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

**March 10, 2015 – 3:00 p.m.**

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

At a Special Work Session 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 March 10, 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  
Paulette Nellems

Board members absent:

None

EACS Administrators in attendance:

Dr. Kenneth H. Folks, Superintendent  
Mrs. Marilyn Hissong, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction  
Mr. Kirby Stahly, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services  
Mr. Keith Madsen, Director of Technology  
Mrs. Teresa Knoblauch, Director of Title III  
Dr. Teresa Gremaux, Principal, Paul Harding Junior High School

## **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 March 10, 2015 was approved as presented.

## 2.0 DISCUSSION ITEM - TECHNOLOGY

### 2.1 Five Year Technology Plan

President Baker opened the meeting with the question, "Do we as a Board feel we should have some type of a device for our students?" The answer was a unanimous yes.

Mr. Madsen presented information to the Board regarding EACS' five year technology plan, including five proposed Options.

Discussion then turned to determining what the proper device for our students should be.

Side notes:

- Consensus of the Board is for Mr. Madsen to formulate numbers showing the cost of students in grades 9-12 being able to buy their iPad at the end of their Senior year.
- Mr. Hoffman is a proponent of parents being allowed to purchase their own device for their student(s). Following more discussion, President Baker asked for a show of hands and only Mr. Hoffman was in favor of this option, so it was not discussed further.

Mr. Stahly presented funding options.

Consensus of the Board is to go with Option I, stating that for school year 2016-2017, EACS will utilize our current used iPads for grades K-6 students at a 1:1 ratio and purchase new iPad Air 2s for grades 7-12 students at a 1:1 ratio.

**Motion:** That the five year technology plan (Option 1) be brought to the March 17, 2015 Board meeting for formal approval.

Motion: Lightfoot                      Second: Nelson

**Discussion:** Mr. Hoffman proposed an amendment to the motion.

**Amended Motion:** Add to the original motion the condition that the service history of the iPads will be looked at a year from now to determine if a fifth year of use will be added.

Motion: Hoffman                      Second: Nellems

**Discussion on Amended Motion:** More discussion followed.

Mr. Etzler called for the question.

**Vote on Amended Motion:**

Aye: Hoffman; Against: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion failed 1-5)

**Discussion on Original Motion:** More discussion followed.

Mr. Etzler called for the question.

**Vote on Original Motion:**

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

Regarding funding options: Once solid numbers for the cost of our e-textbooks are received, Mr. Stahly will put together information of different scenarios/dollar amounts for the Board to discuss regarding the funding for the iPads.

**3.0 SUPERINTENDENTS COMMENTS**

Dr. Folks applauded the Board's decision to continue on with iPads.

**4.0 BOARD COMMENTS**

President Baker asked Dr. Folks to schedule Performance Services to present to the Board again, as new board members were not able to hear that presentation.

**5.0 ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. Nellems moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hines seconded it, and it was unanimously approved. The meeting ended at 9:44 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](http://www.eacs.k12.in.us).

The next regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, March 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 March 17, 2015.

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