



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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

June 16, 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 June 16, 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
Mr. Kirby Stahly, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services
Mrs. Connie Brown, Director of Special Services
Mrs. Tina Grady, Director of Human Resources
Mrs. Tamyra Kelly, Public Relations Liaison
Mrs. Rose Fritzinger, Director of Development
Mr. Keith Madsen, Director of Technology
Mr. Ed Mendoza, Director of Student Services
Mr. Doug Pickett, Principal, New Haven Middle School
Mr. Patrick McCann, Assistant Principal, Prince Chapman Academy
Mr. David Myers, Athletic Director, New Haven High School
Ms. Janet McEvoy, President, EACS Transportation Association
Mr. Doug Pickett, Principal, New Haven Middle School

PUBLIC HEARING

6:30 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING EACS WELLNESS ADVISORY COUNCIL

1.0 Wellness Advisory Council Members

2.0 EACS Wellness Policy – No Recommended additions to policy

3.0 Review of 2014 – 2015 accomplishments

- EACS Fort4Fitness Charity Partnership was developed
- Indiana School Wellness Summit – Eric Manor attended
- Blue Jay Bolt
- Adult Focus on Health
- Student Focus on Health

4.0 Wellness Council Plans for 2015 – 2016

- Planting Healthy Seeds 3rd and 4th grade curriculum will be piloted
- WellSAT: Wellness Policy Assessment Tool
- Continue to encourage increased physical activity in or out of school
- Continually provide resources to schools/parents
- Garner input and ideas for improvement from schools
- Sponsor and encourage participating in health fairs
- Continue to research ways to collaborate with community organizations

5.0 Public Expressions

None.

6.0 Adjournment

1.0 ROUTINE ITEMS

1.1 **Call to Order**

President Chris Baker called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

1.2 **Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1.3 **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved as presented with an addendum to Consent Item 3.1 Human Resources Report. President Baker relayed that prior to the meeting he had been asked, on behalf of the Hoagland Area Advancement Assn., if EACS buses/drivers could be used to shuttle people to the Hoagland Days festival this weekend as their primary parking lot has been flooded out.

Motion: That the addendum to Consent Item 3.1 Human Resources Report be accepted.

Motion: Hines Second: Etzler

Discussion: None.

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

1.4 Recognition

New Haven Middle School's Social Studies Academic Superbowl Team was recognized for being the Class 2 State Champions. Team members are Alyssa Bowman, Rachel Kitzmiller, and Damien Martz. The coach, retired NHMS teacher Mrs. Cindy Vince, and principal, Mr. Doug Pickett were on hand.

2.0 PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS – AGENDA ITEMS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Neil Reynolds	Asked, on behalf of the Hoagland Area Advancement Assn., if EACS buses/drivers could be used for Hoagland Days festival to shuttle this weekend due to flooding of their primary parking lot. Request was then subsequently withdrawn.

Motion: That the Board would consider allowing EACS to provide buses and drivers for the Hoagland Days festival this weekend due to their primary parking lot being flooded. (This will become Action Item 4.9.)

Motion: Nelson Second: Etzler

Discussion: None.

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

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 Board Meeting Minutes – June 2, 2015**

Motion: That Consent Items 3.1 through 3.4 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nelson Second: Hines

Discussion: Mr. Hoffman commented.

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, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson; Against: Hoffman (Motion carried 6-1)

4.0 ACTION ITEMS

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

15-0616-4.1 Application and Receipt of Funds for Title I Basic and Delinquent-Serving Institution Funding for SY2015-16

Motion: That Action Item 15-0616-4.1 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nellems Second: Lightfoot

Discussion: None.

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

15-0616-4.2 Application and Receipt of Funds for 2015-16SY Safe Haven Grant

Motion: That Action Item 15-0616-4.2 be approved as presented.

Motion: Hines Second: Etzler

Discussion: Mrs. Fritzingler answered Mr. Hoffman's questions.

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

15-0616-4.3 Revised Administrative Guideline 5114 - Student Discipline

Motion: That Action Item 15-0616-4.3 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nelson Second: Lightfoot

Discussion: None

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

15-0616-4.4 Proposed New Administrative Guideline 5152 - Random Drug Testing (of Student Drivers and Students Involved in Extra-Curricular and Co-curricular Activities)

Motion: That Action Item 15-0616-4.4 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nelson Second: Lightfoot

Discussion: Performance enhancing drugs will not be included as part of the screening at this time as to add them would be cost prohibitive. Discussion occurred with several board members giving their thoughts on this matter.

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

15-0602-4.5 Revised Administrative Guidelines Including Salary Indexes:

- 2170.05 – Administrator Salary Groups**
- 4121 – Substitute Personnel**
- 4211 – Operational Support Personnel**
- 4211 (Appendix A) – Operational Support Personnel**
- 4211.5 – Technical Support Personnel**
- 4211.5 (Appendix A) – Technical Support Personnel**
- 4212 – Food Service Managers**
- 4212 (Appendix A) – Food Service Managers**
- 4213 - Academic Support Personnel**
- 4213 (Appendix A) - Academic Support Personnel**
- 4213.5 – Educational Interpreters/Language Translators**
- 4214 – Miscellaneous Support Personnel**

Motion: That Action Item 15-0616-4.5 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nelson Second: Hines

Discussion: Mr. Stahly addressed Mr. Hoffman’s and Mrs. Nellems’ questions.

At 7:16 p.m. Mrs. Lightfoot asked for a five minute recess of the meeting. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion, and a five minute recess was taken.

When the meeting resumed at 7:21 p.m., Mr. Nelson called for the question. Mrs. Lightfoot seconded the motion.

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

15-0616-4.6 Elementary Textbook and Course Fees for 2015-16SY

Motion: That Action Item 15-0616-4.6 be approved as presented.

Motion: Lightfoot Second: Etzler

Discussion: None.

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

15-0616-4.7 Secondary Textbook and Course Fees for 2015-16SY

Motion: That Action Item 15-0616-4.7 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nelson Second: Hines

Discussion: Mr. Madsen answered Mr. Hoffman’s questions about e-books and technology fees.

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

15-0616-4.8 Contract with Canvas by Instructure as EACS' Learning Management System

Motion: That Action Item 15-0616-4.8 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nellems Second: Hines

Discussion: Mr. Madsen answered Mr. Hoffman's questions.

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

15-0616-4.9 Motion: That the Board grant the request of the Hoagland Area Advancement Assn., to use EACS buses/drivers to shuttle people to the Hoagland Days festival this weekend, should they reconsider reinstating their request for these services.

Motion: Lightfoot Second: Hines

Discussion: Mr. Hines expressed that the vote should go forward in case the Hoagland Area Advancement Assn. should change their mind on using the buses/drivers for this weekend's festival.

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

5.0 INFORMATION ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

INFORMATION ITEM

5.1 School Bus Driver's Handbook for School Year 2015-16SY

PRESENTATION

5.2 iPad End of Year Collection

Mr. Madsen presented information to the Board on statistics on the damages, lost/stolen, etc. by staff and students over this past school year. He also fielded their questions.

Motion: That the Board be given an additional slide/page of information showing the comparison of EACS' iPad damage versus iPad damage at surrounding school districts (by name).

Motion: Hoffman Second: Lightfoot

Further discussion occurred. In response to a question that Mr. Nelson asked, Mr. Madsen relayed that 50% of the school districts he spoke with are probably reluctant to have these statistics shared publically.

Amended Motion: That the Board be given an additional slide/page of information showing the comparison of EACS' iPad damage versus iPad damage at surrounding school districts, *but not naming the school districts.*

Motion: Lightfoot

Second: (Board consensus 5-1-1; with Mrs. Nellems abstaining and Mr. Hoffman against the amended motion.)

Vote on Amended Motion:

Vote: Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Lightfoot; Against: Nelson; Abstained: Nellems (Amended Motion carried 5-1-1)

Mr. Madsen will provide this additional information to the Board.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.3 Application and Receipt of Funds for Secured School Safety Grant

Mrs. Fritzing presented information to the Board and answered Mr. Hoffman's questions.

5.4 Contract Renewal with Amplify for mClass Beacon Software

Mr. Madsen presented information to the Board and addressed Mr. Hoffman's questions.

Motion: That the Board be given an additional report which shows the target school, grade level, school year schedule, frequency of assessments, objective of assessments, cost, sponsorship, have it time sequenced wrapped in with the state of Indiana test schedules, etc..

Motion: Hoffman

Second: Motion failed for lack of a second.

No extra report will need to be created.

5.5 Contracts with Anthony England and George Van Horn for Positive Behavior Intervention Strategies (PBIS) Training

Mrs. Brown presented information to the Board and addressed Mr. Hoffman's and Mrs. Nellems' questions.

5.6 Proposed Survey Questions from Public Opinion Strategies (POS)

Dr. Folks presented information to the Board and asked that a consensus be reached this evening so that the survey may begin being conducted immediately by POS and results could be received within the week.

Discussion followed. On Question #4 on page 4 – "Woodlan Jr./Sr. High School " will be added.

President Baker explained why the Board is aiming for a May primary election for the referendum.

By a show of hands, there was a consensus (6-1, with Mr. Hoffman against) to have Dr. Folks contact POS so that they can move forward with this survey as discussed.

6.0 PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

7.0 SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

We are very proud of our Heritage High School Baseball team who are the Semi-State runner ups, and our Leo High School Softball team who both are the State runner-ups.

The Hoagland Days parade is this Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Please meet at the school.

The EACS notecards at each Board members’ place are for them to use.

8.0 BOARD COMMENTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Terry Lightfoot	Thanks for support of LEHS’s Softball Team this past weekend. Leo Senior Lindsey Bowers was awarded the “Mental Attitude” award by the IHSAA.
Tim Hines	Thanked Neil Reynolds for bringing the bus request. Thanked the high schools and Dr. Folks for including the Board in the commencement ceremonies – very enjoyable day.
Bob Nelson	Promoted Associated Churches 5K Race this Saturday, June 20 at 9:00 a.m. – asked Tamyra to publicize.
Arden Hoffman	Asked about graduation rates.
Chris Baker	Reminder of Executive Session on June 23 rd . Information in orange folder should be reviewed prior to that meeting.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. Nellems moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion and the meeting ended at 8:46 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, July 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 July 14, 2015.

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