



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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

November 18, 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 18, 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
Mr. Kirby Stahly, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative 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. Doug Roemer, Director of Facilities
Mrs. Lois Goeglein, Manager of Financial Services
Mrs. Natalie Drummond, Principal, Southwick Elementary School
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 18, 2014 was approved as presented, with an addendum to Consent Item 3.1 Human Resources Report.

1.4 Recognition

For the first time in EACS history, our district has earned a letter grade of “A” by the Indiana Department of Education! Board President Reynolds asked Dr. Folks to play the video he made to help celebrate this accomplishment. This video was previously shared with all staff on November 12th during a district wide celebration, and is currently posted on the EACS website.

Notwithstanding, Dr. Folks shared that we have seven “A” schools, five “B” schools, and four “C” schools. None of our schools were rated a “D” or “F” school! Dr. Folks praised all of EACS’ staff and students who have sacrificed and worked extremely hard to achieve these goals! We have so much to be proud of. It’s an exciting time for EACS!

2.0 PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS – AGENDA ITEMS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Alan Grinsfelder (TLJ Board member on behalf of Timothy L. Johnson Academy)	Discussion Item 5.9

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 – November 3, 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, 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, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nelson, Reynolds, Terry, Abstained: Hartman (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 14-1118-4.1 through 14-1118-4.2 as presented.

Motion: Nelson Second: Hartman

14-1118-4.1 Direct Superintendent to Issue Notification of Possible Nonrenewal to Certain Administrators

14-1118-4.2 Contract with Indiana School for the Blind/Low Vision

Discussion: None.

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)

5.0 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

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5.1 Wellness Advisory Council Members

5.2 2015 IPRC Indiana Youth Survey

Mr. Jeff Studebaker, Safety Manager, answered Board members' questions.

5.3 ECA Results Presentation

Mrs. Hissong and Mr. Jim Rowland, Corporation Test Coordinator, presented the results of EACS' most recent End of Course Assessments and answered the Board members' questions.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.4 Data Access Agreement

Dr. Folks introduced Mr. Ryan Twiss, with the Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership and the Director of the Big Goal Collaborative, and from the United Way – President and CEO Mr. David Nicole and Dr. Jeanne Zehr, Director of Community Impact, who provided information to the Board regarding this Agreement and answered the Board members' questions.

5.5 Resolution for Payment of Claims When Only One Board Meeting in a Month

Mr. Stahly provided information to the Board. Mr. Baker asked that this be written into Board Policy so that Mr. Stahly does not have to ask for this each year. There was board consensus for this.

5.6 Carrier for Property/Casualty/Liability and Workers Compensation Insurances

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

5.7 Bus Purchase from State IAESC Bid Procurement

Mr. Stahly provided additional information to the Board regarding trade in information that had not been available when the board packet had been sent out. He answered their questions.

5.8 Resolution for ACA Play or Pay Penalties

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

5.9 Authorize Superintendent to Proceed with Article XXI of Lease Agreement with Timothy L. Johnson Charter School

Dr. Folks provided information to the Board. Discussion opened with Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Baker voicing agreement of pursuing the building being sold to TLJ at this time. Scenarios of having the Alternative School relocated to the former NHEL building for next school year were discussed. Mr. Hoffman believes it is premature to sell this building since the district's building utilization plan hasn't been finalized. Mrs. Lightfoot stated that she is for the sale at this time. Mr. Nelson asked Mr. Grinsfelder if TLJ is ready to proceed with buying the property at this time and he said yes. Mr. Hartman stated that he is for proceeding with the sale if the Superintendent is comfortable with this decision.

Motion: That the Board of School Trustees approves Discussion Item 5.9 as presented.

Motion: Baker Second: Lightfoot

Vote

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

5.10 Revised Board Policies/Administrative Guidelines – First Reading

Dr. Folks provided new and revised policies to the Board that will bring EACS into legal compliance. Brief discussion followed. Mr. Reynolds relayed that EACS' Board attorney stated that as long as any policy or guideline containing state statutes is formally approved by the Board, they can be placed in either Board Policy or Administrative Guidelines and will carry the force of the Board.

6.0 PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

7.0 SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Folks wished everyone a safe and relaxing Thanksgiving!

Dr. Folks publically recognized Mrs. Julie Labie, Mrs. Marilyn Hissong, Mr. Keith Madsen, and Mrs. Tamyra Kelly for their work on recent projects.

At the November 12th district-wide celebration, we had a Board member at each building that day – thank you!

Congratulations to newly elected Board members – Ms. Paulette Nellems, Mr. Tim Hines, and Mr. Leland Etzler. We look forward to continuing on with the progress EACS is making.

Note: On Thursday, November 20th at 9:30 a.m. EACS will have a school bus participating in an emergency preparedness drill near the ACPD training facility on Adams Center Road.

8.0 BOARD COMMENTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Terry Jo Lightfoot	Appreciated the Celebration Video and all of the celebrations that took place.
Bob Nelson	Has been busy with being a Principal for a Day at NHPS, attended the school board lunch visit at NHIS; attended the visit to NHIS War Room - expressed appreciation for Principal Alicia Gatewood and her staff; and attended the “A” celebration at NHHS.

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 8:13 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, December 9, 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 December 9, 2014.

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