



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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

February 19, 2019 - 11:30 a.m.

**Prince Chapman Academy – Room 511
4808 East Paulding Road
Fort Wayne, IN 46816**

At a meeting held in Room 511 at Prince Chapman Academy, 4808 East Paulding Road, Fort Wayne, Indiana, the Board of School Trustees of East Allen County Schools met at approximately 11:30 a.m. on February 19, 2019.

Board members present:

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

Board members absent:

Mrs. Terry Jo Lightfoot

EACS Administrators and Association Presidents also in attendance:

Mrs. Marilyn Hissong, Superintendent
Mrs. Teresa Knoblauch, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education
Mr. Kirby Stahly, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services
Ms. Deborah Watson, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education
Mrs. Michelle Clouser Penrod, Director of Development and Title I
Mrs. Tina Grady, Director of Human Resources
Mrs. Tamyra Kelly, Public Information Officer
Ms. Jennifer Heffernan, Director of Title III
Mr. Daniel Krleski, Director of Food Services
Mr. Dave Myers, Director of Transportation
Mrs. Michelle Wenglikowski, Director of Student Services
Mr. Patrick McCann, Principal, Prince Chapman Academy
Mrs. Danielle Newman, Principal, Paul Harding Junior High School
Mrs. Diamond Robinson, Principal, Southwick Elementary School
Mr. Tim Wiegand, Executive Director of Alternative and Career and Technical Education

1.0 ROUTINE ITEMS

1.1 Call to Order

President Tim Hines called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

Board member Paulette Nellems led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.3 Approval of Agenda

The agenda for February 19, 2019 was approved as presented with an addendum to Consent Item 3.1 - Human Resources Report.

1.4 Recognitions

Math Bowl Team and Student Council (PCA)

Prince Chapman Academy has hosted Math Bowl for the last 3 years. The following students have been consistently a part of PCA's Math Bowl team: Moe Moe Aye, Valencia Graham, and Nur Nee Shar. Their coaches - Mr. Levi Copenhaver and Ms. Melissa Sebastian, praised their dedication and work ethic.

Prince Chapman Academy's Student Council representatives were introduced: Melisa Cortes-Jose, Valencia Graham, Quinya Molton-Bowens, and Jesus Rodriguez. Student Council has participated in a fundraiser that raises money to purchase trees for the New Haven Parks Department. On Arbor Day, the students help plant the trees in the parks. Students participated last year and will do so again this year. Advisor is Ms. Alix Doran.

Three Rivers Honor Band Students (PHJH)

Four Paul Harding Junior High students auditioned and were selected to participate in the Three Rivers Honor Band. These students are: Dymond Fields, Nyla Sanders, Gloria Starks, and Syndey Villa. They, along with seventy-one other middle school students from 20+ middle schools across the state, attended several practices, then performed a concert for the community on January 26th under the direction of guest honor band conductor, Kathleen A. McGrady, who serves as President of the Ohio Music Education Association.

2.0 PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS – 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

3.3 Meetings and Conferences

3.4 Minutes – Regular Meeting – February 5, 2019

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

Motion: Etzler

Second: Buckmaster

Discussion: None.

Vote:

3.1–3.4 - Aye: Baker, Buckmaster, Etzler, Hines, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 6-0)

4.0 **ACTION ITEMS**

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

19-0219-4.1 2019 Bus Replacement Purchase

19-0219-4.2 2020 Budget Schedule

19-0219-4.3 One Time Transfer from Cash Balance of Education Fund to Cash Balance of Operations Fund

19-0219-4.4 Updates to Secondary Courses for 2019-20SY

Motion: That Action Items 19-0219-4.1 and 19-0219-4.4 be approved as presented.

Motion: Baker

Second: Etzler

Discussion: None.

Vote:

4.1-4.4 - Aye: Baker, Buckmaster, Etzler, Hines, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 6-0)

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

19-0219-4.5 EACS Food Service – Interlocal Agreement

Mr. Dan Krleski presented information to the Board.

Motion: Buckmaster

Second: Baker

Discussion: None.

Vote:

4.5 - Aye: Baker, Buckmaster, Etzler, Hines, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 6-0)

19-0219-4.6 Revised Board Policy 4012 – Administrator Changes

President Tim Hines presented information to the Board.

Motion: Etzler

Second: Nellems

Discussion: None.

Vote:

4.6 - Aye: Baker, Buckmaster, Etzler, Hines, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 6-0)

5.0 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 Annual Special Education Report

5.2 Revised Administrative Guideline 4101.5 - Employee Absences – Declared Weather Emergencies, Revised Appendix A and New Appendix B

5.3 Revised Administrative Guideline 5117 - School Choice

5.4 Revised Administrative Guideline 5118 - Transfer Tuition Students

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.5 Copier Maintenance Agreement (1-Year)

Mr. Kirby Stahly provided information to the Board and answered Mr. Buckmaster's question.

5.6 Request to Seek Proposals for Exclusive Beverage Contract

Mr. Kirby Stahly provided information to the Board and answered the Board members' questions.

6.0 SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Congratulations to all of our wrestlers who made it to Semi-State and State. Congratulations on a great season.

Leo Elementary School's Robotics team competed in the recent competition held at Memorial Park Middle School competing against teams much older than them (junior high teams). LEEL's teams placed 1st, 2nd, and 5th. Heritage Elementary School also competed.

Last Friday, 183 EACS girl students attended the STEM event held at PFW. This event was held to encourage science in girls. We are pleased with EACS' representation at this event.

Beginning Friday, March 1st EACS is hosting First Responder Fridays! Every first Friday of the month, we are inviting First Responders to eat lunch (on us) at any of our schools. We want this to be a way for us to not only thank them for their services, but to mingle with and mentor students, answer questions, etc. Media is scheduled to be at NHPS and WOEL that day.

The newspaper had a nice human interest article regarding a homebound Heritage Elementary School student.

Regarding our District's Kindness Challenge Initiative, two of our schools – New Haven Middle School and Southwick Elementary School are top ten finalists (from out of the entire United States). They are competing for the championship. Also, EACS is the only District in the entire nation who had full participation in the Kindness Challenge. A huge thank you to all of our administrators and teachers who implemented the lessons and saw them through to the end.

President Tim Hines, Director of Special Services Connie Brown, and Superintendent Hissong just returned from a trip to Blue Star Recyclers in Denver, CO. EACS has been invited by AWS and OmniSource to partner in bringing this program to EACS' 18-22 year old IREACH students. It's an amazing program! All parties are anxious to hold follow-up meetings and take next steps.

7.0 BOARD COMMENTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Mrs. Gayle Etzler	Thank you to Mr. McCann for hosting today's Board meeting.
Mr. Bob Nelson	Thank you to those who donated to the "Caring for Our Community" event/boys basketball game between NHHS and HEHS on Friday, 2/15 – Some 1,200-1,500 items were donated and will be distributed between NHPS and HEEL schools. During half time the Champions Game with the special education students was played. It was a great event!
Mr. Todd Buckmaster	Attended a recent Career Tech parent meeting. Praises to Mr. Tim Wiegand.
Mr. Chris Baker	Congratulations to the EACS wrestlers who made it to Semi-State and State; Attended the "Caring for Our Community" event/boys basketball game. The highlight was the Champions Game with the special education students. Praised all the students – the players as well as the spectators in the stands. Thanked Bob and all involved in the event; Good luck to our boys basketball teams at Sectionals; Requested a Work Session for the Board regarding future construction plans at the career and technical education center.
Mrs. Paulette Nellems	Was recently moved by NHHS Varsity boys basketball coach for his generosity towards his players; Is in continual contact with her State Representative regarding school budget funding and supports more money for our teachers.
Mr. Tim Hines	Thanked Principal McCann and PCA staff for hosting today's board meeting – lunch was very good; Thanked Bob Nelson for heading up the "Caring for Our Communities" night; Enjoyed the trip to Colorado to see Blue Star Recyclers – is excited for the next steps meeting. It is a truly amazing opportunity for our kids! The fact that EACS was the District asked to implement this program is a reflection of all the great people in the District – keep up the good work.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. Nellems moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting ended at 12:14 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, March 5, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. This meeting will be held at the 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 March 5, 2019.

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President

Secretary