



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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

April 14, 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 April 14, 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 and Association Presidents also in attendance:

Dr. Kenneth H. Folks, Superintendent
Mrs. Marilyn Hissong, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction
Mr. Kirby Stahly, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services
Mrs. Connie Brown, Director of Special Services
Mrs. Rose Fritzing, Director of Development
Mrs. Teresa Knoblauch, Director of Title III
Mr. Ed Mendoza, Director of Student Services
Mrs. Terri Lortie, President, EACS Custodial Association
Ms. Janet McEvoy, President, EACS Transportation Association
Mr. Mark Nash, President, East Allen Educator's 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 April 14, 2015 was approved as presented with the following change: Our scheduled recognition of the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Winner will be rescheduled.

Mr. Hoffman inquired about the urgency of several of the Discussion/Action Items, but in the end Board consensus was to leave them on the Agenda as is due to deadlines and only having one board meeting in April.

1.4 Recognitions

Mr. Larry Linson and Mr. Bryan Kaylor, both 3rd grade teachers at Cedarville Elementary School, have been named recipients of a \$10,000 Lilly Endowment Teacher Creativity Fellowship Grant.

This summer Mr. Linson and Mr. Kaylor will be “Learning From A(rches) to Z(ion) about Our National Parks”. They will hike and bicycle in the western United States' national parks using a GPS to locate unique geoscience features in the parks, create a digital book and interactive map of the trip, while creating math and science challenges for their students based on the experience.

2.0 PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS – AGENDA ITEMS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Michael Coomer	Board meeting notifications; Demographics Study

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 17, 2015
- 3.5 Minutes – Executive Session – March 24, 2015

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

Motion: Nellems Second: Hines

Discussion: None

Vote:

- 3.1 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson; Against: Hoffman (Motion carried 6-1)
- 3.2 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 7-0)
- 3.3 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson; Against: Hoffman (Motion carried 6-1)
- 3.4 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 7-0)
- 3.5 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot; Abstained: Nellems, Nelson; Against: Hoffman; (Motion carried 4-2-1)

4.0 **ACTION ITEMS**

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

15-0414-4.1 Agreement for Bond Counsel (Ice Miller)

15-0414-4.2 Agreement for Underwriter (City Securities)

15-0414-4.3 Resolution to Transfer Funds to Textbook Rental Fund

Discussion: Mr. Hoffman would like to see a second bidder for the Bond Counsel.

Motion: That Action Items 15-0414-4.1 through 15-0414-4.3 be approved as presented.

Motion: Lightfoot Second: Nelson

Vote:

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

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)

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

15-0414-4.4 Application and Receipt of Funds for the Healthy Kids Grant

Mrs. Fritzinger presented information to the Board and answered their questions.

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 15-0414-4.4 be approved as presented.

Motion: Hines Second: Etzler

Vote:

4.4 – Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 7-0)

15-0414-4.5 Contract Extension for Dr. Richard Van Acker

Mrs. Brown presented information to the Board and answered their questions.

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 15-0414-4.5 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nelson Second: Nellems

Vote:

4.5 – Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 7-0)

15-0414-4.6 Bid for Roof Work at New Haven Elementary Site

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

Discussion: Mr. Hoffman questioned Mr. Baker on having a conflict of interest on this project. Mr. Baker stated he had no hand in any part of the bidding process.

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 15-0414-4.6 be approved as presented.

Motion: Hines Second: Etzler

Vote:

4.6 – Aye: Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson; Abstained: Baker (Motion carried 6-1-0)

15-0414-4.7 Leo Junior High Boys Locker Room Locker Replacement

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

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 15-0414-4.7 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nelson Second: Etzler

Vote:

4.7 – Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 7-0)

15-0414-4.8 Agreement with GrapeSEED

Mrs. Knoblauch presented information to the Board and answered their questions.

Discussion: Mr. Hoffman asked for a copy of the report from the IDOE when it is received.

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 15-0414-4.8 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nellems Second: Nelson

Vote:

4.8 – Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 7-0)

15-0414-4.9 Grades K-6 Social Studies Textbook Adoption

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

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 15-0414-4.9 be approved as presented.

Motion: Etzler Second: Nelson

Vote:

4.9 – Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 7-0)

15-0414-4.10 Grades 7-12 Language Arts, Math and Social Studies Digital Textbook Adoption

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

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 15-0414-4.10 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nellems Second: Etzler

Vote:

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

5.0 INFORMATION ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 Allocations/Grant Awards for EACS – First Quarter 2015

5.2 Summer School Plan

PRESENTATIONS

5.3 Performance Services

Mr. Mike Lindsey of Performance Services presented information to the Board about this energy conservation company.

5.4 McKibben Demographic Research

Dr. Jerry McKibben of McKibben Demographic Research presented enrollment projections for the next ten years from his most recent demographic study of the district.

5.5 Rent to Own Devices

Mr. Keith Madsen presented options and scenarios to the Board regarding students renting to own their technology devices.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.6 Proposed New Admin. Guideline 5121 – Transportation of Students to School-Sponsored Events

Dr. Folks presented information to the Board and answered their questions. Brief discussion followed.

5.7 Transportation Request from Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School

Dr. Folks presented information to the Board.

5.8 Building Facility Utilization Review

Dr. Folks presented information to the Board. Following discussion, Mrs. Lightfoot made a motion that the Board allow Dr. Folks and Administration to move forward in gathering budget numbers for the current proposed building utilization plan (which includes the upgrading of facilities in the Harding attendance area and at the Woodlan K-12 facility) to be brought to the Board for discussion at the May 5th Board meeting.

Motion: That Discussion Item 5.8 be approved as presented.

Motion: Lightfoot Second: Nelson

Vote:

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

5.9 Pursue Conducting a Community Survey – Facility Needs

Dr. Folks presented information to the Board. Following discussion, Mrs. Lightfoot made a motion that the Board allow Dr. Folks to secure bids from polling companies to be brought to the Board for discussion at the May 5th Board meeting.

Motion: That Discussion Item 5.9 be approved as presented.

Motion: Lightfoot Second: Hines

Vote:

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

6.0 PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Name

Michael Coomer

Topic

Thank you to Mr. Stahly and Mr. Roger Miller (Transportation) for answering his e-mail questions.

7.0 SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

The 2nd Annual Autism Fair will be held this Saturday, April 18 from 10:00-2:00 p.m. at PHLC. Horseback rides will be offered.

The Annual EAEA Recognition Banquet will be held Thursday, April 23 at Ceruti's beginning at 5:30 p.m.

There is a School Board lunch visit at Heritage Elementary School on Tuesday, April 21 at 10:50 a.m.

Thank you for the approval of Ms. Deborah Watson as the new Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education. She will begin her duties on July 1st.

8.0 BOARD COMMENTS

Name

Arden Hoffman

Topic

Removing Mr. Stahly's salary from Transportation Fund to General Fund; Possible censuring of him by the Board

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. Nellems moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hines seconded the motion and the meeting ended at 9:26 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, May 5, 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 May 5, 2015.

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