



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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

**August 5, 2014 - 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 August 5, 2014.

Board members present:

Neil S. Reynolds, President  
Christopher T. Baker, Vice President  
Stephen L. Terry, Sr., Secretary  
William D. Hartman  
Arden L. Hoffman  
Terry Jo Lightfoot  
Robert L. Nelson, Jr.

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. Tamyra Kelly, Public Relations Liaison  
Mrs. Rose Fritzinger, Director of Development  
Mrs. Teresa Knoblauch, Director of Title III  
Mr. Keith Madsen, Director of Technology  
Dr. Neal Brown III, Principal, Leo Jr./Sr. High School  
Mr. Doug Hicks, Principal, East Allen University  
Mr. Jeff Kline, Principal, EACS Choice Alternative 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 Neil Reynolds 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 August 5, 2014 was approved as presented, with an addendum to 3.2 Financial Reports - Extracurricular Expenditure request from Leo Jr./Sr. High School to purchase a concession trailer.

## **1.4 Recognition**

The Leo High School Girl's Softball team was recognized for having won the Class 3A State Championship. Their season record was 27-6. This was the first State Championship in any IHSAA sanctioned team sport at Leo High School in the school's 110-year history! Some stats for the team:

- Led the State in RBIs with 326 (next closest was 252) which broke the all-time State record for RBIs in the history of Indiana softball (previous record was 313).
- Led the State in hits with 411 (next closest was 389) (which ties them for 2nd in the history of Indiana softball).
- Led the State in runs scored with 352 (the next closest was 290) which places the team 4th in the history of Indiana softball.
- Led the State in sacrifices with 50.
- Finished 2nd in the State in team batting average, batting 0.444, which places them 3rd in the history of Indiana softball.
- Finished in the Top 10 in the State in slugging percentage, on-base percentage, walks, doubles, and stolen bases.

Team members include: Alexa Allen, Lindsey Bowers, Breanna Carpenter, Morgan Finton, Shelby Fraser, Robyn Hall, Abbie Heischman, Makayla Hissong, Brooke Imel, Audrey Lukemire, Madeline MacDonald, Morgan Poeppel, and Hannah Risser; Manager - Jessica Reschly; Head coach: Ben Shappell; Assistant Coaches: Tony Bowers, Jeff Claxton, Jenna Coria, Michelle Meighen, Audrey Mickelini and Joe Mickelini.

## **2.0 PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS – AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

## **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 and Addendum**

**3.3 Meetings and Conferences**

**3.4 Minutes – Regular Meeting – July 15, 2014**

**3.5 Minutes – Executive Session – July 29, 2014**

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

Motion: Lightfoot                      Second: Terry

**Discussion:** None.

**Vote:**

3.1 - Aye: Baker, Hartman, Lightfoot, Nelson, Reynolds, Terry; Against: Hoffman (Motion carried 6-1)

3.2 - Aye: Baker, Hartman, Lightfoot, Nelson, Reynolds, Terry; Against: Hoffman (Motion carried 6-1)

3.3 - Aye: Baker, Hartman, Lightfoot, Nelson, Reynolds, Terry; Against: Hoffman (Motion carried 6-1)

3.4 - Aye: Baker, Hartman, Lightfoot, Nelson, Reynolds, Terry; Against: Hoffman (Motion carried 6-1)

3.5 - Aye: Baker, Hartman, Lightfoot, Nelson, Reynolds, Terry; 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:

**Motion:** That the Board of School Trustees approves Action Items 14-0805-4.1 through 14-0805-4.8 as presented.

Motion: Lightfoot                      Second: Hartman

**14-0805-4.1      Application and Receipt of Funds for Indiana College Success Mentoring (ICSM) Partnership**

**14-0805-4.2      Application and Receipt of Funds for Title III Allocation to Serve Limited English Proficient (LEP) Students**

**14-0805-4.3      Contract with Goodwill Industries**

**14-0805-4.4      Contract with Easter Seals Arc**

**14-0805-4.5      Contract with School Improvement Network (PD360)**

**14-0805-4.6      Procurement Services for Food Service Program**

**14-0805-4.7      Meet and Confer Management Proposals**

**14-0805-4.8      Student iPads - One-Year Extension to Previously Adopted**

Mrs. Lightfoot asked several questions regarding long term plans for Technology in the district.

**Vote**

- 4.1 - Aye: Baker, Hartman, Lightfoot, Nelson, Reynolds, Terry; Against: Hoffman (Motion carried 6-1)
- 4.2 - Aye: Baker, Hartman, Lightfoot, Nelson, Reynolds, Terry; Against: Hoffman (Motion carried 6-1)
- 4.3 - Aye: Baker, Hartman, Lightfoot, Nelson, Reynolds, Terry; Against: Hoffman (Motion carried 6-1)
- 4.4 - Aye: Baker, Hartman, Lightfoot, Nelson, Reynolds, Terry; Against: Hoffman (Motion carried 6-1)
- 4.5 - Aye: Baker, Hartman, Lightfoot, Nelson, Reynolds, Terry; Against: Hoffman (Motion carried 6-1)
- 4.6 - Aye: Baker, Hartman, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nelson, Reynolds, Terry (Motion carried 7-0)
- 4.7 - Aye: Baker, Hartman, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nelson, Reynolds, Terry (Motion carried 7-0)
- 4.8 - Aye: Baker, Hartman, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nelson, Reynolds, Terry (Motion carried 7-0)

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**14-0805-4.9 Application and Receipt of Funds for the Olin B. and Desta Schwab Foundation College/Career Readiness Grant**

Mrs. Fritzing and Mr. Jeff Kline, Principal of EACS Choice Alternative School, presented information to the Board.

**Motion:** That Discussion/Action Item 14-0805-4.9 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nelson Second: Terry

**Discussion:** Several questions were asked by Mr. Hoffman and Mr. Baker which were answered.

**Vote:**

- 4.9 - Aye: Baker, Hartman, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nelson, Reynolds, Terry (Motion carried 7-0)

**14-0805-4.10 New Haven High School Softball Field – Change Order #2 – Sidewalk to Softball Field Storage Facility**

Mr. Stahly presented information to the Board.

**Motion:** That Discussion/Action Item 14-0805-4.10 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nelson Second: Hartman

**Discussion:** Several comments were made and questions asked by Mr. Nelson, Mr. Terry, and Mr. Hoffman which Mr. Stahly answered.

**Vote:**

- 4.10 - Aye: Baker, Hartman, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nelson, Reynolds, Terry (Motion carried 7-0)

## **14-0805-4.11 Woodlan K-12 Project – North Entrance Guardrail Work**

Mr. Stahly presented information to the Board.

**Motion:** That Discussion/Action Item 14-0805-4.11 be approved as presented.

Motion: Terry Second: Lightfoot

**Discussion:** Several comments were made.

### **Vote:**

4.11 - Aye: Baker, Hartman, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nelson, Reynolds, Terry (Motion carried 7-0)

## **5.0 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### **5.1 Summer School Information**

#### **5.2 Grape Seed Materials**

#### **5.3 Energy Leadership Presentation**

Mr. Mike Lindsey, of Performance Services, presented information about their Energy Leadership program which provides a comprehensive approach to sustainable energy conservation. By bringing technology, process, and people together in their approach, they help customers to save energy dollars.

#### **5.4 Assessment Data Presentation**

Mrs. Hissong and Mr. Kurt Dager, former EACS Corporation Test Coordinator, were finally able to share EACS' ISTEP results as they were recently unembargoed. They broke information down by test, by grade, and by cohorts. They answered the Board's questions. As a district, EACS' scores rose 5.5% which shows phenomenal growth. As the IREAD-3 and ECA results become available they will also be presented to the Board.

At this point in the meeting Mr. Reynolds turned the meeting over to Vice President Baker, as he needed to step out of the room. And due to the lateness of the meeting, Dr. Folks asked if Discussion Item 5.7 - Contract Renewal with Amplify for mClass Beacon Software could be discussed next, since it involved Mr. Dager, as well as moving up Discussion Item 5.10 - Memorandum of Understanding with Vincennes University – as Mr. Hicks, who will be presenting the information, had another commitment that he needed to leave for. There was Board consensus for this change.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **5.7 Contract Renewal with Amplify for mClass Beacon Software**

Mrs. Hissong and Mr. Dager provided information to the Board and answered their questions.

### **5.10 Memorandum of Understanding with Vincennes University**

Mr. Doug Hicks, Principal of East Allen University, provided information to the Board and answered their questions. There are still several points which need to be worked through. Board consensus is that a 5-year contract with a 12-month out notice clause is agreeable, although Mr. Hoffman is against this regardless. As a result of discussion, Dr. Folks will research Vincennes' transferability of their Associates Degree credits to other colleges/ universities. A final version will be given to the Board at the next Board meeting. Mr. Baker, Mr. Hoffman and Mr. Nelson would like to see other local colleges' Associate Degree programs represented as well.

### **5.5 Application and Receipt of Funds for Safe Haven Funding**

Mrs. Fritzingler provided information to the Board. She publically thanked the City of New Haven, Mayor McDonald and Police Chief Poiry for their partnership in the past.

### **5.6 Continued Use for Language Arts/Foreign Language Textbooks**

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

### **5.8 Contract Renewal with Brandon Schweyer for iPad Repairs**

Mr. Madsen provided information to the Board.

### **5.9 Authorize Advertisement of 2015 Budget and Capital Projects and Bus Replacement Plans**

Mr. Stahly provided information to the Board. There will be a full budget presentation at the August 19 Board meeting.

## **6.0 PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

## **7.0 SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

Dr. Folks thanked the media for their support on Friday at the Woodlan and Heritage K-12 Campus Open Houses. Both were well attended.

Transportation Audit interviews will be conducted on Tuesday, August 26. Up to three Board members can sit on this committee. Please let President Reynolds know if you are interested in being on this committee.

This Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup> teachers come back; on Tuesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> our students return. District-wide Registration, which was held mainly yesterday and today, has been fast and furious. We are getting ready to kick off a new year!

**8.0 BOARD COMMENTS**

**Name**

Arden Hoffman

Bob Nelson  
Chris Baker

**Topic**

Providing breakfast to either all or none of our students. He expressed concerns about long waits for students on the bus. First day of school; Inservice in September. New Teacher Academy this Friday.

**9.0 ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss Mr. Reynolds moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Nelson seconded it, and it was unanimously approved. The meeting ended at approximately 8:24 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 Board meeting of the Board of School Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, August 19, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. 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 August 19, 2014.

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