



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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

October 7, 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 October 7, 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
Mr. Gregory M. Geise, President, East Allen Educator's Association
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 October 7, 2014 was approved as presented, with an addendum to Consent Item 3.1 Human Resources Report and the addition of Discussion/Action Item 14-1007-4.9 - IP Camera System Change Order #1.

1.4 Recognition

The U.S. Department of Education recently announced the 2014 National Blue Ribbon Schools. Of 337 schools named nationwide, Cedarville Elementary School was selected based on their overall academic excellence. National Blue Ribbon Schools are selected by the State Superintendent of Instruction. They will be recognized at a ceremony in Washington, D.C. on November 11, 2014. This award affirms the hard work of Cedarville's leadership, staff, students and their families, and is a great accomplishment for Cedarville Elementary School and East Allen County Schools district. Cedarville Elementary was the only school in Allen County selected for this honor this year, and one of only eight public schools selected in the entire state of Indiana.

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 – Executive Session – September 16, 2014
- 3.5 Minutes – Regular Meeting – September 16, 2014

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

Motion: Baker Second: Hartman

Discussion: Mr. Hoffman asked several questions about one of the financial reports.

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)
- 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 14-1007-4.1 through 14-1007-4.3 as presented.

Motion: Terry

Second: Lightfoot

14-1007-4.1 2015 Group Health Insurance Rates and Contribution Amounts

14-1007-4.2 Resolution – Waiver Submittal to IDOE to Remove Former Heritage Elementary School from State “Unused” Building List

14-1007-4.3 Resolution – Waiver Submittal to IDOE to Remove Former Woodlan Primary School from State “Unused” Building List

14-1007-4.4 Heritage K-12 Construction Project Use of Residual Funds

14-1007-4.5 EACS Short-Term and Long-Term Disability Rate

14-1007-4.6 Memorandum of Understanding between JAG-Indiana and East Allen County Schools (HEHS)

14-1007-4.7 Memorandum of Understanding between JAG-Indiana and East Allen County Schools (NHHS)

14-1007-4.8 Agreement with Fort Wayne Philharmonic

Discussion: Mr. Hoffman will be voting no to 4.7 and 4.8 because student information is given to a national database.

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

DISCUSSION /ACTION ITEM

14-1007-4.9 IP Camera System Change Order #1

Mr. Stahly and Mr. Jeff Studebaker, Safety Manager for EACS, presented information to the Board.

Discussion: Mr. Baker asked if they felt we had enough camera coverage, especially in our high schools, now. Mr. Studebaker stated yes, but after a year, the buildings will know whether they need more or different coverage. The older analog cameras will be installed in our elementary schools. Mr. Studebaker assured Mr. Hoffman that the schools have taken measures to protect the identity of the dead zones.

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 14-1007-4.9 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nelson Second: Lightfoot

Vote:

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

5.0 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

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5.1 IREAD-3 Results Presentation

With the IREAD-3 results now unembargoed, Mrs. Hissong was able to share this data with the Board. The results are very exciting. As a district we increased 3% over last year's scores. All of our schools scored over 90%, meaning 90% of all EACS 3rd graders are reading at grade level or higher.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.2 Application and Receipt of Funds for Summer 2015 e-Learning Grant

Mr. Madsen provided information to the Board. Several Board members offered comments.

5.3 Application and Receipt of Funds for Lilly Teacher Creativity Award(s)

Mrs. Fritzinger provided information to the Board.

5.4 Application and Receipt of Funds for High Ability Grant SY14-15

Mr. Mendoza provided information to the Board and answered their questions. Mr. Hoffman asked for a breakdown of how this grant will be apportioned prior to it being submitted. President Reynolds denied this request. Mr. Hoffman will get this information after the grant has been submitted.

5.5 Application and Receipt of Funds for Title II, Part A - Improving Teacher Quality State Grants

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

5.6 Resolutions for:

- A. Adoption of 2015 Budgets**
- B. Appropriations and Tax Rate**
- C. 2015 Bus Replacement Plan and Bus Replacement Plan**
- D. 2015 Capital Projects Plan and Capital Projects Plan**
- E. Tax Neutrality**
- F. 2015 Budget (Line 2) Resolution**
- G. Balancing of 2014 General and Transportation Funds**

Mr. Stahly provided information to the Board.

5.7 Resolution for Goals for Expenditure Categories

Mr. Stahly provided information to the Board.

5.8 Resolution Regarding the Bid for Purchase of Gasoline and Diesel Fuel

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

6.0 PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

7.0 SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

The IDOE is to announce school letter grades on October 15th.

Reminder of Special Board meeting on Tuesday, October 14th to review and discuss the School Board's policies.

The Monsanto check presentation will take place this Friday at halftime of New Haven High School's game. Any Board members interested in being a part of this should be down by the track close to that time.

The transportation audit begins on Monday, October 13th. Board members are welcome to join the transportation committee's meeting with Chris Andrews from TAS at 5:30 p.m. There will be an exit interview on Wednesday with Chris Andrews, Kirby, the Board Officers, and Dr. Folks.

8.0 BOARD COMMENTS

None.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss Rev. Terry moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Nelson seconded it, and it was unanimously approved. The meeting ended at approximately 7:35 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 special Board meeting of the Board of School Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at the EACS Administration Building, 1240 State Road 930 East, New Haven, IN. The next regular Board meeting of the Board of School Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, October 21, 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 21, 2014.

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President

Secretary