



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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

**January 19, 2016 - 6:35 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 6:37 p.m. on January 19, 2016.

Board members present:

Christopher T. Baker, President  
Robert L. Nelson, Jr., Vice President  
Terry Jo Lightfoot, Secretary  
Leland L. Etzler  
Timothy E. Hines  
Arden L. Hoffman  
Paulette Nellems

Board members absent:

None

EACS Administrators and Association Presidents also in attendance:

Dr. Kenneth H. Folks, Superintendent  
Mrs. Marilyn Hissong, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education  
Mr. Kirby Stahly, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services  
Mrs. Connie Brown, Director of Special Services  
Mrs. Rose Fritzing, Director of Development and Title I  
Mrs. Tina Grady, Director of Human Resources  
Mrs. Tamyra Kelly, Public Relations Liaison  
Mrs. Lois Goeglein, Manager of Financial Services  
Mrs. Teresa Knoblauch, Director of Title III  
Mr. Keith Madsen, Director of Technology  
Mrs. Michelle Wenglikowski, Director of Student Services  
Ms. Janet McEvoy, President, EACS Transportation Association  
Mr. Mark Nash, President, East Allen Educator's Association

## **1.0 ROUTINE ITEMS**

### **1.1 Call to Order**

President Chris Baker called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

### **1.2 Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### 1.3 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented with an addendum to Consent Item 3.1 Human Resources Report, and the addition of Discussion/Action Item 16-0119-4.6 - Application and Receipt of Funds for I-DOE Digital Learning Grant.

### 1.4 Recognition

None.

### 1.5 Legislative Update

Mrs. Lightfoot shared that Senate Bill 200 was passed, and House Bill 1003 and other initiatives will be going through to Committee. Both of these bills aim to hold schools and teachers “harmless” for lower 2015 ISTEP scores.

## 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 – January 5, 2016**
- 3.5 **Minutes – Executive Session – January 12, 2016**

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

Motion: Nelson                      Second: Hines

**Discussion:** Mr. Hoffman asked questions about the Financial Reports and the minutes of the Executive Session.

### **Vote:**

- 3.1 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 7-0)
- 3.2 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 7-0)
- 3.3 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 7-0)
- 3.4 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 7-0)
- 3.5 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson; 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:

**16-0119-4.1 Application and Receipt of Funds for Olin B. and Desta Schwab Foundation Grant**

**16-0119-4.2 Contract with IEP Therapy**

**Motion:** That the Action Items 16-0119-4.1 through 16-0119-4.2 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nellems                      Second: Nelson

**Discussion:** None.

**Vote:**

4.1 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 7-0)

4.2 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 7-0)

#### **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**16-0119-4.3 Application and Receipt of Funds for the Indiana Literacy Early Intervention Grant**

Mrs. Hissong and Mrs. Fritzinger presented information to the Board.

**Motion:** That Discussion/Action Item 16-0119-4.3 be approved as presented.

Motion: Hoffman                      Second: Nellems

**Discussion:** Mrs. Hissong and Mrs. Fritzinger answered Mr. Hoffman's questions.

**Vote:**

4.3 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 7-0)

**16-0119-4.4 Collaboration with Indiana University for the National Professional Development Program**

Mrs. Knoblauch presented information to the Board.

**Motion:** That Discussion/Action Item 16-0119-4.4 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nelson                      Second: Hines

**Discussion:** Mrs. Knoblauch answered Mr. Hoffman's questions.

**Vote:**

4.4 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson; Against: Hoffman (Motion carried 6-1)

**16-0119-4.5 Partnership with Region 8 ESC for “Opening Minds Through The Arts” Pilot Program**

Mrs. Fritzing, and Mrs. Stephanie Carlson - who will lead the OMA pilot program, presented information to the Board.

**Motion:** That Discussion/Action Item 16-0119-4.5 be approved as presented.

Motion: Hoffman Second: Etzler

**Discussion:** Mrs. Fritzing answered Mr. Hoffman’s questions.

**Vote:**

4.5 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 7-0)

**16-0119-4.6 Application and Receipt of Funds for I-DOE Digital Learning Grant**

Mr. Madsen presented information to the Board.

**Motion:** That Discussion/Action Item 16-0119-4.6 be approved as presented.

Motion: Hines Second: Lightfoot

**Discussion:** Mr. Madsen answered Mr. Hoffman’s questions.

**Vote:**

4.6 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 7-0)

**5.0 INFORMATION ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**PRESENTATION**

**5.1 iPad Lost/Stolen/Damage Report**

Mr. Madsen presented information to the Board and answered the Board members’ questions.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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

None.

**7.0 SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

Winter is here. We’ve had one closing and two delays since returning from winter break. The next day that school is closed will be an eLearning Day.

Dr. Folks thanked Journal Gazette reporter Jamie Duffy for highlighting EACS’ improvement of our graduation rate in a recent article.

Proposed calendars for the 2017-18SY and 2018-19SY were distributed for review. This will be a discussion item at the next Board meeting.

Welcome back to Mr. Etzler.

## 8.0 BOARD COMMENTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Terry Jo Lightfoot	Forwarded ISBA e-mail to all Board members.
Bob Nelson	Condolences to the Ken Knoblauch family; shared his favorite parts of being a Board member.
Arden Hoffman	Expressed his opinion on the January 19 <sup>th</sup> Executive Session.
Chris Baker	ISBA Leadership Seminar on March 8 <sup>th</sup> . Please let Mrs. Labie know of your plans to attend or not.

## 9.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. Nellems moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Etzler seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 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 meeting of the Board of School Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. This meeting will be held 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 February 2, 2016.

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