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

**February 18, 2020 - 12:30 p.m.**

**Leo Elementary School – Gymnasium  
14811 Wayne Street  
Leo, IN**

At a meeting held in the gymnasium at Leo Elementary School, 14811 Wayne Street, Leo, Indiana, the Board of School Trustees of East Allen County Schools met at approximately 12:30 p.m. on February 18, 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  
Ms. Deborah Watson, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education  
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  
Mrs. Jennifer Mabee, Director of Title III  
Mr. Keith Madsen, Director of Technology  
Mrs. Michelle Wenglikowski, Director of Student Services  
Mr. William Diehl, Principal, Leo Elementary School

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

**1.0** Proposed Lease for Purchase of iPads for Grades 7-12 and Staff for 2020-21SY

President Hines called the public hearing to order at 12:30 p.m.

**2.0** Review of Lease Financing

Mr. Kirby Stahly, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services, presented information regarding the proposed lease of iPads for staff and students for the 2020-21 school year.

**3.0**     Public Expressions

None.

**4.0**     Adjournment

There being no other business, the hearing was adjourned at 12:33 p.m.

## **REGULAR MEETING**

**1.0**     **ROUTINE ITEMS**

**1.1**     **Call to Order**

President Tim Hines called the meeting to order at 12:33 p.m.

**1.2**     **Pledge of Allegiance**

Sixth graders Kristen Beaubien, Camron Peters, and Scoti Moncur led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1.3**     **Approval of Agenda**

The agenda for February 18, 2020 was approved as presented with an addendum to Consent Item 3.1 - Human Resources Report.

**1.4**     **Recognition**

The ELPY's is a yearly PBL event held at Leo Elementary School, where 6<sup>th</sup> grade students make presentations to the entire 6<sup>th</sup> grade, presenting their case for a fictional literary character that best exemplifies perseverance. Presenting to the board today were: Leigha Chavarria, Isaiah Coolman, Alana Doty, Sam Fowerbaugh, Grace Leinbach, Alaina Smith, Leah Shappell, Lucas Tackwell, Eva Wagner, and Selah Wirtz. LEEL's 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers are Ms. Bethanie Bultemeier, Mr. Kurt Dager, Mr. Kevin Elrod, Ms. Jennifer Hale, Ms. Christine Sharp, Mr. Michael Starewich, and Mr. Austin Will.

Leo Elementary School has only had robotics teams for the last three years, and since that time have been very successful winning state VEX Robotics Chamionships, as well as representing at World competitions. Currently LEEL has four teams run by teacher Mrs. Shelley Crozier, and lay coach Mr. Joe Kennedy. Team members include: Michael Ambush, Killian Babb, Luke Baker, Isaiah Bass, Nathan Biddle, Kennedy Burkhardt, Lauren Cogdell, Stephen Doty, Jeffery Fletcher, Aden Foulk, Grayson Givens, Eve Graves, Oscar Hall, Aurora Kennedy, Nathan Krupa, Grace Leinbach, Brysen Maurice, Gretchen North, Ginger Perdue, Gavin Smith, Isaac Smith, and Elijah Washler.

**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 – Executive Session – January 30, 2020**
- 3.5 Minutes – Regular Meeting – February 4, 2020**

**Motion:** That Consent Items 3.1 through 3.3, and 3.5 be approved as presented.

Motion: Buckmaster                      Second: Screeton

**Discussion:** None.

**Vote:**

3.1–3.3, 3.5 - Aye: Buckmaster, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson, Screeton (Motion carried 7-0)

**Motion:** That Consent Item 3.4 be approved as presented.

Motion: Etzler                      Second: Nelson

**Discussion:** None.

**Vote:**

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

### **4.0 ACTION ITEMS**

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

**20-0218-4.1 2021 Budget Schedule**

**20-0218-4.2 Purchase of iPads for Grades 7-12 for 2020-21SY**

**Motion:** That Action Items 20-0218-4.1 and 20-0218-4.2 be approved as presented.

Motion: Buckmaster                      Second: Etzler

**Questions:** Mrs. Lightfoot asked several questions about the results of the iPad surveys that were conducted.

**Vote:**

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

## **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

### **20-0218-4.3 2020 Roof Bid**

Mr. Kirby Stahly presented information to the Board and answered Mr. Nelson's question.

Motion: Screepton

Second: Nellems

**Discussion:** None.

#### **Vote:**

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

### **20-0218-4.4 2020 Masonry Bid**

Mr. Kirby Stahly presented information to the Board.

Motion: Nellems

Second: Etzler

**Discussion:** None.

#### **Vote:**

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

### **20-0218-4.5 2020 Asphalt, Concrete, and Storm Drain Bid**

Mr. Kirby Stahly presented information to the Board.

Motion: Buckmaster

Second: Lightfoot

**Discussion:** None.

#### **Vote:**

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

### **20-0218-4.6 Revised Board Policy 4009 – Learner Environment**

President Hines presented information to the Board.

Motion: Lightfoot

Second: Nelson

**Discussion:** None.

#### **Vote:**

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

## **20-0218-4.7 New Board Policy 4021 – Boundary Change and Facility Parameters**

President Hines presented information to the Board.

Motion: Nellems

Second: Nelson

**Discussion:** None.

### **Vote:**

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

## **5.0 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **INFORMATION ITEMS**

#### **5.1 Revised Administrative Guideline 4118.3 – Resignation of Teachers**

#### **5.2 Special Education Report**

#### **5.3 Summer School Plan**

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **5.4 Copier Purchase and Maintenance Agreement (3-Year)**

Mr. Kirby Stahly provided information to the Board.

#### **5.5 Purchase of iPads for K-12 Staff for 2020-21SY**

Mr. Keith Madsen provided information to the Board and answered Mrs. Lightfoot's questions.

## **6.0 SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

Last Friday the "Tie Day" initiative began at New Haven High School. It's going well.

We are thrilled that three of our wrestlers are headed to State – From NHHS Elijah Chacon (132 lbs.), Tristan Martz (220 lbs.), and from LEHS Ian Heath (132#). Best wishes!

We are considering participating in the Indiana Purple Star School program which helps military families/students in our district. After future board discussion, it will be decided if we will indeed pursue this initiative. If so, a board resolution will be drafted and brought back to the board for approval.

EACS will be applying for the IDOE's National Foundation for Governors' Fitness Councils 2020 DON'T QUIT! Campaign. The mission of this campaign is to identify and support schools that prioritize student fitness, but lack the adequate resources. Each fitness center is worth \$100,000 and includes strength training equipment, cardio fitness equipment, and a multi-exercise, circuit training system. New Haven Intermediate School is interested.

Congratulations to Director of Title III Jennifer (Heffernan) Mabee on her recent marriage.

Last week Superintendent Hissong attended two unified basketball games at Woodlan and New Haven High Schools. She gave a shout out to the players and our SPED staffs.

## 7.0 **BOARD COMMENTS**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Topic</u></b>
Mr. Todd Buckmaster	Visited the IREACH recycling program. It's awesome. If anyone has computer or electronic recyclables, please donate them to the program.
Mr. Steve Screeton	Praised the 6 <sup>th</sup> graders (and their teachers) for their behavior.
Mrs. Paulette Nellems	This is her first time at Leo Elementary School.
Mrs. Gayle Etzler	Appreciated the special recognitions and the students' presentation skills.
Mr. Bob Nelson	Congratulations to the Semi State wrestlers who are advancing. NHHS does a wonderful job hosting this event at the Coliseum which takes 184+ volunteers.
Mrs. Terry Lightfoot	Congratulations to the LEHS students that are advancing to the State ISSMA contest. We are fortunate to have many students advancing to state for music, sports, robotics, etc.; It's nice to be at Leo Elementary School.
Mr. Tim Hines	On behalf of the Board, thank you to Mr. Diehl and his staff for hosting today's board meeting, and to Mr. Dager and Mrs. Crozier for the recognitions; Reminder that the next board meeting is on 3/3/20 at The Administration Building at 6:30 p.m.

## 8.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. Nellems moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting ended at 1:20 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](http://www.eacs.k12.in.us).

The next regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. This meeting will be held at the EACS Administration Building, 1240 State Road 930 East, New Haven, Indiana.

These minutes were approved and adopted by the East Allen County Schools Board of School Trustees on March 3, 2020.

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