



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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

**November 3, 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 November 3, 2014.

**Board members present:**

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

**Board members absent:**

William D. Hartman

**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 Fritzingler, Director of Development  
Mrs. Teresa Knoblauch, Director of Title III  
Mr. Keith Madsen, Director of Technology  
Mr. Ed Mendoza, Director of Student Services  
Mrs. Teresa Gremaux, Principal, Paul Harding Junior High School  
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 November 5, 2014 was approved as presented.

### **1.4 Recognitions**

#### EACS Unity Performing Arts Olympic Choir Members

EACS students who are members of the Voices of Unity Performing Arts Choir were recognized. This organization focuses on empowering and developing young people in the areas of artistry, character, and leadership. This past year the Voices of Unity Youth Choir received a Gold Medal at the World Choir Games in Riga, Latvia, and performed at Carnegie Hall. East Allen County Schools students include: Grace Schoegler (CEEL); Dalyn Johnson (LEHS); Kalya Davis and Marie Matata (PHJH); Shonta Dozier and Donta Dozier (PCA); and Geneiya Davis (WOHS).

#### JAG Award Winners

The Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) program is a school-to-career program whose mission is to keep young people in school through graduation and provide work-based learning experiences that will lead to career advancement opportunities or enrollment in a postsecondary institution that leads to a rewarding career. Eric Underwood is a senior and President of the New Haven High School JAG Career Association. As a junior he participated at the state JAG Career Development Conference. Malik Williams is a senior at Heritage Jr./Sr. High School. Malik serves as the President of the Heritage JAG Career Association and served as the Vice President of Leadership Development his junior year. Malik competed in the regional Career Development Conference in the Public Speaking category. His twin sister, Jada Williams, serves alongside him in JAG as the Vice President of Leadership Development.

### **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 - October 21, 2014**

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

Motion: Baker

Second: Terry

**Discussion:** None

**Vote:**

- 3.1 - Aye: Baker, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nelson, Reynolds, Terry (Motion carried 6-0)
- 3.2 - Aye: Baker, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nelson, Reynolds, Terry (Motion carried 6-0)
- 3.3 - Aye: Baker, Lightfoot, Nelson, Reynolds, Terry; Against: Hoffman (Motion carried 5-1)
- 3.4 - Aye: Baker, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nelson, Reynolds, Terry (Motion carried 6-0)

**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 14-1103-4.1 through 14-1103-4.3 as presented.

Motion: Baker                      Second: Terry

**14-1103-4.1      Application and Receipt of Funds for the National Science Foundation Grant in Partnership with IPFW**

**14-1103-4.2      Meet and Confer Revision (Secretaries)**

**14-1103-4.3      Fuel Bids for Gasoline and Diesel for January 1, 2015 - December 31, 2015**

**Discussion:** Mr. Hoffman had questions about the grant with IPFW. At first he was not at all favorable to this partnership, but after Mrs. Fritzing and Dr. Shaffer answered his questions he was amenable. Mr. Hoffman was also bothered by the wording "working calendar days" in 14-1103-4.2, but Board consensus was to leave the wording as is.

**Vote**

- 4.1 - Aye: Baker, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nelson, Reynolds, Terry (Motion carried 6-0)
- 4.2 - Aye: Baker, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nelson, Reynolds, Terry (Motion carried 6-0)
- 4.3 - Aye: Baker, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nelson, Reynolds, Terry (Motion carried 6-0)

**DISCUSSION /ACTION ITEM**

**14-1103-4.4      Application and Receipt of Funds for Indiana Literacy Early Intervention Grant SY14/15**

Mrs. Fritzing presented information to the Board and answered their questions.

**Discussion:** Mr. Hoffman wanted the wording of the abstract changed, but Board consensus was to leave it as written. Mr. Nelson finally moved that discussion be ended and 14-1103-4.4 be voted on.

**Motion:** That Discussion/Action Item 14-1103-4.4 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nelson                      Second: Terry

**Vote:**

- 4.6 - Aye: Baker, Lightfoot, Nelson, Reynolds, Terry; Against: Hoffman (Motion carried 5-1)

## **5.0 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### **5.1 Annual Report – Transportation**

Mr. Stahly answered the Board members' questions. Mr. Nelson would like to meet with Dr. Folks and Mr. Stahly to have more questions answered. Mr. Hoffman asked to be included in this meeting.

#### **5.2 Quarterly Report - 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Grants and Allocations**

Mrs. Fritzingher answered the Board members' questions.

#### **5.3 Affordable Healthcare Act Update Presentation**

Mr. Stahly gave a presentation of preliminary information regarding the Affordable Healthcare Act and some of its impact on EACS. He answered the Board members' questions.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **5.4 Direct Superintendent to Issue Notification of Possible Nonrenewal to Certain Administrators**

Dr. Folks proposed that an Executive Session be scheduled for in January to discuss personnel matters.

#### **5.5 Contract with Indiana School for the Blind/Low Vision**

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

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

None.

## **7.0 SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

We are expecting the IDOE to announce school letter grades on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

Lots of events are scheduled within the district in the next few weeks:

- November 7 - No school. This is the Parent/Teacher Conference default day, although Central Office will be open,
- November 10 – Various Veteran's Day programs throughout the district,
- November 11 - A school board lunch visit at Woodlan Elementary School,
- November 12 - A district-wide celebration of school letter grades (Board members – please let Dr. Folks know what celebrations you plan to attend),
- November 14 – Cedarville Elementary School's National Blue Ribbon School Celebration.

Dr. Folks has been called for jury duty tomorrow.

**8.0 BOARD COMMENTS**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Bob Nelson	Thank you to Dr. Folks for responding to his rather lengthy e-mail from earlier today.
Arden Hoffman	Asked that someone keep a tally of the ideas the Board has for the next teacher's contract that will be renegotiated in 2016.

**9.0 ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss Mr. Nelson moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mrs. Lightfoot seconded it, and it was approved 5-1 with Mr. Baker against ending the meeting. The meeting ended at approximately 8:31 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, November 18, 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 18, 2014.

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