



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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

March 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 March 17, 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

Board members absent:

Paulette Nellems

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 Fritzingler, Director of Development
Mrs. Teresa Knoblauch, Director of Title III
Mr. Ed Mendoza, Director of Student Services
Dr. Neal Brown III, Principal, Leo Jr./Sr. High School
Dr. Teresa Gremaux, Principal, Paul Harding Junior High School
Mr. Ron Kammeyer, Principal, Woodlan Jr./Sr. High School
Mr. Greg Mohler, Principal, New Haven High School
Mr. Matt Widenhoefer, Principal, Heritage Jr./Sr. High School
Mrs. Cheri Gilbert, Athletic Director, Heritage Jr./Sr. High School
Mr. Dave Myers, Athletic Director, New Haven High School
Mr. Brock Rohrbacher, Athletic Director, Leo Jr./Sr. High School
Dr. Nicole Singer, Assistant Principal, Leo Jr./Sr. High School
Mr. Jody Smith, Assistant Principal, Leo Jr./Sr. High School
Mr. Todd Thieme, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director, Woodlan Jr./Sr. High School
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 March 17, 2015 was approved as presented.

Mr. Hoffman asked that the Graduation Rates Report be moved up in the Agenda and given prior to the Action Items. Mrs. Lightfoot objected.

Motion: That Information Item 5.2 - Graduation Rates Annual Report – be moved to right before the Action Items.

Motion: Hoffman

Vote:

Aye: Hoffman; Against: Baker, Hines, Lightfoot, Nelson; Abstained: Etzler (Motion defeated 4-1-1)

1.4 **Recognitions**

Student athletes (Seniors) who were recognized as pillars of both academic and athletic excellence by the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) were acknowledged. To become an All State Academic Athlete these students had to have 1) Played in 70% of the games this season, 2) Maintained a minimum of a 3.40/4.0 or 9.1/12.0, and 3) Scored a minimum SAT of 1660 or a minimum ACT of 24. They include:

Heritage High School:

Student: Lucas Scheumann - Soccer (11th grade)

Principal: Mr. Matt Widenhoefer

Athletic Director: Mrs. Cheri Gilbert

Leo High School:

Students: John Grush - Football, and Logan Leiter - Football

Principal: Dr. Neal Brown III

Athletic Director: Brock Rohrbacher

New Haven High School:

Students: (All football players) Adam Hoffer – (is the Salutatorian for NHHS), Nate Kitzmiller, Andrew Kohrman, Todd Moeller, Spencer Perkins, Ryan Shaffer, Vance Shearer, and Zachary Watson (is the Valedictorian for NHHS)

Principal: Mr. Greg Mohler

Athletic Director: Mr. Dave Myers

Woodlan High School:

Student: Shawn Kitzmiller – Football - ranks 4th in his class

Principal: Mr. Ron Kammeyer

Athletic Director: Mr. Todd Thieme

2.0 PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS – AGENDA ITEMS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Michael Coomer, Beth Lichty, Stephanie Fuhrmann, Jeff Buuck, Greg Bearman	Transportation
Anita Richert, Justin Stuckey, Roland Stuckey, Cynthia Stuckey, Greg Sowles	iPads
Arden Hoffman	Transportation

3.0 CONSENT ITEMS

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

- 3.1 **Human Resources Report and Addendum**
- 3.2 **Financial Reports**
- 3.3 **Meetings and Conferences**
- 3.4 **Minutes – Regular Meeting – March 3, 2015**
- 3.5 **Minutes – Special Work Session – March 17, 2015**

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

Motion: Hines Second: Nelson

Discussion: Mr. Hoffman had questions about the Depth of Knowledge trainings listed on the Meeting and Conferences of which Dr. Folks and Mrs. Hissong answered.

Vote:

- 3.1 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nelson (Motion carried 6-0)
- 3.2 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nelson (Motion carried 6-0)
- 3.3 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nelson; Against: Hoffman (Motion carried 5-1)
- 3.4 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nelson (Motion carried 6-0)
- 3.5 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nelson (Motion carried 6-0)

4.0 ACTION ITEMS

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

- 15-0317-4.1 Revised Administrative Guideline 3545 - re: Discontinue Transportation for Students Attending ACLA**
- 15-0317-4.2 Revised Administrative Guideline 3545.4 - re: Transportation of Private/Private/Parochial School Students**
- 15-0317-4.3 Revised Administrative Guideline 4121 - re: Change from Daily Rate to Hourly Rate for Sub Bus Drivers**

15-0317-4.4 Revised Administrative Guideline 5117- re: School Choice Transportation No Longer Provided

15-0317-4.5 Application and Receipt of Funds for AWS Foundation Grant

15-0317-4.6 Contract with STAR Autism Support

15-0317-4.7 Charity Partnership Status with Fort4Fitness

15-0317-4.8 Five Year Technology Plan

15-0317-4.9 Gift Card Usage Resolution

Motion: That Action Items 15-0317-4.1 through 15-0317-4.9 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nelson Second: Etzler

Discussion: Mrs. Lightfoot provided an overview of the previous Board's view on iPads being the device of choice for the district, and she included her support of EACS continuing their use. Mr. Hoffman finished reading his prepared statement, and commented on Board Policy 1009, as well as gift card use and iPads. Mr. Hines shared his support for the proposed changes to transportation.

Motion: That Action Item 15-0317-4.8 – Five Year Technology Plan be tabled until more information can be gathered.

Motion: Hoffman Second: None; Motion failed for lack of a second.

Discussion: Discussion continued. Mr. Nelson finally called for the vote.

Vote:

- 4.1 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nelson (Motion carried 6-0)
- 4.2 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nelson; Against: Hoffman (Motion carried 5-1)
- 4.3 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nelson (Motion carried 6-0)
- 4.4 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nelson (Motion carried 6-0)
- 4.5 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nelson (Motion carried 6-0)
- 4.6 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nelson; Against: Hoffman (Motion carried 5-1)
- 4.7 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nelson (Motion carried 6-0)
- 4.8 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nelson; Against: Hoffman (Motion carried 5-1)
- 4.9 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nelson; Against: Hoffman (Motion carried 5-1)

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

15-0317-4.10 Application and Receipt of Funds for the Monsanto Grant: America's Farmers Grow Rural Education

Discussion: None.

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 15-0317-4.10 be approved as presented.

Motion: Lightfoot Second: Etzler

4.9 - Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nelson (Motion carried 6-0)

5.0 INFORMATION ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

PRESENTATIONS

5.1 EACS/ABC Construction Prep Academy Presentation

NHHS teacher Mr. Kurt VanHorn, along with Mr. Colin Taylor - ABC/EACS Apprentice Program Coordinator, presented information to the Board on this new program. Several of the students involved in the program were on hand as well.

5.2 Graduation Rates Annual Report

EACS' secondary principals – Dr. Neal Brown, Mr. Ron Kammeyer, Mr. Greg Mohler, and Mr. Matt Widenhoefer presented information to the Board on EACS' graduation rates.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.3 Agreement for Bond Counsel (Ice Miller)

Mr. Stahly presented information to the Board and answered their questions.

5.4 Agreement for Underwriter (City Securities)

Mr. Stahly presented information to the Board and answered their questions.

5.5 Resolution to Transfer Funds to Textbook Rental Fund

Mr. Stahly presented information to the Board and answered their questions.

6.0 PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Name

Michael Marriott

Topic

Safety Issues with students running alone (i.e. Cross Country practices) and riding to meets alone in a vehicle with a staff member.

7.0 SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

The New Haven State of the City Address was held last evening. Thank you to Mayor Terry McDonald for his nice remarks about East Allen County Schools.

Mrs. Tamyra Kelly just attended a PR Workshop in Indianapolis where EACS was highlighted for its PR Best Practices.

Today Allyson Bradtmiller, 2nd grade teacher at Southwick Elementary School, was honored as “Don Hall’s Soft Rock 103.9 Teacher of the Month.

8.0 BOARD COMMENTS

Name

Chris Baker

Topic

After polling the Board, Mr. Baker asked Dr. Folks to create a policy regarding the transporting of students to extracurricular events by staff/coaches. Regarding practices/runners running alone - a majority of the Board is not in favor of dictating to coaches how to run their practices; however, our safety practices are to be reviewed with students and the safety of our students must continue to be a top priority.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Etzler moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion and the meeting ended at 9:21 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, April 14, 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 April 14, 2015.

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