



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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

September 2, 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 September 2, 2014.

Board members present:

Neil S. Reynolds, President
Christopher T. Baker, Vice President
Stephen L. Terry, Sr., Secretary
Arden L. Hoffman
Terry Jo Lightfoot

Board members absent:

William D. Hartman
Robert L. Nelson, Jr.

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
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 September, 2014 was approved as presented, with an addendum to Consent Item 3.1 Human Resources Report.

1.4 Recognition

Glynn Hines, Senior JAG Specialist at New Haven High School received the National JAG Coordinator of the Year award for this Region.

Some accolades for the New Haven High School JAG students - they earned a high level of achievement by being a "3 of 5" school, and four (4) NHHS students competed at the State JAG Career Development Competition and placed in the top 2 and 3, receiving \$500 stipends.

JAG is a school-to-career program that has a mission to keep young people in school through graduation. The focus is to provide work-based learning experiences that will lead to career advancement opportunities or to enrollment in a post-secondary institution that leads to a rewarding career. JAG programs are at New Haven and Heritage High School.

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. Hoffman asked about the greeter position(s), residuals from the Heritage and Woodlan K-12 projects, and a fence at the Heritage Elementary playground.

Vote:

- 3.1 - Aye: Baker, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Reynolds, Terry (Motion carried 5-0)
- 3.2 - Aye: Baker, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Reynolds, Terry (Motion carried 5-0)
- 3.3 - Aye: Baker, Lightfoot, Reynolds, Terry; Against: Hoffman (Motion carried 4-1)
- 3.4 - Aye: Baker, Lightfoot, Reynolds, Terry; Against: Hoffman (Motion carried 4-1)

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 14-0902-4.1 through 14-0902-4.3 as presented.

Motion: Baker Second: Terry

14-0902-4.1 Revised Administrative Guideline 4121 - Substitute Personnel

14-0902-4.2 Distribution of Proceeds from Exclusive Beverage Contract

14-0902-4.3 Contract with Administrator Assistance

Discussion: Mr. Hoffman voiced his reservations about the contract with Administrator Assistance.

Vote

4.1 - Aye: Baker, Lightfoot, Reynolds, Terry; Against: Hoffman (Motion carried 4-1)

4.2 - Aye: Baker, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Reynolds, Terry (Motion carried 5-0)

4.3 - Aye: Baker, Lightfoot, Reynolds, Terry; Against: Hoffman (Motion carried 4-1)

5.0 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 School Improvement Plans

These are available for the Board members' review and are due to the state by September 15th.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.2 Participation in Indiana's Pre-K Pilot Program

Mrs. Fritzing provided information to the Board. After some discussion it was decided to bring this item back to the Board after the September 24th meeting with the IDOE.

5.3 Contract with Bowen Center

Mrs. Brown and Mr. Mendoza provided information to the Board. Mr. Terry asked if EACS had ever gotten a quote from Meridian Health Services. Mr. Hoffman asked that a quote be gotten from them.

5.4 Contract with ASCD for Professional Development Session

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

5.5 Secondary Fees for Work Based Learning

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

5.6 Selection of Broker/Agent for Property and Casualty Insurance

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

5.7 Contract with Transportation Advisory Services (TAS) to Conduct Transportation Review/Audit

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

5.8 Revised Board Policy Appendix B – Board Naming Protocol

Dr. Folks provided information to the Board.

6.0 PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

7.0 SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

The parade season is coming to an end. The Grabill Days parade is this Saturday at 10:30 a.m. All of the East Allen groups are staged together.

8.0 BOARD COMMENTS

Name

Arden Hoffman

Topic

Would like to be a part of building utilization meetings. Has concerns regarding the distribution of special education students in the district and the effect on graduation rates.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss Mrs. Lightfoot moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Baker seconded it, and the motion passed 4-1 with Mr. Hoffman against adjournment. The meeting ended at approximately 8:05 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 16, 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 16, 2014.

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President

Secretary