



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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

**August 6, 2019 - 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 6, 2019.

**Board members present:**

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

**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. 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. Keith Madsen, Director of Technology  
Mrs. Michelle Wenglikowski, Director of Student Services  
Mr. Tim Wiegand, Executive Director of Alternative and Career and Technical Education  
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**

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





**Motion:** That Discussion/Action Item 19-0806-4.7 be approved as presented.

Motion: Buckmaster

Second: Baker

**Discussion:** None.

**Vote:**

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

**19-0806-4.8 Group Health Insurance – Renewal of Stop Loss/Aggregate Carrier and Administrative Services (PPO/TPA) and Addendum**

Mr. Kirby Stahly presented information to the Board.

**Motion:** That Discussion/Action Item 19-0806-4.8 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nelson

Second: Etzler

**Discussion:** None.

**Vote:**

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

**19-0806-4.9 Revised Board Policy 1001 – Learner Outcomes**

President Tim Hines presented information to the Board.

**Motion:** That Discussion/Action Item 19-0806-4.9 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nelson

Second: Buckmaster

**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 Lilly Endowment Teacher Creativity Fellowship Program**

**5.2 Annual Review of School Bus Routes and Safety Procedures**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**5.3 Memorandum of Understanding with Brightpoint**

Mrs. Connie Brown provided information to the Board.

#### **5.4 Agreement with ELLevation**

Ms. Jennifer Heffernan provided information to the Board.

#### **5.5 Renewal of Memorandum of Understanding with AceNet/AceLink**

Mr. Keith Madsen provided information to the Board.

### **6.0 SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

Thank you to those board members who were able to walk in the Harlan and Monroeville parades last weekend. The next parade is in Grabill on September 7.

It's an exciting time around the district with hiring taking place prior to school starting. Superintendent Hissong expressed her appreciation to the entire staff who have worked together to get positions filled.

We have two strong candidates from which we've received verbal yeses from for the new Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Coach positions. These names will come to the board for approval at the August 20<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

The New Teacher Academy is tomorrow. We have 50+ new teachers.

Teachers return on Thursday, August 8.

Ribbon cutting for New Haven Intermediate School is this Thursday, August 8 at 4:15 p.m.; ribbon cutting for New Haven Junior High is this Friday, August 9 at 3:30 p.m.

We are signed up with Hootsuite. Superintendent Hissong did her first post today. These postings go immediately to both Twitter and Facebook.

We are ready to receive our students back on Monday, August 12!

### **7.0 BOARD COMMENTS**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Topic</u></b>
Mr. Chris Baker	Nice to see NHMS demolished; NHIS looks beautiful – everything is looking better and better. Is excited about how everything is turning out.
Mrs. Terry Jo Lightfoot	Is glad to be back in the swing of things! Thank you to WANE TV's Pat Huffman for his back to school story on the Harding area.
Mr. Tim Hines	Nice to see the construction projects coming to an end, and remembers all the decisions at the beginning of this entire district project; Thanks to Mr. Nelson for doing the interview this morning at 5:30 a.m.; The next regular meeting is August 20 <sup>th</sup> .

## 9.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. Nellems moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting ended at 7:25 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, August 20, 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 August 20, 2019.

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President

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Secretary