



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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**EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS  
WORK SESSION  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
MINUTES**

**October 27, 2015 – 5:30 p.m.**

**Administration Building – Board Room  
1240 State Road 930 East  
New Haven, IN 46774**

A Work Session was held in the Board Room at the Administration Building, 1240 State Road 930 East, New Haven, Indiana, of the Board of School Trustees of East Allen County Schools met at approximately 5:30 p.m. on October 27, 2015.

Board members present:

Christopher T. Baker, President  
Robert L. Nelson, Jr., Vice President  
Terry Jo Lightfoot, Secretary  
Leland L. Etzler (arrived at 5:46 p.m.)  
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  
Mr. Kirby Stahly, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services  
Mr. Doug Roemer, Director of Facilities  
Mrs. Terri Lortie, President, EACS Custodial Association

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

President Chris Baker called the meeting to order at approximately 5:32 p.m.

**2.0 ROLL CALL**

**3.0 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**4.0 DISCUSSION ITEM**

**4.1 Formulate Building Project Plan**

The purpose of tonight's meeting was to formulate the building project plan.

Mr. Hoffman distributed a spreadsheet he created which he believes should be the basis for the upcoming referendum.

**Motion:** That this spreadsheet be accepted as the expenditures list and basis for the Referendum.

Motion: Hoffman                      Second: Nellems

**Discussion:** Discussion followed.

**Vote:**

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

Further discussion occurred, after which Mr. Nelson made a motion.

**Motion:** That the original spreadsheet (developed by the Administration, staff, and input from the community meetings) be approved as the basis for the Referendum.

Motion: Nelson                      Second: Hines

**Discussion:** Further discussion took place. Audience members began to interject. At approximately 6:04 p.m. Mr. Baker recessed the meeting. At approximately 6:16 p.m. the meeting resumed.

Mr. Stahly presented tax implication information which was prepared by Mr. Rod Wilson of City Securities and answered the Board members' questions. There was more discussion among the Board members.

**Vote:**

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

President Baker stated that this list of projects, as well as the dollar amounts may be part of the Referendum on the May 2016 ballot. A 1028 Hearing will be held in January.

## **5.0 ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. Nellems moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Etzler seconded it, and it was unanimously approved. The meeting ended at 6:53 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, November 3, 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 November 3, 2015.

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