



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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

January 5, 2021 - 6:30 p.m.

**Administration Building – Board Room
1240 State Road 930 East
New Haven, IN 46774**

At a meeting (a hybrid in person and Zoom meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic), held 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 January 5, 2021.

Board members present:

Todd C. Buckmaster, President
Timothy E. Hines, Vice President
Gayle C. Etzler, Secretary
Jennifer L. Blackburn
Paulette Nellems (via Zoom)
Ronald W. Turpin

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. Tina Grady, Director of Human Resources
Mrs. Tamyra Kelly, Public Information Officer
Ms. Jennifer Mabee, Director of Title III
Mr. Keith Madsen, Director of Technology
Mr. Tim Wiegand, Executive Director of Alternative and Career and Technical Education

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 Mr. Steve Screeton led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.3 Swearing in of Newly Elected and Re-elected Board Members

Re-elected board members Mr. Todd Buckmaster and Mrs. Steve Screeton, as well as newly elected board members Ms. Jenny Blackburn and Mr. Ron Turpin were sworn in by Notary Public Mrs. Julie Labie.

Mr. Hines shared how honored he was to serve as president these last two years and recognized the “team” and how proud he is to serve with them.

1.8 Appointment of Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer

At the first meeting of the Board in January, the Board of School Trustees shall appoint a Treasurer and a Deputy Treasurer. According to state statutes, the Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer cannot be members of the Board of School Trustees. It is recommended that Mrs. Miranda Wilkins be appointed as Treasurer and Mrs. Shelly Buuck be reappointed as Deputy Treasurer. Mrs. Wilkins replaced Lois Goeglein as Treasurer when she recently retired and Mrs. Buuck currently holds this position.

Motion: That Mrs. Miranda Wilkins be appointed as Treasurer and Mrs. Shelly Buuck be reappointed as Deputy Treasurer.

Motion: Etzler

Second: Hines

Vote:

Aye: Blackburn, Buckmaster, Etzler, Hines, Nellems, Screeton, Turpin (Motion carried 7-0)

1.9 Delegation of Authority in the Absence of the Superintendent

In accordance with Board Policy 3005, the Board shall be notified annually of the Superintendent's designees and "...the Superintendent shall designate at least two Administrators to be familiar with Board and Superintendent issues, management styles, and Board policies."

In the absence of the Superintendent, Mr. Kirby Stahly, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services; Ms. Deborah Watson, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Curriculum; and Mrs. Teresa Knoblauch, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education are delegated authority to act in her place.

Motion: That in the absence of the Superintendent, Mr. Kirby Stahly, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services; Ms. Deborah Watson, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Curriculum; and Mrs. Teresa Knoblauch, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education are delegated authority to act in Superintendent Hissong's place.

Motion: Turpin

Second: Screeton

Vote:

Aye: Blackburn, Buckmaster, Etzler, Hines, Nellems, Screeton, Turpin (Motion carried 7-0)

1.10 Schedule of Board Meetings for 2021-22SY

Motion: That the schedule of board meetings for the 2021-22SY be approved as presented.

Motion: Turpin

Second: Hines

Vote:

Aye: Blackburn, Buckmaster, Etzler, Hines, Nellems, Screeton, Turpin (Motion carried 7-0)

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 - December 15, 2020**
- 3.5 Minutes – Regular Meeting - December 15, 2020**

Motion: That Consent Items 3.1 through 3.5 be approved as presented.

Motion: Hines

Second: Screeton

Discussion: None.

Vote:

3.1–3.5 - Aye: Blackburn, Buckmaster, Etzler, Hines, Nellems, Screeton, Turpin (Motion carried 7-0)

4.0 ACTION ITEMS

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

21-0105-4.1 Memorandum of Understanding with Drug and Alcohol Consortium of Allen County

21-0105-4.2 Contract with Catapult Learning on Behalf of St. Rose of Lima Catholic School

21-0105-4.3 New Haven Stadium Lighting Replacement Project - Musco Sports Lighting

Questions: Mr. Stahly answered Mr. Turpin's question regarding Action Item 21-0105-4.3.

Motion: That Action Items 21-0105-4.1 through 21-0105-4.3 be approved as presented.

Motion: Turpin

Second: Hines

Discussion: None.

Vote:

4.1-4.3 - Aye: Blackburn, Buckmaster, Etzler, Hines, Nellems, Screeton, Turpin (Motion carried 7-0)

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

21-0105-4.4 Renewal of Property/Casualty/Liability Insurance

Mr. Stahly presented information to the Board and answered Mr. Turpin's questions.

Motion: Hines

Second: Turpin

Discussion: None.

Vote:

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

5.0 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 Grants and Allocations – Quarterly Report

5.2 IDOE Summary of Purpose of Allocations

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.3 Purchase of New Laptop Computers for Staff in Grades 7-12 Buildings

Mr. Keith Madsen provided information to the Board and answered Mr. Turpin’s and Ms. Blackburn’s questions.

6.0 SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Superintendent Hissong congratulated and welcomed the new board members, and the newly elected officers. Thank you to Mr. Hines for his leadership as president of the board these last two years.

Leo High School Student Luke Keller was named the Junior Achievement Young Entrepreneur for the month of December. Luke’s business was highlighted in a segment aired on WANE TV. His business *Everyday Creations* and turns coins into rings.

7.0 BOARD COMMENTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Mr. Steve Screeton	Welcome to Ms. Blackburn and Mr. Turpin!
Mrs. Gayle Etzler	Welcome to Ms. Blackburn and Mr. Turpin! Congratulations and good luck to Mr. Buckmaster as president.
Ms. Jenny Blackburn	Is grateful to be here.
Mr. Ron Turpin	Is thrilled and excited to use his skill set to make EACS a better school district.
Mr. Paulette Nellems	Welcome to Ms. Blackburn and Mr. Turpin! Excited to see 2021 here!

Mr. Tim Hines

Welcome to Ms. Blackburn and Mr. Turpin!
Looks forward to working with them; Saw the
WANE TV segment on the new of LEHS student
Luke Keller.

Mr. Todd Buckmaster

Mr. Hines set the bar high as president. It's been
a pleasure working with him. His calmness and
gentleness is what was needed; Reminder of the
Monday, 1/11 new board member orientation
from noon-3:30 p.m. Let Supt. Hissong know if
you plan to attend.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Turpin moved to adjourn the meeting.
The meeting ended at 7:08 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 19, 2021 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 January 19, 2021.

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President

Secretary