



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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

September 6, 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 September 6, 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
Mr. Dave Myers, Director of Transportation
Mrs. Michelle Wenglikowski, Director of Student Services
Mr. William Diehl, Principal, Leo Elementary School
Mr. Doug Hicks, Principal, East Allen University
Mrs. Terri Lortie, President, EACS Custodial Association
Mr. Mark Nash, President, East Allen Educator's Association

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR DEBT SERVICES

1.0 Additional Appropriations for Debt Services

Mr. Stahly presented information.

2.0 Public Expressions

None.

3.0 Approval of Additional Appropriations for Debt Services

Motion: That the additional appropriations for Debt Services be approved as presented.

Motion: Etzler Second: Lightfoot

Discussion: None.

Vote:

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

4.0 Adjournment

There being no other business, the hearing was 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.

President Baker asked for a moment of silence for the families at DeKalb High School:

On the afternoon of Friday, September 1st, two DeKalb High School football players on their way to DeKalb High School for the football game that evening, were involved in a tragic 3-car accident, which took the life of Derek Padilla. Lucas Oberkiser remains in very critical condition. DeKalb was to have played New Haven that evening and the game was cancelled. As a district our thoughts and prayers have gone out to the Padilla and Oberkiser families, as well as the DeKalb High School family at large. Dr. Folks, as well as New Haven High School Administration and coaches, have reached out to DeKalb's administration and coaches. Superintendent Steve Teders responded to Dr. Folks, thanking him for the amazing outpouring of concern shown to them during this most difficult time.

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 Consent Item 3.1 – Human Resource Report, and 16-0906-4.2 (B) - Architect/Engineering Selection (Martin Riley).

Mr. Hoffman stated he would have very much liked to have seen competing bids, but President Baker and Mr. Stahly explained that contracted services do not require other bids; furthermore, each of these A&E firms are very familiar with the buildings they have been assigned, having drawn up schematics several years ago during the referendum.

1.4 Recognitions

- Miss Allen County Pageant Winner

In July, Sophi Schultz, a Woodlan Jr./Sr. High School senior, was named Miss Allen County Fair Queen, as well as Miss Congeniality and Miss Photogenic at the pageant. Sophi will compete for the 2017 State Fair title in January.

- IDOE Promising Practices Winners – LEEL and EAU

The Indiana Department of Education recently recognized East Allen University and Leo Elementary school for their success in the Promising Practices “Making it Happen” initiative. This initiative celebrates and recognizes schools across the state of Indiana for their effective implementation of innovative and/or inclusive educational practices.

East Allen University was recognized for their partnership with Vincennes University. EAU began serving students in school year 2012-13 and have added an additional grade level each year. In 2016, 77 students graduated with a high school diploma and 63 of those students received an Associate Degree from Vincennes University. Mr. Doug Hicks is principal of East Allen University.

Leo Elementary was recognized for the High Performance Teaming (HPT) classroom. The classroom incorporates creativity, communication, critical thinking and collaboration with a focus on building relationships. Students begin the school year with a 6-week PBL on team-building, working collaboratively and maneuvering around the technology-enhanced classroom. Mr. William Diehl is principal of Leo Elementary School, and 6th grade LEEL teachers include Mr. Kevin Elrod, Mrs. Jennifer Hale, Mrs. Christy Sharp, and Mr. Austin Will.

1.5 Legislative Update

Nothing new to report.

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 – Executive Session – August 16, 2016**
- 3.5 Minutes – Regular Meeting – August 16, 2016**

Motion: That Consent Items 3.1 through 3.5 be approved as presented.

Motion: Hines Second: Nellems

Discussion: Mr. Hoffman's questions were answered.

Vote:

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

4.0 ACTION ITEMS

16-0906-4.1 Contract with Indiana School for the Blind/Low Vision (ISBVI)

Discussion: None.

Motion: That Action Item 16-0906-4.1 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nellems Second: Lightfoot

Vote:

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

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

16-0906-4.2 Architect/Engineering Selection

- A. **Barton Coe Vilamaa**
- B. **Martin Riley - Addendum**
- C. **Moake Park**
- D. **Mosaic Building Solutions**

Mr. Stahly presented information to the Board on each A&E firm and their assigned building projects.

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

Motion: Mr. Hoffman moved to table Discussion/Action Item 16-0906-4.2 for a vote until the September 20, 2016 board meeting

Motion: Hoffman Motion failed for lack of a second.

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 16-0906-4.2 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nelson Second: Hines

Discussion: None.

Vote:

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

16-0906-4.3 School Resource Officer Agreement with Allen County for 2016-17SY

Mr. Studebaker, along with Woodlan Jr./Sr. High School SRO Toby Rhymer, presented information to the Board.

Discussion: Mr. Studebaker answered Mr. Hoffman's question. Mr. Hoffman asked why this Agreement was not brought to the Board earlier than this meeting.

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 16-0906-4.3 be approved as presented.

Motion: Lightfoot Second: Nelson

Vote:

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

16-0906-4.4 Resolution for Recommendation to Amend School Byways

Mr. Studebaker, along with Woodlan Jr./Sr. High School SRO Toby Rhymer, presented information to the Board.

Discussion: Mr. Studebaker along with Officer Rhymer answered the Board members' questions. Mrs. Nellems is against this proposed Resolution.

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 16-0906-4.4 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nelson Second: Lightfoot

Vote:

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

16-0906-4.5 Revised School Calendar for 2016-17SY (President's Day Off – No Longer a Makeup Day)

Dr. Folks presented information to the Board.

Discussion: Mr. Nelson thanked Administration and the teaching staff for this move. Mrs. Nellems and Mr. Hoffman expressed they are not for this change.

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 16-0906-4.5 be approved as presented.

Motion: Hines Second: Lightfoot

Vote:

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

16-0906-4.6 Revised Administrative Guideline 6122.1 – Transfer of Credit

Dr. Folks presented information to the Board.

Discussion: Mrs. Nellems and Mr. Hoffman expressed they are not for this change.

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 16-0906-4.6 be approved as presented.

Motion: Hines Second: Nelson

Vote:

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

16-0906-4.7 IDOE Formative Assessment Grant

Mrs. Hissong and Ms. Watson presented information to the Board.

Discussion: None.

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 16-0906-4.7 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nelson Second: Lightfoot

Vote:

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

5.0 INFORMATION ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 2016/17SY Refugee Children School Impact Grant (RCSIG) Low Cost Extension Funding

5.2 Get Schooled Tour

5.3 Update to Teacher Effectiveness Rubric

5.4 Counselor Effectiveness Rubric

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.5 Revised Administrative Guideline 4213.5 - Educational Interpreters/Language Translators

Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Grady presented information to the Board and answered Mr. Hoffman's questions.

5.6 Grant of Sewer Easement for 2015 Septic Relief Projects: Maples Service Area

Mr. Stahly presented information to the Board.

5.7 Contract Renewal with Bowen Center – Student Assistance Plan

Mrs. Wenglikowski presented information to the Board and answered Mr. Hoffman's questions.

5.8 Memorandum of Understanding with Goodwill, Park Center and Pathfinder for Pre-Employment Training (PET)

Mrs. Brown presented information to the Board and answered Mr. Hoffman's questions.

5.9 Participation in the 2017 Indiana Youth Survey

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

This Saturday is the Grabill County Fair Parade at 10:00 a.m..

A Work Session has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 13 at 6:30 p.m.

A district-wide Inservice will take place on Tuesday, September 13th for our teachers. Board members are welcome to attend. A schedule was previously sent to the Board.

The Four Star Celebrations will take place at our Leo area schools on Thursday, September 15th beginning at 8:00 a.m. at LEHS; 9:15 a.m. at CEEL; and 10:30 a.m. at LEEL.

8.0 BOARD COMMENTS

Name

Tim Hines

Topic

Publically thanked Lloy Ball for visiting WOEL with his good message to the kids.

Arden Hoffman

Asks that Meetings & Conference requests be more timely.

Chris Baker

Thank you to the East Allen Times for their articles on EACS' bands and on AC Fair Queen Sophi Schultz; Reminder – Work Session on Tuesday, 9/13 at 6:30 p.m. for building project updates and schedules; Executive Session on 9/20 at 5:30 p.m.; Board Retreat is on 11/10, from 9 AM - 4 PM; Please decide on ISBA meals; Consensus on submitting EAU for “2017 Magma Award with directive given to Administration to pursue.

9.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. Nellems moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Etzler seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 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.

A Work Session of the Board of School Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.. The next regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.. Both meetings 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 September 20, 2016.

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President

Secretary