



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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

October 18, 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 October 18, 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. Rose Fritzing, Director of Development and Title I
Mrs. Tina Grady, Director of Human Resources
Mrs. Tamyra Kelly, Public Information Officer
Mr. Keith Madsen, Director of Technology
Mrs. Michelle Wenglikowski, Director of Student Services
Mrs. Lois Goeglein, Manager of Financial Services
Mrs. Renita Peters, Principal, New Haven Primary School
Mrs. Terri Lortie, President, EACS Custodial Association
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 the addition of an addendum to Consent Item 3.1 – Human Resource Report.

1.4 Recognitions

A surprise recognition took place – Mrs. Diane Gibson, a Harding attendance area parent, was recognized as a volunteer extraordinaire and for being a positive advocate of the Harding attendance area and the district over the many years. She was recently highlighted in a Journal Gazette article about the Harding attendance area schools. Mrs. Gibson was presented with a framed memento of the newspaper article.

New Haven Primary School and New Haven Intermediate School were recently named Family Friendly Schools for 2016-17 by the Indiana Department of Education. Only forty-four schools from across Indiana were selected for this award. Family Friendly Schools must demonstrate a commitment to addressing the academic, physical, emotional and social needs of their students while providing needed resources and fostering the active involvement of families both in school and in the community. Schools are identified through a rigorous application process and must excel at involving families and community members in student education.

On behalf of Indiana State School Superintendent Glenda Ritz, Mr. Doug Thieme, IDOE Outreach Coordinator for Region 8, was on hand to present certificates of recognition to Dr. Ken Folks, Superintendent; Mr. Chris Baker, Board president; Mrs. Renita Peters, Principal of New Haven Primary School, and Ms. Alicia Carter, Student Assistance Specialist at New Haven Intermediate School.

1.5 Legislative Update

Nothing 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 – Regular Meeting – October 4, 2016**
- 3.5 Minutes – Work Session – October 11, 2016**

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

Motion: Hines Second: Etzler

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

4.0 ACTION ITEMS

16-1018-4.1 Application and Receipt of Funds for High Ability Grant SY16-17

16-1018-4.2 Memorandum of Understanding between JAG-Indiana and East Allen County Schools (HEHS)

16-1018-4.3 Memorandum of Understanding between JAG-Indiana and East Allen County Schools (NHHS)

16-1018-4.4 Revised Administrative Guideline 5117 - School Choice

16-1018-4.5 Approval of 2017 Budget

- A. Resolution to Adopt 2017 Budgets
- B. Resolution - 2017 Budget (Line 2) – All Funds
- C. Resolution for Tax Neutrality
- D. Resolution for Appropriations and Tax Rates

16-1018-4.6 Resolution - Balancing Accounts for 2016 General and Transportation Funds

16-1018-4.7 Resolution - Goals for Expenditure Categories

16-1018-4.8 2017 Bus Replacement Plan

16-1018-4.9 2017 Capital Projects Plan

16-1018-4.10 Adopt Reimbursement Resolution

16-1018-4.11 Adopt Resolution (Re)Approving Formation of Building Corporation

Discussion: Mr. Hoffman explained his reasons as to why he will be voting no on certain Action Items.

Motion: That Action Items 16-1018-4.1 through 16-1018-4.11 be approved as presented.

Motion: Lightfoot Second: Hines

Vote:

- 4.1 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 7-0)
- 4.2 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson; Against: Hoffman (Motion carried 6-1)
- 4.3 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson; Against: Hoffman (Motion carried 6-1)
- 4.4 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nellems; Against: Nelson (Motion carried 6-1)
- 4.5 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson; Against: Hoffman (Motion carried 6-1)

- 4.6 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 7-0)
- 4.7 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 7-0)
- 4.8 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 7-0)
- 4.9 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nelson; Against: Hoffman, Nellems (Motion carried 5-2)
- 4.10 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 7-0)
- 4.11 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson; Against: Hoffman (Motion carried 6-1)

PRESENTATION

Mr. Rod Wilson, of City Securities, presented information on the lease financing and answered the Board members' questions.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

16-1018-4.12 2017 Group Health Insurance

Mr. Stahly presented information to the Board.

A. Plan Benefit Levels – 2017 Changes

Discussion: None.

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 16-1018-4.12(A) be approved as presented.

Motion: Nellems Second: Hoffman

Vote:

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

B. Plan Options and Rates/Contributions

Discussion: None.

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 16-1018-4.12(B) be approved as presented.

Motion: Nelson Second: Nellems

Vote:

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

C. Plan Change – Eliminate Deductible Carryover

Discussion: None.

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 16-1018-4.12(C) be approved as presented.

Motion: Nellems Second: Hines

Vote:

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

D. Plan Change – Eligibility of Retiree Insurance

Discussion: None.

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 16-1018-4.12(D) be approved as presented.

Motion: Nellems Second: Nelson

Vote:

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

16-1018-4.13 Adopt Resolution Approving Preliminary Plans, Form of Lease and Authorizing Publication of Notice of Lease Hearing

Mr. Stahly presented information to the Board.

Discussion: None.

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 16-1018-4.13 be approved as presented.

Motion: Hines Second: Etzler

Vote:

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

16-1018-4.14 New Haven Primary School Project - Change Order #5 – Technology Data Line Change

Mr. Stahly presented information to the Board.

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

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 16-1018-4.14 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nellems Second: Hines

Vote:

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

16-1018-4.15 Submission of 2017 Magna Award Nomination

Mrs. Fritzinger presented information to the Board.

Discussion: None.

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 16-1018-4.15 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nelson Second: Hoffman

Vote:

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

16-1018-4.16 Memorandum of Understanding with Fort Wayne Dance Collective

Mrs. Brown presented information to the Board.

Discussion: None.

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 16-1018-4.16 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nellems Second: Etzler

Vote:

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

5.0 INFORMATION ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 Annual Report - ADM/Enrollment

5.2 Annual Report - Student Discipline

5.3 Speak Up Survey Request

5.4 Quarterly Report - 3rd Quarter Grants and Allocations

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.5 Revised Administrative Guideline 3548.5 - Collection and Refunding of Educational Materials Fees

Mr. Stahly presented information to the Board.

5.6 Resolution Regarding the Bid for Purchase of Gasoline and Diesel Fuel

Mr. Stahly presented information to the Board.

5.7 Record Storage/Imaging Project

Mrs. Goeglein presented information to the Board and answered the Board members' questions.

6.0 PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

7.0 SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

EACS' official enrollment shows we are up 103 students from last year; up 500 students over the last two years.

Sunday is the Metro Youth Sports Super Bowl. Dr. Folks has been asked to speak at this event around 4:00 p.m..

Administration has heard concerns from parents saying that proper notice was not given regarding the increase in the iPad fees over last year. Dr. Folks stated that he felt the information had been effectively communicated; however in the future he will send out a School Messenger, post to Facebook, etc. He will be interviewed on WOWO tomorrow morning at 7:38 a.m. about the situation. Also tomorrow, an FAQ is being created and will be posted on the EACS website.

Reminder – the ISBA Fall Regional meeting at Goeglein’s is this Thursday, October 20th at 6:00 p.m., with meal at 6:30 p.m., and program at 7:30 p.m.

Board Work Session is this Tuesday, October 25th at 6:30 p.m.; there will be no Work Session on November 8th due to Election Day.

8.0 BOARD COMMENTS

Name	Topic
Paulette Nellems	Kudos to Mr. Hoffman for suggesting storing EACS’ records off sight with Iron Mountain; Last night she drove by PHJH and SOEL – both lawns looked nicely manicured; She will be introducing Dr. Folks on Sunday at the Metro Youth Sports event.
Arden Hoffman	Asked where highest areas of ADM growth was from (Answer: Leo and Harding attendance areas – Dr. Folks will provide information to the Board).

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 7:52 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, October 25, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.. The next regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, November 1, 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 November 1, 2016.

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President

Secretary