



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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

**June 21, 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 June 21, 2016.

**Board members present:**

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

**Board members absent:**

Terry Jo Lightfoot, Secretary

**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. 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. William Diehl, Principal, Leo Elementary School  
Mrs. Terri Lortie, President, EACS Custodial Association

**PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING EACS WELLNESS ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Mrs. Tina Grady presented information regarding EACS' Wellness Advisory Council.

- 1.0 Wellness Advisory Council Members**
- 2.0 Review of 2015 – 2016 Accomplishments**
- 3.0 Wellness Council Plans for 2015 – 2016**
- 4.0 Public Expressions\***
- 5.0 Adjournment** – Hearing adjourned at 6:33 p.m..

## **REGULAR MEETING**

### **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 addendums to Routine Item 1.4 – Recognitions; Consent Item 3.1 – Human Resource Report; and Consent Item 3.2 - Financial Reports.

#### **1.4 Recognitions**

Three EACS schools have been named as Four Star Schools for the 2014-15SY – Cedarville Elementary School (Principal Dr. Brad Bakle), Leo Elementary School (Principal Mr. William Diehl), and Leo Jr./Sr. High School (Principal Dr. Neal Brown). Each year, the Indiana Department of Education recognizes schools that perform in the upper 25th percentile of schools on ISTEP+, ECA state exams, and Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). Only a total of 287 schools received the award throughout the state.

The Leo Jr./Sr. High School Band was recognized as a recipient of the Indiana State School Music Association (ISSMA) All-Music Award for the 2015-2016SY. ISSMA will present LEHS's music department with a special banner to display in recognition of this outstanding achievement. Leo High School is one of only ten high schools in Indiana to receive a Total Department award! Band director is Mr. Bob Myers.

#### **1.5 Legislative Update**

Mrs. Nellems reported on the amendments that were made in the 2016 Indiana General Assembly to the statutes on criminal history checks and the criminal gang activity. The change to the law on the expanded criminal history checks added a requirement to the policy to do an expanded child protection index check in addition to the already required expanded criminal history check. The changes to the criminal gang activity statutes were the change to the term criminal gang to criminal organization. No other significant changes were made to these statutes.

### **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 and Addendum**
- 3.3 **Meetings and Conferences**
- 3.4 **Minutes – Regular Board Meeting Minutes – June 7, 2016**
- 3.5 **Minutes – Executive Session – June 13, 2016**
- 3.6 **Minutes – Executive Session – June 14, 2016**

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

Motion: Nellems                      Second: Hines

**Discussion:** None.

**Vote:**

- 3.1 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 6-0)
- 3.2 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 6-0)
- 3.3 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 6-0)
- 3.4 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 6-0)
- 3.5 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 6-0)
- 3.6 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 6-0)

### 4.0 **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **16-0621-4.1 Application and Receipt of Funds for Title I Basic and Delinquent-Serving Institution (Part D) Funding for 2016-17SY**

**Motion:** That Action Item 16-0621-4.1 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nelson                      Second: Etzler

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

**Vote:**

- 4.1 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 6-0)

#### **16-0621-4.2 Contract Renewal with Amplify for mClass (Grades K-2)**

**Motion:** That Action Item 16-0621-4.2 be approved as presented.

Motion: Hines                      Second: Etzler

**Discussion:** Mr. Hoffman wants more time in the classroom spent on teaching content of learning time vs. testing. Therefore, he stated he will be voting no on this.

**Vote:**

- 4.2 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Nellems, Nelson; Against: Hoffman (Motion carried 5-1)

**16-0621-4.3 Contract Renewal with NWEA (Grades 3-12)**

**Motion:** That Action Item 16-0621-4.3 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nellems                      Second: Etzler

**Discussion:** Mr. Hoffman wants more time in the classroom spent on teaching content of learning time vs. testing. Therefore, he stated he will be voting no on this.

**Vote:**

4.3 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Nellems, Nelson; Against: Hoffman (Motion carried 5-1)

**16-0621-4.4 Ratify Agreements Between the Board of School Trustees and the Custodial and Maintenance Associations**

**Motion:** That Action Item 16-0621-4.4 be approved as presented.

Motion: Hines                      Second: Etzler

**Discussion:** None.

**Vote:**

4.4 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 6-0)

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

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**5.1 Contract with Christian Moore/WhyTry**

Mrs. Brown presented information to the Board and answered their questions. Mr. Nelson would like to see a copy of the book.

**5.2 Contract with Fort Wayne Philharmonic for 2016-17SY**

Mrs. Hissong presented information to the Board. Mr. Nelson asked if any Philharmonic members are former EACS students. She will find out.

**5.3 Revised Administrative Guideline 3545.7 – Transportation – Bus/Emergency Snow Routes**

**5.4 Revised Administrative Guideline 6111.1 – Emergency Weather Conditions – Closing and Delaying of Schools**

Mr. Stahly presented information to the Board. Mr. Hoffman asked that the guideline for student absences for these type of days be included in the Guideline.

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

None.

**7.0 SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

Congratulations to Leo Softball Coach Ben Shappell who coached in the All Star Game last weekend and was named District II 4A Coach of the Year. Congratulations to Leo softball players Brooke Imel and Robyn Hall who were integral in the State All Star team’s victory for the North over the South. Robyn Hall was named MVP of the game!

Tomorrow the temporary entrance to the Administration Building will begin being used.

We are in summer mode, having been out of school for four weeks already. Technology is very busy; our maintenance and custodial staff are getting the buildings ready; Administrators are interviewing and hiring; Transportation is readying the buses; everyone is working hard to prepare for the upcoming school year.

Dr. Folks distributed a hard copy spreadsheet of information the Board had requested. This information was already e-mailed to the Board as well.

**8.0 BOARD COMMENTS**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Bob Nelson	Thank you to all who walked in the Woodburn, New Haven, and Hoagland parades; thank you to Dr. Folks and Kirby for the spreadsheet that was distributed; would like to have a signup sheet for War Room visits.
Arden	Resignation of NHHS Principal
Chris Baker	Reminder: Executive Session on June 28 <sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. – reminder to submit any comments to him by June 23 <sup>rd</sup> for this meeting.

**9.0 ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. Nellems moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:13 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](http://www.eacs.k12.in.us).

The next regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, July 12, 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 July 12, 2016.

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