



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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

September 15, 2015 - 6:33 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 6:33 p.m. on September 15, 2015.

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 (arrived at 6:40 p.m.)
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 Relations Liaison
Mr. Keith Madsen, Director of Technology
Mr. Ed Mendoza, Director of Student Services
Mr. Doug Hicks, Principal, East Allen University
Mrs. Terri Lortie, President, EACS Custodial Association
Ms. Janet McEvoy, President, EACS Transportation Association

PUBLIC HEARING

6:30 p.m.

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| <p>1.0 Proposed 2016 Budget, Bus Replacement Plan and Capital Projects Plan</p> <p>2.0 Public Expressions - None</p> <p>3.0 Adjournment</p> |
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REGULAR MEETING - 6:33 p.m.

1.0 ROUTINE ITEMS

1.1 Call to Order

President Chris Baker called the meeting to order at 6:33 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 addendums to Consent Items 3.1 Human Resources Report, and 3.2 Financial Reports (several Cash Tuition Transfers).

1.4 Recognition

Ms. Tyonka Perkins, Assistant Director of Educational Initiatives from the Center of Excellence in Leadership of Learning (CELL) at the University of Indianapolis, along with Mr. Charles “Chuck” Johnson, interim president of Vincennes University, were on hand to recognize East Allen University for successfully completing CELL’s Early College Endorsement process. This prestigious CELL endorsement acknowledges that EAU has met all Early College High School benchmarks. Endorsed Early College High Schools exemplify the commitment, collaborations and connections necessary to equip students with the attitude and aptitude for college success. EAU is one of 13 high schools in Indiana, and the only high school in Allen County, to receive this distinction.

Principal Doug Hicks, Guidance Counselor Tina Antrim, and Dean of Students (Vincennes) Dr. Odelet Nance, were presented with a banner recognizing East Allen University as an Endorsed Indiana Early College High School.

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 Meeting – September 1, 2015

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

Motion: Nelson Second: Hines

Discussion: None.

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)

4.0 ACTION ITEMS

Superintendent Folks requested the Board’s approval for the Action Items as presented as follows:

15-0915-4.1 Application and Receipt of Funds for SY2015/16 Refugee Children School Impact Grant (RCSIG)

There was discussion surrounding the wording of the abstract. Mr. Hoffman and Mrs. Nellems would like a copy of the final grant when it is available.

15-0915-4.2 Revised Administrative Guideline 3416 – Energy Conservation and Building Temperature Control

Motion: That the Action Items 15-0915-4.1 through 15-0915-4.2 be approved as presented.

Motion: Hines Second: Etzler

Further Discussion: None.

Vote:

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

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

15-0915-4.3 Architect/Engineering Selection for New Haven Primary School

Mr. Stahly presented information to the Board. There was discussion around this being a general obligation bond project or included in the Referendum. If approved it will be funded by a GO Bond.

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 15-0915-4.3 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nelson Second: Hines

Further Discussion: None.

Vote: Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Hoffman, Nelson; Abstained: Nellems (Motion carried 6-0-1)

5.0 INFORMATION ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 Contract with League for the Blind and Disabled

Mrs. Brown presented information to the Board and answered the Board’s questions.

5.2 Resolution Regarding New Haven - Adams Township Parks and Recreation Department's Special Use Policy

Dr. Folks presented information to the Board regarding this request from the New Haven/ Adams Township Parks and Recreation Department. Good discussion took place, with several questions still needing answers. President Baker asked that Board members e-mail their questions to Dr. Folks to follow up with Mr. Clendenen of the NH-AT Parks Department. Once the questions have been answered, this item will be brought back to the Board for further discussion before any final action is taken.

5.3 Revised Administrative Guideline 4214 – Miscellaneous Support Personnel

Mrs. Grady presented information to the Board.

6.0 PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

7.0 SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

A packet of information regarding Tuition and Choice transfers was provided to the Board members tonight. Thank you to Mr. Mendoza for compiling this information.

There are three more EACS Building Project Community Meetings scheduled: Monday, Sept. 21 at New Haven High School; Tuesday, Sept. 22 at Leo Jr./Sr. High School; and Tuesday, Sept. 29 at Woodlan Jr./Sr. High School.

Fort4Fitness is Saturday, September 26. EACS is a charity partner this year. Anyone wishing to sponsor or participate please contact Mrs. Kelly.

Today our district-wide in-service was held at New Haven High School. The presenter was Tina Boogren from Ball State's Marzano Research Laboratory. Her topic was "The Highly Engaged Classroom". It was an incredible event.

The last parade of the season was last Saturday for the Grabill Country Fair. Thank you to Mrs. Lightfoot, Mr. Hines, and Mr. Nelson for participating.

8.0 BOARD COMMENTS

Bob Nelson

Will be attending the ISBA Fall Conference.

Chris Baker

Thanked the Board members for attending the Community meetings; a Special Board Meeting has been set for Tuesday, October 13th at 5:30 p.m. to recap the community meetings and make decisions regarding the Referendum building projects.

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 7:38 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, October 6, 2015 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 October 6, 2015.

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President

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