



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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

October 21, 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 21, 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
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 21, 2014 was approved as presented.

1.4 Recognition

Ms. Charee Bennett, a Science teacher at East Allen University, recently received the Excellence in Teaching Award from the Fort Wayne Alumni Chapter of Notre Dame. She was selected for being an outstanding classroom teacher, who models both competency and character to her students and colleagues. This award allows her to attend the Excellence in Teaching Conference at the University of Notre Dame.

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 – October 7, 2014
- 3.5 Minutes – Regular Meeting – October 7, 2014
- 3.6 Minutes – Special Meeting – October 14, 2014

Motion: That Consent Items 3.1 through 3.6 be approved as presented.

Motion: Baker Second: Lightfoot

Discussion: None

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, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nelson, Reynolds, Terry (Motion carried 7-0)
- 3.6 - 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 14-1021-4.1 through 14-1021-4.10 as presented.

Motion: Terry Second: Nelson

- 14-1021-4.1 Application and Receipt of Funds for Summer 2015 e-Learning Grant**
- 14-1021-4.2 Application and Receipt of Funds for Lilly Teacher Creativity Award(s)**
- 14-1021-4.3 Application and Receipt of Funds for High Ability Gifted /Talented Education Funding for 2014-15SY**
- 14-1021-4.4 Application and Receipt of Funds for Title II, Part A - Improving Teacher Quality State Grants**
- 14-1021-4.5 2015 Budgets**
- 14-1021-4.6 2015 Capital Projects Plan**
- 14-1021-4.7 2015 Bus Replacement Plan**
- 14-1021-4.8 Resolution Concerning Balancing Accounts for the 2014 General Fund and Transportation Fund**
- 14-1021-4.9 Resolution for Goals for Expenditure Categories**
- 14-1021-4.10 Resolution Regarding the Bid for Purchase of Gasoline and Diesel Fuel**

Discussion: Regarding Action Item 14-1021-4.1, Mr. Hoffman stated that although he supports technology education, he does not support the use of iTunes U, therefore he will be voting against it. Mrs. Lightfoot and Mr. Hoffman asked questions about Action Item 14-1021-4.10 regarding fuel prices. Mr. Hoffman and Mr. Nelson asked questions about the budget which Mr. Stahly answered.

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

5.0 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

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5.1 Annual Report - ADM/Enrollment

5.2 Annual Report - Student Discipline

Mr. Mendoza answered the Board members' questions. Mr. Baker and Mr. Nelson would like to meet with Dr. Folks and Mr. Mendoza for further clarity on this report.

5.3 Annual Report - Group Health Insurance Fund

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.4 Application and Receipt of Funds for the National Science Foundation Grant in Partnership with IPFW

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

5.5 Meet and Confer Revision (Secretaries)

Ms. Ricketts provided information to the Board. The word "work" (actual *work* days) will be added to the final proposal prior to the next board meeting.

5.6 Fuel Bids for Gasoline and Diesel for January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015

Mr. Stahly provided information to the Board.

6.0 PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

7.0 SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

The IDOE is to announce school letter grades on November 5th. Our district-wide celebration will be rescheduled.

Cedarville Elementary School will hold their celebration of their National Blue Ribbon School Award on Friday, November 14th at 2:00 p.m..

Reminder that the next Board meeting will be held on Monday, November 3rd, due to Election Day on that Tuesday.

There will be a School Board Candidate Forum on Thursday, October 30th at 5:00 p.m. in the Police Training Room in New Haven.

8.0 BOARD COMMENTS

Name

Bob Nelson

Topic

Attended the School Board lunch visit to NHIS – Mrs. Gatewood is doing some great things with handling transportation. Is looking forward to the upcoming War Room visit; asked about the Pre-K Pilot program. Dr. Folks responded that the state pilot program is still on, but the governor has passed on the federal funds. The program remains in limbo at this time.

Chris Baker

Commented on the delay of the IDOE announcing the school letter grades.

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 7:18 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 Monday, November 3, 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 November 3, 2014.

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President

Secretary