



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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

December 17, 2019 - 12:30 p.m.

**Woodlan Elementary School
17117 Woodburn Road
Woodburn, Indiana**

At a meeting held in the gymnasium at Woodlan Elementary School, 17117 Woodburn Road, Woodburn, Indiana, the Board of School Trustees of East Allen County Schools met at approximately 12:30 p.m. on December 3, 2019.

Board members present:

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

Board members absent:

Mrs. Paulette Nellems

EACS Administrators 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. Daniel Krleski, Director of Food Services
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
Mr. G. Michael Chen, Principal, Woodlan Elementary School
Mr. Denny Kern, Principal, Woodlan Jr./Sr. High School

1.0 ROUTINE ITEMS

1.1 Call to Order

President Tim Hines called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

Sixth grader Sierra Kiori led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.3 Swearing In of New Board Member

Newly appointed board member, Mr. Steven M. Screeton, was sworn in by notary Mrs. Julie Labie, according to Indiana Code. Mr. Screeton will represent District 4E.

1.4 Approval of Agenda

The agenda for December 17, 2019 was approved as presented with an addendum to Consent Item 3.1 - Human Resources Report.

1.5 Recognitions

Woodlan Elementary School's 6th grade students and their teachers - Ms. Sharon Smith, Mr. John Baker, and Mr. Dan Potter were recognized for organizing and presenting their annual Veteran's Day Program on November 7th.

The 6th graders also helped to organize a fundraiser for the Honor Flight of Northeast Indiana program and raised over \$1,000.

The WOEL Student Council, under the supervision of Mrs. Sharon Smith and Mrs. Sarah Hertig, were also recognized for all of the time and effort they put into promoting school spirit and helping to organize their Thanksgiving food drive that collected over 1,500 items.

Two SPED students, Luella Schmucker (WOEL) and Lisa Kay Lengacher (WOHS), demonstrated the use of their Augmentative Alternative Communication (AAC) devices. They each showed their proficiency in the use of the Words for Life app in communicating with others.

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 – Special Board Meeting - November 26, 2019**
- 3.5 Minutes – Executive Session – November 26, 2019**
- 3.6 Minutes – Regular Meeting - December 3, 2019**

Motion: That Consent Items 3.1 through 3.6 be approved as presented.

Motion: Buckmaster

Second: Etzler

Discussion: None.

Vote:

3.1-3.6 - Aye: Buckmaster, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nelson, Screeton (Motion carried 6-0)

Paul Harding Junior High School earned first place for their Research and Development Project at the recent State robotics competition held at PFW.

Thank you to the board members who attended the Central Office Holiday Luncheon, as well as who delivered cookies to our schools and buildings. The Administrator Holiday Reception is tomorrow from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

This Friday, 12/20 is our last day before the holiday break for teachers and students. Staff report back on Friday, 1/3; students come back on Monday, 1/6.

Superintendent Hissong wished everyone safe and happy holidays!

7.0 BOARD COMMENTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Mrs. Gayle Etzler	Complimented the students on their behavior; wished everyone a very Merry Christmas.
Mr. Bob Nelson	Thanked Principal Chen for hosting the meeting today; He did 7 cookie deliveries, one being at the Alternative School. Shared that this facility, when done, will be wonderful; Shared with the students that he's been on the board for 7 years and although the Board doesn't always agree they always end up doing what's best for kids!
Mr. Todd Buckmaster	Wished everyone a Merry Christmas – enjoy your families!
Mrs. Terry Jo Lightfoot	Enjoyed LEJH's musical; wished a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all.
Mr. Steve Screeton	Thanked everyone for making him feel welcome on the board; complimented the students on their behavior today.
Mr. Tim Hines	Shared a Facebook post about Charlie Brown – "...it's not about what's under the tree, but who's around it...; Wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Nelson moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting ended at 1:08 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, January 7, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. This meeting will be held at the Administration Building in the Board Room, located at 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 January 7, 2020.

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