information for the Board and answered Mr. Hoffman's questions.

5.6 Contract for Demographic Study by McKibben Demographic Research

Mr. Stahly provided information for the Board and answered their questions.

5.5 Building Utilization Plan

The Board has been tweaking a building utilization plan for the next phase of the Redesign since May of 2012, and most recently held a Special Work Session on February 2nd dedicated to the sole topic of building utilization and next steps. Discussion became contentious at times.

Mr. Nelson called for the vote.

Motion: That Discussion Item 5.5 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nelson Second: Lightfoot

Motion: That Discussion Item 5.5 be tabled.

Motion: Hoffman Second: Nellems

Discussion on Motion to Table: Mr. Hoffman asked what's the rush in voting on this tonight.

Vote on Motion to Table:

5.5 - Aye: Etzler, Hoffman, Nellems; Against: Baker, Hines, Lightfoot, Nelson (Motion failed 3-4)

Discussion on Original Motion: More discussion followed.

Vote on Original Motion:

5.5 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nelson; Against: Hoffman, Nellems (Motion carried 5-2)

5.4 Selection of A & E Firms

Mr. Stahly provided information for the Board and answered their questions.

5.7 Revised Administrative Guideline 3545 - re: Discontinue Transportation for Students Attending ACLA

Dr. Folks and Mr. Stahly provided information for the Board.

5.8 Revised Administrative Guideline 3545.4 - re: Transportation of Nonpublic School Students

Dr. Folks and Mr. Stahly provided information for the Board and answered their questions.

5.9 Revised Administrative Guideline 4121 - re: Change from Daily Rate to Hourly Rate for Sub Bus Drivers

Mr. Stahly provided information for the Board.

5.10 Revised Administrative Guideline 5117- re: School Choice Transportation No Longer Provided

Dr. Folks and Mr. Stahly provided information for the Board and answered their questions.

6.0 PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Greg Geise, President of EAEA	February 10 th Teacher Inservice – Very collaborative and job well done!

7.0 SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

An article on teen suicide was in yesterday’s Journal Gazette. EACS’ Safety Manager - Jeff Studebaker - contributed to the story.

Heritage Jr./Sr. High School AP Chemistry/Physics teacher Eric Bultemeier was featured in the Teacher Honor Roll feature of the paper having been nominated by two of his students.

The Heritage Elementary War Room visit is tomorrow morning at 8:15 a.m..

8.0 BOARD COMMENTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Arden Hoffman	Recent bus accident – focus on student safety.
Paulette Nellems	Recently toured PHJH/EAU. Praised the students there.
Terry Jo Lightfoot	Shared pictures of the LEHS State Softball Champions team who were recognized at the Statehouse today.
Chris Baker	Praised Dr. Brown and Dr. Folks for their handling of the recent bus accident.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Etzler moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Nelson seconded it, and the meeting ended at 8:45 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, March 3, 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 March 3, 2015.

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President

Secretary