



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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

**December 8, 2015 - 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 December 8, 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  
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  
Mrs. Teresa Knoblauch, Director of Title III  
Mr. Keith Madsen, Director of Technology  
Dr. Neal Brown III, Principal, Leo Jr./Sr. High School  
Mr. Greg Mohler, Principal, New Haven High School  
Mr. Andy Wagner, Athletic Director, New Haven High School  
Mr. Ron Kammeyer, Principal, Woodlan Jr./Sr. High School  
Mr. Matt Widenhoefer, Principal, Heritage Jr./Sr. High School  
Mrs. Cheri Gilbert, Athletic Director, Heritage Jr./Sr. High School  
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 6:30 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 an addendum to Consent Items 3.1 Human Resources Report, and 3.2 Financial Reports (Donations).

## **1.4 Recognition**

The district's Academic All-State student athletes (for fall sports sans football) were recognized for their achievement. The criteria to be selected are: 1) Must be a junior or senior; 2) Must be listed on the team's sectional roster, and 3) Must have at least a 9.4 GPA or higher on a 12.0 scale.

### **New Haven High School:**

Hadley Decker (Volleyball); Austin Blanton, Natalie Close, Devin Dubbelde and Pedro Castaneda (Soccer)

### **Heritage Jr./Sr. High School:**

Alex Feipel, Renee Hare, Veronica Hare, Sarah Kleine, Terry Lockwood, Rylie Schane, Lucas Scheumann, and Kaylie Till (Soccer); Kortney Castleman, Lillie Castleman, Jessica Franke, and Mackenzie Fry (Volleyball)

### **Leo Jr./Sr. High School:**

Anna Feldman (Golf); Reid Herran (Tennis); Matt Heck, Truman Morin, Luke San Giacomo, and Aaron Yoder (Soccer)

### **Woodlan Jr./Sr. High School:**

Kenzie Salzbrenner (Volleyball)

## **1.5 Legislative Update**

None.

## **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 - November 17, 2015**

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

Motion: Nellems

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, 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**

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

**15-1208-4.1 Revised Administrative Guideline 4105 – Expanded Criminal History Checks – Certificated and Non-Certificated Employee Applicants**

**15-1208-4.2 Revised Administrative Guideline 4211.5 – Technical Support Personnel**

**15-1208-4.3 Revised Administrative Guideline 4211.5 – Technical Support Personnel - Appendix A**

**15-1208-4.4 Revised Administrative Guideline 2170 – Administrator Compensation and Benefits (Memberships)**

**15-1208-4.5 Resolution for Payment of Claims When Only One Board Meeting in a Month**

**15-1208-4.6 Carrier for Property/Casualty/Liability and Workers Compensation Insurances**

**15-1208-4.7 School Resource Officer Agreement with Allen County**

**Motion:** That the Action Items 15-1208-4.1 through 15-1208-4.7 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nelson

Second: Etzler

**Discussion:** Mr. Hoffman expressed his concern that the revised language in the School Resource Officer Agreement is still too vague. Mr. Jeff Studebaker, EACS' Safety Manager, explained the rationale for the revised language and that Sheriff Gladieux and the Sheriff's legal counsel have both reviewed the changes and found them to be satisfactory. Mr. Hoffman stated that he would be voting no for the agreement.

**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, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson; Against: Hoffman (Motion carried 6-1)
- 4.5 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 7-0)
- 4.6 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 7-0)
- 4.7 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson; Against: Hoffman (Motion carried 6-1)

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

**INFORMATION ITEM**

**5.1 Asset Protection Information Report**

**5.2 Proposed Timetable for Lease Financing of Referendum on May 2016 Ballot**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**5.3 Collaboration with Partners to Seek Funds to Establish and Operate a Resource Connection System**

Mr. Studebaker presented information to the Board and answered the Board members' questions.

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

None.

**7.0 SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

The first semester will end Friday, December 18, meaning the school year is half over. Second semester begins on Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Folks distributed a revised War Room Visit schedule. Several principals have moved their visits to the afternoon to better accommodate Board members' schedules.

An updated cookie distribution sheet will be e-mailed to all Board members.

Dr. Folks wished everyone happy holidays and a safe winter recess.

**8.0 BOARD COMMENTS**

**Name**

Leland Etzler

**Topic**

Thank you to Dr. and Mrs. Folks for the homemade caramel apple.

Arden Hoffman

Asked for more information about two lawsuits against the district. (Note: the district currently has one lawsuit pending.); ISTEP/Accountability grades leaked to the media – Agrees with Dr. Folks’ position on moving forward despite the delay in scores.

Chris Baker

Reminders of Administrator Reception tomorrow night, and the Central Office Luncheon on December 17<sup>th</sup>.

**9.0 ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. Nellems moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hines seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 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, January 5, 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 January 5, 2016.

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President

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Secretary