



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
MINUTES**

February 4, 2020 - 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 February 4, 2020.

Board members present:

Timothy E. Hines, President
Todd C. Buckmaster, Vice President
Terry Jo Lightfoot, Secretary
Gayle C. Etzler
Paulette Nellems
Robert L. Nelson, Jr.
Steven M. Screeton

Board members absent:

None.

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
Mrs. Connie Brown, Director of Special Services
Mrs. Tina Grady, Director of Human Resources
Mrs. Wendy Hoering, Director of Development and Title I
Mrs. Tamyra Kelly, Public Information Officer
Mr. Tim Wiegand, Executive Director of Alternative and Career and Technical Education
Mr. Keith Madsen, Director of Technology
Mrs. Michelle Wenglikowski, Director of Student Services
Mrs. Danielle Newman, Principal, Paul Harding Junior High School
Mrs. Pam Beedy, President, EACS Transportation Association
Mrs. Andra Kosmoski, President, East Allen Educator's Association

1.0 ROUTINE ITEMS

1.1 Call to Order

President Tim Hines called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

The members of the Paul Harding Junior High Robotics Team led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.3 Approval of Agenda

The agenda for February 4, 2020 was approved as presented with an addendum to Consent Item 3.1 - Human Resources Report.

1.4 Recognition and Presentation

In December, the Northern Indiana LEGO League State competition was held at PFW. The Paul Harding Junior High robotics team created a combination remote control nature trail park and won 1st place out of 48 teams in the Research and Development category. They shared their award winning presentation with the Board. Team members include: Victoria Toro Blohm, Irais Hernandez-Jose, Aniyah Hogan, Citlali Monterroso, Aster Paw, Axil Thompson, and May Thurein. Their teacher/coach is Mr. Dave Broerman.

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 – January 21, 2020

Motion: That Consent Items 3.1 through 3.3 be approved as presented.

Motion: Buckmaster

Second: Screeton

Discussion: None.

Vote:

3.1–3.3 - Aye: Buckmaster, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson, Screeton (Motion carried 7-0)

Motion: That Consent Item 3.4 be approved as presented.

Motion: Buckmaster

Second: Etzler

Discussion: None.

Vote:

3.4 - Aye: Buckmaster, Etzler, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson, Screeton; Abstain: Hines (Motion carried 6-0-1)

4.0 ACTION ITEMS

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

20-0204-4.1 Partnership with United Way of Allen County to Provide Kindergarten Countdown

20-0204-4.2 Revised School Calendar – 2020-21SY

Motion: That Action Items 20-0204-4.1 and 20-0204-4.2 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nelson Second: Nellems

Discussion: Mrs. Lightfoot asked that the next time a calendar is created or changed, that parents and constituents be surveyed.

Vote:

4.1-4.2 - Aye: Buckmaster, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson, Screeton (Motion carried 7-0)

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

20-0204-4.3 Resolution Regarding 2020 Census

Superintendent Hissong presented information to the Board.

Motion: Etzler Second: Buckmaster

Discussion: None.

Vote:

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

20-0204-4.4 Correction in Agreement Between Agreement between the Board of School Trustees and the EACS Custodian Association

Mr. Stahly presented information to the Board.

Motion: Screeton Second: Etzler

Discussion: None.

Vote:

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

5.0 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

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5.1 Wellness Advisory Council Members

5.2 District Financial Report

5.3 Energy Management Report

5.4 Facilities Report

5.5 Graduation Rates

5.6 Employee Handbook

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.7 2021 Budget Schedule

Mr. Kirby Stahly provided information to the Board

5.8 Purchase of iPads for Grades 7-12 for 2020-21SY

Mr. Keith Madsen provided information to the Board and answered Mr. Buckmaster’s questions.

6.0 SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Superintendent Hissong attended the recent “Allen County Leaders Luncheon with Mayor Henry”. Many great things are happening in and around the greater Fort Wayne area.

New Haven Jr./Sr. High School hosted the wrestling sectionals last weekend. New Haven’s team finished 2nd, and Leo finished 4th. EACS had several individuals who placed as well.

Superintendent Hissong shared preliminary count numbers. We appear to be down approximately 98 students at this point in time.

The next board meeting is on February 18th at Leo Elementary School at 12:30 p.m. Lunch is from 10:35 until the start of the board meeting.

EACS’ Inservice is on Tuesday, February 11th at PFW, with elementary personnel in the AM and secondary in the PM.

UWVSSC’s Legislator Day will be held on Wednesday, February 19th in Indianapolis.

7.0 BOARD COMMENTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Mr. Todd Buckmaster	Read an interesting article regarding the state of Georgia cutting out standardized testing.
Mr. Steve Screeton	Was amazed by PHJH’s presentation! Great job girls and to teacher Mr. Broerman.
Mrs. Gayle Etzler	Was amazed by PHJH’s presentation and the amount of research the girls did for their project.

Mr. Bob Nelson	Attended EACS employee Rick Stotler's visitation along with many other EACS staff; New Haven's Canal Days leaders are looking at different options for the festival.
Mrs. Terry Lightfoot	Would like to see some board meetings held in the evening at our schools; Offered her condolences to the family of Dr. Herbert Stuelpe (former principal of LEHS).
Mr. Tim Hines	This Thursday is EACS's exit review with the auditors; Both WOHS boys' and girls' teams won the ACAC Tournament Championships; as well as the boys 7 th grade team; WOHS girls are advancing to Sectionals; UVA coach Tony Bennett was at WOHS when they played Blackhawk Christian. He was very personable and stayed until the last person left; Reminder that the next board meeting is on 2/18/20 at LEEL at 12:30 p.m.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. Nellems moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting ended at 7:17 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, February 18, 2020 at 12:30 p.m. This meeting will be held at Leo Elementary School, 14811 Wayne Street, Leo, Haven, IN.

These minutes were approved and adopted by the East Allen County Schools Board of School Trustees on February 18, 2020.

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President

Secretary