



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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

**October 1, 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 October 1, 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. Terry Jo Lightfoot  
Mr. Robert L. Nelson, Jr.

Board members absent:

Mrs. Paulette Nellems

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. 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  
Mr. Tim Wiegand, Executive Director of Alternative and Career and Technical Education  
Dr. Neal Brown III, Principal, Leo High School  
Mrs. Anna Murphy, Principal, New Haven High School  
Dr. Matt Widenhoefer, Principal, Heritage Jr./Sr. High School  
Mrs. Pam Beedy, President, EACS Transportation 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**

President Tim Hines led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 1.3 Approval of Agenda

The agenda for October 1, 2019 was approved as presented with an addendum to Consent Item 3.1 - Human Resources Report.

### 1.4 Recognitions

The RespectTeam organization's mission is to teach that respecting yourself and respecting others is not only important, but also relevant. Respect can change a student's home, their school, their community, and their world. The 360 Award is an opportunity for these students to be honored for making a positive difference in other people's lives. Nominations were submitted to the Respect Team by adults for students in Northeast Indiana. Five of the 30 Respect Team 360 Award members chosen are EACS students:

- Kailen Buckner, East Allen University - Principal Mr. Doug Hicks)
- Alivia Beard, Heritage High School - Principal Dr. Matt Widenhoefer
- Josiah Kaeb and Taylor Schleinkofer, Leo High School - Principal Dr. Neal Brown
- Cameron Branning, New Haven High School - Principal Mrs. Anna Murphy

## 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 – September 17, 2019
- 3.5 Minutes – Executive Session – September 19, 2019

**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: Baker, Buckmaster, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nelson (Motion carried 6-0)

**Motion:** That Consent Item 3.5 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nelson Second: Baker

**Discussion:** None.

**Vote:**

3.5 - Aye: Baker, Etzler, Hines, Nelson; Abstained: Buckmaster, Lightfoot (Motion carried 4-0-2)

#### 4.0 **ACTION ITEMS**

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

##### **19-1001-4.1 Contract with Sorenson Communications**

**Motion:** That Action Items 19-1001-4.1 be approved as presented.

Motion: Baker

Second: Buckmaster

**Discussion:** None.

**Vote:**

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

#### **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

##### **19-1001-4.2 School Improvement Plans (Summaries)**

Ms. Deborah Watson and Mrs. Teresa Knoblauch presented information to the Board and answered the board members' questions.

**Motion:** That Discussion/Action Item 19-1001-4.2 be approved as presented.

Motion: Buckmaster

Second: Etzler

**Discussion:** None.

**Vote:**

4.2 - Aye: Baker, Buckmaster, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nelson (Motion carried 6-0)

##### **19-1001-4.3 Use of EACS School Bus for Class Reunion**

Mr. Kirby Stahly presented information to the Board and answer their questions.

**Motion:** That Discussion/Action Item 19-1001-4.3 be approved as presented.

Motion: Buckmaster

Second: Etzler

**Discussion:** None.

**Vote:**

4.3 - Aye: Baker, Buckmaster, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nelson (Motion carried 6-0)

##### **19-1001-4.4 Revised Board Policy 2005 - Board Member Compensation**

President Hines presented information to the Board.

**Motion:** That Discussion/Action Item 19-1001-4.4 be approved as presented.

Motion: Buckmaster

Second: Etzler

**Discussion:** None.

**Vote:**

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

**19-1001-4.5 Deletion of Board Appendix K – Board Participation at Commencement and School Events**

President Hines presented information to the Board.

**Motion:** That Discussion/Action Item 19-1001-4.5 be approved as presented.

Motion: Baker

Second: Buckmaster

**Discussion:** None.

**Vote:**

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

**5.0 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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**5.1 Grants and Allocations – 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2019**

**5.2 Summer School Report**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**5.3 Resolution - Adopt 2020 Budgets, Appropriations and Tax Rates**

Mr. Kirby Stahly provided information to the Board.

**5.4 Resolution - 2020 Bus Replacement Plan**

Mr. Kirby Stahly provided information to the Board.

**5.5 Resolution - 2020 Capital Projects Plan**

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

**5.6 Resolution - 2020 Budget (Line 2) - All Funds**

Mr. Kirby Stahly provided information to the Board.

**5.7 Resolution - Balance Accounts for the 2019 Education and Operations Funds**

Mr. Kirby Stahly provided information to the Board.

## **5.8 Resolution - Goals for Expenditure Categories**

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

## **6.0 SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

Superintendent was a part of Greater Fort Wayne's Education Panel on Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at Sweetwater Sound. It was well attended.

The Superintendent's Apple Park trip was very informational. She is glad she attended.

The Get Schooled Tour is October 7-11<sup>th</sup> at all of our Junior and Senior High Schools.

Fall Break is Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>.

Heritage Elementary School students will be featured at 5:07 a.m. and 6:07 a.m. tomorrow morning during WANE TV's Daily Pledge of Allegiance.

First Responder Friday is this Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.

We are featured in the Fall 2019 Food for Thought Magazine distributed by the Indiana School Nutrition Association. This publication is distributed state wide.

Superintendent Hissong thanked the board members for attending the ISBA Conference stating that EACS is one of the best represented school districts in the state.

## **7.0 BOARD COMMENTS**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Topic</u></b>
Mrs. Gayle Etzler	She enjoyed the ISBA Conference and always comes away with new perspectives and new ideas.
Mr. Todd Buckmaster	Is always encouraged at the ISBA Conference. They go to great lengths to provide good/ relevant sessions.
Mr. Tim Hines	Enjoyed the ISBA Conference. A top concern around the state is social emotional learning. Was reminded of the important role that bus drivers play in a students' lives.

## **9.0 ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Nelson moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting ended at 7:14 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](http://www.eacs.k12.in.us).

The next regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, October 15, 2019 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 October 15, 2019.

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President

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Secretary