



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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

August 15, 2017 - 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 August 15, 2017.

Board members present:

Mr. Robert L. Nelson, Jr., President
Mr. Timothy E. Hines, Vice President
Mr. Christopher T. Baker, Secretary
Mr. Todd C. Buckmaster
Mrs. Gayle C. Etzler
Mrs. Terry Jo Lightfoot
Mrs. Paulette Nellems

Board members absent:

None.

EACS Administrators and Association Presidents also in attendance:

Mrs. Marilyn Hissong, Superintendent
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 Fritzingler, 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
Mr. Doug Roemer, Director of Facilities
Mrs. Michelle Wenglikowski, Director of Student Services
Mrs. Anna Murphy, Principal, New Haven High School
Ms. Patricia Meadows, Assistant Principal, LEHS/Principal, Leo Junior High School
Ms. Janet McEvoy, President, EACS Transportation Association

1.0 ROUTINE ITEMS

1.1 Call to Order

President Bob Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

Vice President Tim Hines led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 (Tuition Transfers).

1.4 Recognitions

New Haven High School Cheer Squad

The New Haven High School cheerleaders had a fantastic showing at the Universal Cheer Association (UCA) summer camp in July. Competing against other high schools from all over Indiana, the team won 1st place in the Cheer, Dance, and Overall categories for Varsity squads.

The New Haven squad has been invited to perform at the pregame of the 2017 Buffalo Wild Wings Citrus Bowl. Cheerleaders Divine Vasquez, Emily Zeimet, Damiya Shaw, and Ashia Howard were named to the All American team with an invitation to perform with a group in London. Those same four girls were asked to try out for the UCA staff for next summer. Team members include: Patrica Anderson, Jocelyn Andrews, Kendyhl Black, Kelsey Coomer, Jaya Ellis, Cameron Fordham, Alexia Gaytan, Georgia Grube, Ashia Howard, Morgan Johnson, Becca Lancaster, Alexa Lawhorne, Raeshawn Norfleet, Shamari Rashawans, Damiya Shaw, Divine Vasquez, and Emily Zeimet. Coaches are Mallory Marhenke, Dori Westrick, and Melissa Hayes. New Haven High School principal is Mrs. Anna Murphy.

Special Recognition

Director of Facilities, Mr. Doug Roemer (a 37-year employee of EACS), was recognized for his hard work and dedication. This past summer in addition to his regular duties, Mr. Roemer has overseen a large number of construction projects throughout the district including the:

- Installation and completion of secure entrances at Cedarville Elementary, Heritage Jr./Sr. High, Leo Elementary, Leo Jr./Sr. High, New Haven Intermediate, Paul Harding Junior High/East Allen University, Prince Chapman Academy and Woodlan Jr./Sr. High Schools
- Conversion and completion of the lower level and upstairs of the new Administration Annex (the former New Haven Elementary School).
- Asbestos abatement at Southwick Elementary School
- Installation of air conditioning in the Leo Jr./Sr. High School kitchen
- Masonry work
- Installation of new bleachers/pressbox/lights/scoreboard at Heritage Jr./Sr. High School
- Auditoria improvements (tiered seating and sound system) at Leo Jr./Sr. High School
- Vacating of Park Hill Learning Center and the '64 Building

2.0 PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS – AGENDA AND NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None.

3.0 CONSENT ITEMS

Superintendent Hissong 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 – August 1, 2017**

Motion: That Consent Items 3.1 through 3.4, and the addendums, be approved as presented.

Motion: Hines

Second: Etzler

Discussion: None.

Vote:

3.1-3.4 - Aye: Baker, Buckmaster, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 7-0)

Superintendent Hissong introduced Ms. Patricia (Patty) Meadows, newly named Leo Junior High principal.

PRESENTATION

3.5 Budget Presentation

Mr. Stahly presented the proposed Budget to the Board and answered their questions.

4.0 ACTION ITEMS

17-0815-4.1 Authorize Advertisement of 2018 Budget and Capital Projects and Bus Replacement Plans

17-0815-4.2 Agreement with Grapeseed

17-0815-4.3 Agreement with Rosetta Stone

17-0815-4.4 Virtual Option eLearning Application

Motion: That Action Items 17-0815-4.1 through 17-0815-4.4 be approved as presented.

Motion: Buckmaster

Second: Baker

Discussion: None.

Vote:

4.1 – 4.4 - Aye: Baker, Buckmaster, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 7-0)

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

17-0815-4.5 Award Bid for Cedarville Elementary School – Classroom Addition

Mr. Kirby Stahly presented information to the Board.

Questions: None.

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 17-0815-4.5 be approved as presented.

Motion: Baker Second: Buckmaster

Discussion: None.

Vote:

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

17-0815-4.6 Award Bid for Leo Elementary School – Addition/Renovation

Mr. Kirby Stahly presented information to the Board.

Questions: None.

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 17-0815-4.6 be approved as presented.

Motion: Lightfoot Second: Etzler

Discussion: None.

Vote:

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

17-0815-4.7 Award Bid for Southwick Elementary School - Addition/Renovation

Mr. Kirby Stahly presented information to the Board and answered Mrs. Nellems' questions.

Questions: None.

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 17-0815-4.7 be approved as presented.

Motion: Hines Second: Baker

Discussion: None.

Vote:

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

17-0815-4.8 Award Bid for Paul Harding Junior High/East Allen University - Renovation

Mr. Kirby Stahly presented information to the Board.

Questions: None.

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 17-0815-4.8 be approved as presented.

Motion: Baker Second: Buckmaster

Discussion: None.

Vote:

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

17-0815-4.9 Asbestos Abatement ('64 Building/Park Hill) Consultant Services

Mr. Kirby Stahly presented information to the Board and answered their questions.

Questions: None.

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 17-0815-4.9 be approved as presented.

Motion: Buckmaster Second: Etzler

Discussion: None.

Vote:

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

5.0 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 Teacher Effectiveness Rubric (Teacher Evaluation Model)

5.2 School Extracurricular Reports

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.3 New Administrative Guideline 4122 - Teacher Appreciation Grant

Mrs. Tina Grady provided information to the Board and answered Mrs. Lightfoot's questions.

5.4 IDOE Formative Assessment Grant

Superintendent Marilyn Hissong provided information to the Board.

5.5 Memorandum of Understanding between JAG-Indiana and East Allen County Schools (HEHS)

Ms. Deborah Watson provided information to the Board.

5.6 Memorandum of Understanding between JAG-Indiana and East Allen County Schools (NHHS)

Ms. Deborah Watson provided information to the Board.

6.0 SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Our school year is off to a great start! It takes so many “systems” to make things run smoothly - from transportation to maintenance, to our buildings’ Administrators/ teachers/ staff to Central Office. It takes the efforts of so many. We have a phenomenal team.

Thank you to our IREACH students who will be taking care maintaining the New Haven tunnel.

Thank you to Ms. Cindy Fritz for maintaining the EACS Facebook page. Our number of followers has tripled. President Nelson encouraged people to “like” the page.

7.0 BOARD COMMENTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Mrs. Terry Jo Lightfoot	Glad that school is back in session. Visited LEHS – likes the Junior High model; Is trying to visit each school to see their new secure entrances.
Mrs. Gayle Etzler	Likes WOHS’s new secure entrance.
Mr. Tim Hines	Noted that WOHS beat LEHS in the scrimmage Friday night!; Thanked all staff for their efforts – “...growing enrollment is a direct reflection on what you do!”
Mrs. Paulette Nellems	PHJH had a nice Back to School Night.
Mr. Todd Buckmaster	EAU has a rock star team. The new secure entrance and office renovation is awesome.
Mr. Chris Baker	Thanked the Journal Gazette for the recent article on the area school districts (re: prudent spending of tax dollars); Challenged the male board members to become a part of the Real Men Read program – it’s very rewarding; Is disappointed in WPTA 21’s recent LEHS story; Shared his thoughts about comments made on Facebook about him.
Mr. Bob Nelson	Thanked parents and staff for their patience in class sizes, etc. Enrollment numbers/class sizes are being monitored daily; Thanked local newspapers for nice articles in recent papers; Friday night football game at NHHS with HEHS!

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. Nellems moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting ended at 8:13 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, September 5, 2017 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 September 5, 2017.

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