



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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

May 3, 2016 - 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 May 3, 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
Ms. Deborah Watson, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education
Mrs. Connie Brown, Director of Special Services
Mrs. Rose Fritzinger, Director of Development and Title I
Mrs. Tina Grady, Director of Human Resources
Mrs. Tamyra Kelly, Public Information Officer
Mrs. Teresa Knoblauch, Director of Title III
Mr. Keith Madsen, Director of Technology
Mrs. Michelle Wenglikowski, Director of Student Services
Dr. Neal Brown III, Principal, Leo Jr./Sr. High School
Mr. Jeff Kline, Principal, East Allen Alternative School
Mr. Greg Mohler, Principal, New Haven High School
Mr. Andrew Wagner, Athletic Director, New Haven High School
Ms. Janet McEvoy, President, EACS Transportation Association

1.0 ROUTINE ITEMS

1.1 Call to Order

President Chris Baker 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 was approved as presented, with the addition of an addendum to Consent Item 3.1 – Human Resource Report. Also, President Baker stated Action Item 16-0503-4.6 - Elementary Textbook and Course Fees for 2016-17SY would be voted on separately as there is new information to be presented.

1.4 Recognitions

- Leo Hockey Team State Champions

The members of the Leo Hockey Team Club who are EACS students, were recognized as the 3A State Champions! Leo was able to capture the 3A State Championship, with a score of 3-2, in triple overtime, on a goal by Connor Bonecutter. The game was the longest one ever played in State Championship history. The victory earned Leo its third State Championship in 5 years. Leo's overall record this year was 29-11-4. EACS team members include: Michael Baumert, Carter Bonecutter, Connor Bonecutter, Michael Byler, Ryan Freeby, Lexi Grunden, Matt Janiszewski, Blake Kem, Sam Schlosser, Rory Scott, Adyn Stevens; Coaches: Mr. Dan Schiebel and Mr. Rick Wynn; Principal: Dr. Neal Brown, and Athletic Director: Mr. Brock Rohrbacher.

- Academic All-State Athletes - Winter Sports

The Indiana High School Coaches Association annually recognize high school student athletes who have excelled in the classroom, in addition to their performance in a winter sport. The EACS Academic All-State Winter Sports Academic All-State Athletes are:

Dylan Barrow – Basketball - Leo Jr./Sr. High - GPA – 11.8

Owen Doster – Wrestling, New Haven High School - GPA – 11.7 (2016 Salutatorian)

Chase Hissong – Wrestling, Leo Jr./Sr. High - GPA 10.85

Kenzie Salzbrenner – Basketball, Woodlan Jr./Sr. High - GPA – 11.7 (2016 Salutatorian)

1.5 Legislative Update

Mrs. Lightfoot has been involved with community members and legislators regarding Fort Wayne's Proposed North IV Annexation.

She stated that Dr. Folks has been named to the ISTEP Review Committee.

Mr. Baker added that he will get information discussed at the recent ISBA Regional meeting to the Board members who were unable to attend this meeting.

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 – April 12, 2016**

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

Motion: Hines Second: Etzler

Discussion: Mr. Hoffman's questions were answered.

Vote:

- 3.1 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Nellems, Nelson; Abstained: Lightfoot (Motion carried 6-0-1)
- 3.2 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 7-0)
- 3.3 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson; Against: Hoffman (Motion carried 6-1)
- 3.4 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 7-0)

4.0 ACTION ITEMS

16-0503-4.1 Bid Award for School Bus Purchase

16-0503-4.2 Use of EACS School Buses for 2016 Fort Wayne Air Show

16-0503-4.3 Customer Performed Warranty Agreement (CPWA)

16-0503-4.4 Establishment of the Ron Phillips Memorial Scholarship

16-0503-4.5 New Administrative Guideline 5153 – Criminal Gangs and Criminal Gang Activity in Schools

Discussion: None.

Motion: That Action Items 16-0503-4.1 through 16-0503-4.5 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nelson Second: Etzler

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

16-0503-4.6 Elementary Textbook and Course Fees for 2016-17SY

Mrs. Hissong presented additional information to the Board regarding the addition of a technology fee.

Discussion: Mrs. Hissong answered Mr. Hoffman's questions.

Motion: That Action Item 16-0503-4.6 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nelson Second: Hines

Vote:

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

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

16-0503-4.7 Application and Receipt of Funds for McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth Grant

Mrs. Wenglikowski, along with Catherine Rouyes, our Homeless Student Liason, presented information to the Board.

Discussion: Mrs. Wenglikowski and Ms. Rouyes answered Mr. Hoffman's questions.

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 16-0503-4.7 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nellems Second: Lightfoot

Vote:

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

16-0503-4.8 Application and Receipt of Funds for Secured School Safety Grant

Mr. Studebaker presented information to the Board.

Discussion: Mr. Studebaker answered Mr. Hoffman's questions.

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 16-0503-4.8 be approved as presented.

Motion: Hines Second: Etzler

Vote:

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

16-0503-4.9 Adoption of Sign Language Textbook for Grades 9-12

Ms. Watson presented information to the Board.

Discussion: Ms. Watson answered Mr. Hoffman's questions.

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 16-0503-4.9 be approved as presented.

Motion: Etzler Second: Lightfoot

Vote:

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

16-0503-4.10 Secondary Textbook and Course Fees for 2016-17SY

Ms. Watson presented information to the Board.

Discussion: Ms. Watson answered Mr. Hoffman’s questions. Mr. Hoffman also stated that he will be voting no on this because he believes that the Board chose the wrong personal technology device for our students to use.

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 16-0503-4.10 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nelson Second: Hines

Vote:

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

16-0503-4.11 Resolution on the Proposed North IV Annexation

Dr. Folks and Mrs. Lightfoot presented information to the Board. She added a paragraph to the Resolution citing the impact to Northwest Allen County and Fort Wayne Community Schools. Mrs. Lightfoot read the proposed Resolution aloud. If the Resolution is passed by a majority of the Board, it will be sent on to Fort Wayne City Council.

Discussion: Mr. Baker, Mr. Nelson, and Mr. Hines expressed their approval of the Resolution. Mr. Hoffman and Mrs. Nellems both stated that they are against signing the Resolution.

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 16-0503-4.11 be approved as presented.

Motion: Hines Second: Nelson

Vote:

4.11 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nelson; Against: Hoffman, Nellems (Motion carried 5-2)

5.0 INFORMATION ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 Conflict of Interest Statement

A Conflict of Interest Statement was submitted on behalf of Mrs. Marilyn Hissong.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.2 Application and Receipt of Funds for Alternative Education Grant 2016-17SY

Mrs. Wenglikowski and Mr. Jeff Kline, Principal of East Allen Alternative School, presented information to the Board. They, along with Mr. Stahly, answered Mr. Hoffman’s questions.

5.3 Application and Receipt of Funds for Safe Haven Grant 2016-17SY

Mr. Studebaker, Safety Manager, presented information to the Board.

5.4 DOT Medical Services Agreement

Mr. Stahly presented information to the Board.

5.5 New Administrative Guideline – Internal Controls

Mr. Stahly presented information to the Board and answered Mr. Hoffman’s questions.

5.6 New Administrative Guideline – Collection and Forgiveness of Debt

Mr. Stahly presented information to the Board and answered Mr. Hoffman’s questions.

5.7 School Lunch Prices for 2016-17SY

Mrs. Goeglein presented information to the Board and answered Mrs. Lightfoot’s question.

6.0 PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Pastor Robert Bell (on behalf of the United Pastors)	Distributed a letter from the United Pastors.

7.0 SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Folks, along with Asst. Superintendent of Secondary Education Deborah Watson, East Allen University’s Principal Doug Hicks, as well as other EAU staff members and parents attended Vincennes University’s graduation ceremony on Saturday, April 30. Sixty-three of the 77 students eligible attended and walked graduation and received their Associates Degrees – 75% of whom are first generation college graduates. It was a wonderful event.

Earlier today Dr. Folks and Mr. Jeff Studebaker presented at the ISBA Cyber Security and Threats Conference in Plainfield, IN. EACS is considered a leading school district in the state regarding safety matters.

Tickets are available for the game between Heritage and Belmont High Schools’ baseball teams held at Parkview Field tomorrow night.

The “Top 10” Breakfast honoring the top 10 senior students from each high school will be held on Monday, May 9th. Please let Mrs. Kelly know if you plan to attend this event.

Reminder that the Valedictorian/Salutatorian Reception will take place at 5:45 p.m. prior to the next Board meeting on May 17th.

8.0 BOARD COMMENTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Bob Nelson	The Get Schooled Tour will be at our high schools next week. HEHS Asst. Principal Chad Houser is a part of their promotional video. Thank you to Jeff Studebaker, Tim Hines, and the Lutheran Foundation for bringing this to EACS.

Paulette Nellems	Was nice to see the PHJH Soccer game.
Arden Hoffman	Commented on the Annexation Resolution that was voted on earlier in the meeting; Congratulations to Dr. Folks for his appointment to the ISTEP Review Committee.
Chris Baker	Congratulations to the EAU seniors on their graduation from Vincennes; Congratulations to Dr. Folks for being named to the ISTEP Review Committee – what an honor for him as well as EACS; Thank you to the East Allen Times – 5 EACS articles in their last issue.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Etzler moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Nellems seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 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 meeting of the Board of School Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, May 17, 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 May 17, 2016.

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President

Secretary