



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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

**September 16, 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 16, 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. Neal Brown III, Principal, Leo Jr./Sr. High School  
Dr. Teresa Gremaux, Principal, Paul Harding Junior High School  
Mrs. Terri Lortie, President, EACS Custodial Association  
Ms. Janet McEvoy, President, EACS Transportation Association

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**6:30 p.m.**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

1. 2015 Budget, Capital Projects Plan and Bus Replacement Plan
2. Public Expressions  
None.
3. Adjournment of Public Hearing

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**6:33 p.m.**

**1.0 ROUTINE ITEMS**

**1.1 Call to Order**

President Neil Reynolds called the meeting to order at 6:33 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**

Madelyn J. Kanka, a senior from Leo Jr./Sr. High School, is a semifinalist in the 60<sup>th</sup> annual National Merit Scholarship Program. To be considered for a Merit Scholarship award, Madelyn had to fulfill several requirements, including taking the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) as a junior.

**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**

**3.3 Meetings and Conferences**

**3.4 Minutes – Regular Meeting – September 2, 2014**

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

Motion: Baker

Second: Terry

**Discussion:** Mr. Hoffman asked what a contract childrearing leave is.

**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, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nelson, Reynolds, Terry (Motion carried 7-0)

3.4 - Aye: Baker, Hartman, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Reynolds, Terry; Abstained: Nelson  
(Motion carried 6-0-1)

#### 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 14-0916-4.1 through 14-0916-4.5 as presented.

Motion: Baker                      Second: Nelson

**14-0916-4.1      Contract with ASCD for Professional Development Session**

**14-0916-4.2      Secondary Fees for Work Based Learning**

**14-0916-4.3      Selection of Broker/Agent for Property and Casualty Insurance**

Several Board members asked questions which Mr. Stahly answered.

**14-0916-4.4      Contract with Transportation Advisory Services (TAS) to Conduct Transportation Review/Audit**

Mr. Nelson would like to have at least a couple of people from the initial transportation committee be included in this review/audit as well.

**14-0916-4.5      Revised Board Policy Appendix B – Board Naming Protocol**

**Vote**

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

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

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

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

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

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**14-0916-4.6      Contract with Bowen Center**

Mrs. Brown and Mr. Mendoza presented information to the Board. As requested by the Board at the last meeting, they met with and got quotes from two other agencies (a third agency no longer works in this area).

**Discussion:** Several comments were made by Mr. Hoffman.

**Motion:** That Discussion/Action Item 14-0916-4.6 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nelson                      Second: Lightfoot

**Vote:**

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

**14-0916-4.7 Agreement for Secured School Safety Grant SY14/15**

Mrs. Fritzing presented information to the Board.

**Discussion:** None.

**Motion:** That Discussion/Action Item 14-0916-4.7 be approved as presented.

Motion: Baker                      Second: Nelson

**Vote:**

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

**14-0916-4.8 Application and Receipt of Funds for Non-English Speaking Program (NESP) Grant**

Mrs. Knoblauch presented information to the Board.

**Discussion:** Mr. Hoffman requested a list of specifics on how exactly this grant money will be allocated. Mrs. Knoblauch will provide him with a list.

**Motion:** That Discussion/Action Item 14-0916-4.8 be approved as presented.

Motion: Baker                      Second: Hartman

**Vote:**

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

**14-0916-4.9 Application and Receipt of Funds From Verizon Foundation's Innovate Learning Grant Program**

Mrs. Fritzing presented information to the Board.

**Discussion:** Several comments were made and questions asked by several board members.

**Motion:** That Discussion/Action Item 14-0916-4.9 be approved as presented.

Motion: Lightfoot                      Second: Baker

**Vote:**

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

**5.0 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**5.1 2015 Group Health Insurance Contribution Rates**

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

**5.2 Resolution – Waiver Submittal to IDOE to Remove Former Heritage Elementary School from State “Unused” Building List**

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

**5.3 Resolution – Waiver Submittal to IDOE to Remove Former Woodlan Primary School from State “Unused” Building List**

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

**5.4 Heritage K-12 Project - Use of Residual Funds**

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

**5.5 EACS Short-Term and Long-Term Disability Rate**

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

**5.6 Memorandum of Understanding between JAG-Indiana and East Allen County Schools (HEHS)**

Dr. Folks provided information to the Board.

**5.7 Memorandum of Understanding between JAG-Indiana and East Allen County Schools (NHHS)**

Dr. Folks provided information to the Board.

**5.8 Agreement with Fort Wayne Philharmonic**

Dr. Shaffer provided information to the Board and answered their questions. The Action Item sheet will be revised to match the contract before the next Board meeting.

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
John Barkley, EACS employee	Student discipline/bus issue

**7.0 SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

Dr. Folks will take part in his final ALS ice bucket challenge this Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at halftime of the Leo High School football game.

ISBA attorney Julie Slavens has completed her review of EACS’ Board policies. The Board should review these for the special board meeting on October 14<sup>th</sup>.

Reminder: This Tuesday, September 23 is the first school board lunch visit of this school year at PHJH/EAU beginning at 11:15 a.m.

Mid-terms have been sent to all parents, either by e-mail or U.S. mail. School messengers have been sent out alerting parents to look for them.

**8.0 BOARD COMMENTS**

**Name**

Arden Hoffman

Terry Lightfoot

**Topic**

Was not aware of the student discipline/bus issue that Mr. Barkley referred to.

The ISBA Fall Conference was very good.

**9.0 ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss Mr. Terry moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Nelson seconded it, and the motion was unanimously approved . The meeting ended at approximately 7:43 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, October 7, 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 October 7, 2014.

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