



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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

August 19, 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. Teresa Knoblauch, Director of Title III
Mr. Keith Madsen, Director of Technology
Mr. Ed Mendoza, Director of Student Services
Dr. Teresa Gremaux, Principal, Paul Harding Junior High School
Mr. Doug Hicks, Principal, East Allen University
Mr. Gregory M. Geise, President, East Allen Educator's Association
Mrs. Terri Lortie, President, EACS Custodial 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 19, 2014 was approved as presented, with addendums to 3.1 Human Resource Report and 3.2 Financial Reports – Cash Tuition Transfers for the 2014-15SY; and the addition of Discussion Item - 5.5 2014-15SY School Resource Officer Agreement with Allen County.

Mr. Baker asked that Discussion Item 5.5 be discussed prior to the 5.4 Budget Presentation. The Board concurred.

1.4 Recognition

All Departments and Staff who have helped to get the Heritage and Woodlan K-12 campus buildings ready for the 2014-15SY were recognized. Representatives from the following schools/departments were as follows.

- Maintenance Department & Summer Workers – Mr. Doug Roemer (not present)
- Woodlan K-12 Custodian Departments – Mr. Matt Lortie and Mr. Toby Schoof
- Heritage Custodian Departments – Mrs. Diana Frecker
- Heritage and Woodlan K-12 Food Service Departments – Mrs. Carol Smith
- Moving Materials – Mrs. Lois Goeglein
- Technology Department – Mr. Keith Madsen
- Heritage and Woodlan K-12 Building Staff – Mr. Michael Chen and Mrs. Karen Charters
- Administrative Services – Mr. Kirby Stahly

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 and Addendum**
- 3.2 Financial Reports and Addendum**
- 3.3 Meetings and Conferences**
- 3.4 Minutes – Regular Meeting – August 5, 2014**

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

Motion: Baker Second: Lightfoot

Discussion: Mr. Nelson acknowledged the retirement of NHHS music teacher Jeff Kennedy and the contribution he has made there. Mr. Hoffman stated (and gave his reasons why) that due to the high amount of professional development leave requests listed he will be voting against 3.3 Meetings and Conferences.

Vote:

- 3.1 - Aye: Baker, Hartman, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nelson, Reynolds, Terry (Motion carried 7-0)
- 3.2 - Aye: Baker, Hartman, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nelson, Reynolds, Terry (Motion carried 7-0)
- 3.3 - Aye: Baker, Hartman, Lightfoot, Nelson, Reynolds, Terry; Against: Hoffman (Motion carried 6-1)
- 3.4 - Aye: Baker, Hartman, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nelson, Reynolds, Terry (Motion carried 7-0)

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 14-0819-4.1 through 14-0819-4.6 as presented.

Motion: Lightfoot Second: Terry

14-0819-4.1 Application and Receipt of Funds for Safe Haven Funding

14-0819-4.2 Continued Use for Language Arts/Foreign Language Textbooks

14-0819-4.3 Contract Renewal with Amplify for mClass Beacon Software

14-0819-4.4 Contract Renewal with Brandon Schweyer for iPad Repairs

**14-0819-4.5 Authorize Advertisement of 2015 Budget and Capital Projects
and Bus Replacement Plans**

14-0819-4.6 Memorandum of Understanding with Vincennes University

Discussion: Mr. Hoffman asked several questions regarding the Vincennes MOU. Vincennes University President, Dr. Richard Helton, was invited to step to the podium and answer the Board's questions.

Vote

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

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

14-0819-4.7 Contract for Blind/Low Vision Instructional/Consultation Services

Mrs. Brown presented information to the Board. Mileage shall be reimbursed at EACS' rate of .333 cents/mile and will be added to the contract.

Discussion: Several comments were made and questions asked by Mr. Hoffman and Mrs. Lightfoot.

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 14-0819-4.7 be approved as presented, amending the contract to include mileage reimbursement.

Motion: Nelson Second: Hartman

Vote:

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

14-0819-4.8 Group Health Insurance Stop Loss Carrier and Specific Amount

Mr. Stahly presented information to the Board.

Discussion: Several Board members asked that wellness incentives be looked at for the district. Board consensus is that the Wellness Advisory Council (of which Mrs. Lightfoot and Mr. Nelson are a part of), along with EACS' Wellness Coordinator, should come up with these incentives and report back to the Board in the future.

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 14-0819-4.8 be approved as presented.

Motion: Baker Second: Nelson

Vote:

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

5.0 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

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5.1 Revised Administrative Guideline 4121 – Substitute Personnel

Ms. Ricketts provided information to the Board.

5.2 Resolution: Distribution of Proceeds from Beverage Provider

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

5.3 Contract with Administrator Assistance

Dr. Folks provided information to the Board and answered their questions. Evaluations will be completed by December 31, 2014.

5.5 2014-15SY School Resource Officer Agreement with Allen County

Dr. Folks provided information to the Board. This Agreement, which is a continuation of the contract currently in effect, was received today, is due back to the county by this Thursday. Other than date changes, it is identical to the existing Agreement that we currently have in place.

Due to the timing, Mr. Baker suggested that this Agreement be approved tonight.

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 14-0819-4.8 be approved as presented.

Motion: Baker Second: Hartman

Vote:

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

5.4 Budget Presentation

Mr. Stahly provided information to the Board and answered their questions. Mr. Baker asked that under “Priorities” listed on page 15 that “First Class Facilities” be included as a priority. There was Board consensus for this.

6.0 PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

7.0 SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

We are on Day 6 of school and things are off to a great start throughout the district. Dr. Folks is hearing lots of positives.

Transportation Audit interviews will be conducted on Tuesday, August 26 at 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, and 4:00 p.m. Mr. Hoffman, Mr. Nelson, and Mr. Baker will represent the Board on this committee.

The Leo High School Celebration is this Friday, August 22 at 8:00 a.m.

The Healing and Unity Festival is this Saturday, August 23, from 1-9:00 p.m. Dr. Folks will be giving an opening greeting at 1:45 p.m. that day.

8.0 BOARD COMMENTS

Name

Neil Reynolds
Bob Nelson
Terry Jo Lightfoot

Topic

Will not be seeking re-election.
Thanked Tamyra Kelly for her work. She has revised the Board Policy on Renaming. Get back to her with comments; She would like to tweak outdated Board policies as well.
Thank you to all staff for work on the new K-12 buildings and the Open House.

Chris Baker

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss Mr. Nelson moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Hartman seconded it, and it was unanimously approved. The meeting ended at approximately 8:25 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 Board meeting of the Board of School Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, September 2, 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 September 2, 2014.

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