



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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

March 17, 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 March 17, 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 in attendance:

Mrs. Marilyn Hissong, Superintendent
Mr. Kirby Stahly, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services
Mrs. Wendy Hoering, Director of Development and Title I
Mr. Keith Madsen, Director of Technology

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

Board Member, Mrs. Terry Jo Lightfoot, led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.3 Approval of Agenda

The agenda for March 17, 2020 was approved as presented with addendums to Consent Item 3.1 - Human Resources Report, and Discussion/Action Item 20-0317-4.10 - Resolution Regarding Wage Payments During an Emergency School Closure.

1.4 Recognition

Canceled.

2.0 PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS – AGENDA ITEMS

None.

PRESENTATION

2.1 School Safety Annual Report

Mr. Doug Goeglein, District Safety Specialist, gave the annual school safety status report.

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 – March 3, 2020**

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

Motion: Buckmaster Second: Etzler

Discussion: None.

Vote:

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

4.0 ACTION ITEMS

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

20-0317-4.1 Application and Receipt of Funds for Indiana State Match for Fiber Construction

20-0317-4.2 Capital Lease Financing with Apple Financial Services for Student iPads

20-0317-4.3 Capital Lease Financing with Apple Financial Services for Staff iPads

20-0317-4.4 Indiana Purple Star School Designation

Motion: That Action Items 20-0317-4.1 and 20-0317-4.4 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nellems Second: Screeton

Discussion: None.

Vote:

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

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

20-0317-4.5 Application and Receipt of Funds for the COPS Office STOP School Violence: School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP)

Mr. Doug Goeglein, District Safety Specialist, presented information to the Board and answered Mr. Nelson's question.

Motion: Buckmaster Second: Nellems

Discussion: None.

Vote:

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

20-0317-4.6 Application and Receipt of Funds for the Drug and Alcohol Consortium (DAC) Grant

Mr. Doug Goeglein presented information to the Board and answered the board members' questions.

Motion: Buckmaster Second: Etzler

Discussion: None.

Vote:

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

20-0317-4.7 Application and Receipt of Funds for the Title IV Innovation Grant

Mrs. Hoering presented information to the Board and answered Mr. Buckmaster's question.

Motion: Etzler Second: Screeton

Discussion: None.

Vote:

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

20-0317-4.8 Contract with Zayo for Fiber Construction Project

Mr. Keith Madsen presented information to the Board and answered the board members' questions.

Motion: Nelson Second: Nellems

Discussion: None.

Vote:

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

20-0317-4.9 Close Out of Series 2011 Refunding Bond

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

Motion: Nellems

Second: Etzler

Discussion: None.

Vote:

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

20-0317-4.10 Resolution Regarding Wage Payments During an Emergency School Closure and Addendum

Superintendent Marilyn Hissong presented information to the Board and answered Mrs. Nellem's question. All of the board members are very supportive of this Resolution.

Motion: Buckmaster

Second: Screeton

Discussion: None.

Vote:

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

5.0 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 Revised Administrative Guideline 4214.1 – Miscellaneous Support Personnel – Benefitted

5.2 Revised Administrative Guideline 4214.2 – Miscellaneous Support Personnel – Non-Benefitted

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.3 Purchase/Installation of New Haven Intermediate School Playground

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

6.0 SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Superintendent Hissong shared that she has already received texts from employees thanking the board in advance for the Wage Resolution that was just approved.

Food distribution is taking place every Tuesday from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. at Heritage Elementary, New Haven Intermediate, and Southwick Elementary Schools. Today was our first day to distribute food and we gave out approximately 35,000 meals at our three sites.

The East Allen Educational Foundation has postponed their fundraising event from April to Wednesday, October 14th.

The IDOE is hosting a webinar tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. to relay the latest details regarding their response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our EACS website is full of the most up-to-date COVID-19 information, our eLearning schedule calendar.

Superintendent Hissong gave a shout out to our EACS staff, families, and community members who have been so kind, compassionate, patient, and willing to help out in so many ways during this time.

Mrs. Hissong asked the board members for their opinions on holding off on taking state assessments this Spring. She would like to create a letter to send to our legislators, the State Board of Education, and the IDOE asking them to reconsider, and not do these assessments. Board consensus is that assessments should not be done in light of the COVID-19 disruption.

7.0 **BOARD COMMENTS**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Mrs. Terry Jo Lightfoot	Enjoyed reading WOHS Principal Kern's special newsletter with creative suggestions, ideas, and routines for students during this time off.
Mrs. Gayle Etzler	She is trying to maintain a schedule as well right now; Remembers the polio epidemic back in 1952.
Mr. Bob Nelson	The EA Educational Foundation's event has been postponed until 10/14; Encouraged Supt. Hissong to write a letter asking for a reprieve in testing this Spring; Met earlier today about Canal Days and their use of our properties and parking lots. Our concerns were addressed.
Mr. Steve Screeton	Complimented Supt. Hissong and staff for her response to COVID-19.
Mrs. Paulette Nellems	Attended a fundraiser at Chuckie Cheese for SOEL; Asked if the district is prepared to be off school further out than April 14 th . (Supt. Hissong shared her plans through the end of the school year.)

Mr. Todd Buckmaster

Is grateful we are a 1:1 technology district; It's nice to see people and communities coming together during a time like this; He, along with 100+ other people, watched the final demo of the former Hoagland Elementary School.

Mrs. Terry Lightfoot

Thank you to the schools for sending their weekly newsletters to the Board.

Mr. Tim Hines

If you can help with the packing or distribution of meals, please help!; There is also a pick up this Friday at NHIS only for those who received a voucher because we ran out of food last week; The 3/19 Executive Session is canceled; The Wage Resolution is a way for us to say thank you and to take care of our EACS family"; Reminder that the next board meeting is on 4/21 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 7:40 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, April 21, 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 April 21, 2020.

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