



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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

February 2, 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 February 2, 2021.

Board members present:

Todd C. Buckmaster, President
Timothy E. Hines, Vice President
Gayle C. Etzler, Secretary
Jennifer L. Blackburn
Paulette Nellems (via Zoom)
Steven M. Screeton
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. Connie Brown, Director of Special Services
Mrs. Tina Grady, Director of Human Resources
Mrs. Tamyra Kelly, Public Information Officer
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. Anna Murphy, Principal, New Haven High School
Mr. Denny Kern, Principal, Woodlan Jr./Sr. High School
Ms. Michelle Rodgers, Assistant Principal, Woodlan Jr./Sr. High School
Mrs. Andra Kosmoski, President, East Allen Educator's Association

1.0 ROUTINE ITEMS

1.1 Call to Order

President Todd Buckmaster called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

Vice President Hines led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.3 Approval of Agenda

The agenda for February 2, 2021 was approved as presented with an addendum to Consent Item 3.1 - Human Resources Report, and the removal of Discussion/Action Item 21-0202-4.4 - Agreement Between the Board of School Trustees and the East Allen County Schools Transportation Association.

1.4 Recognitions

Academic All-State Athletes (Fall Sports)

The Indiana High School Coaches Association annually recognize high school student athletes that have excelled in the classroom, in addition to their performance in a fall sport. The criteria to be an Academic All-State student athlete are 1) Must be a junior or senior; 2) Must be listed on the team's sectional roster; and 3) Must have at least a 3.5 GPA or higher on a 4.0 scale. The 2020 EACS Academic All-State fall sport athletes (with their GPA listed) are:

New Haven High School

Volleyball:

Ava Doster - 12th grade, GPA 4.372
Allyson Saalfrank - 12th grade, GPA 4.351

Woodlan High School

Girls Soccer:

Emma Dellinger - 11th grade, GPA 4.165
Libby Fisher - 11th grade, GPA 3.9
Bekah Gentz - 11th grade, GPA 4.2
Isabelle Kurtz - 12th grade, GPA 3.9
Margartia Litchfield - 11th grade, GPA 4.126
Adrienne Spieth - 11th grade, GPA 4.164;
Hanna Stailey - 12th grade, GPA 3.818
Gabriela Werling - 11th grade, GPA 4.158

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 – January 19, 2021**
- 3.5 Minutes – Regular Meeting – January 19, 2021**
- 3.6 Minutes – Executive Session – January 27, 2021**

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

Motion: Etzler

Second: Hines

Discussion: None.

Vote:

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

Motion: That Consent Item 3.5 be approved as presented, but amended with Mr. Screeton's name added as being present.

Motion: Turpin

Second: Screeton

Discussion: Mr. Turpin noted that Mr. Screeton's name was missing as being present in the minutes.

Vote:

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

Motion: That Consent Item 3.6 be approved as presented.

Motion: Turpin

Second: Hines

Discussion: None.

Vote:

3.6 - Aye: Blackburn, Etzler, Hines, Screeton, Turpin; Abstained: Buckmaster and Nellems
(Motion carried 5-0-2)

4.0 ACTION ITEMS

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

21-0202-4.1 Resolution Authorizing Investment of Public Funds

21-0202-4.2 Award 2021 School Bus Bid

Questions: Mr. Turpin asked that a sentence be added in the Resolution stating "...only if competitive rates cannot be attained from depositories in the political subdivision."

Motion: That Action Item 21-0202-4.1 be amended as presented by Mr. Turpin.

Motion: Turpin

Second: Blackburn

Discussion: None.

Vote on Amendment:

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

Motion: That Action Item 21-0202-4.1 and 21-0202-4.2 be approved as presented (with the amendment to 21-0202-4.1).

Motion: Turpin

Second: Blackburn

Vote:

4.1-4.2 - Aye: Blackburn, Buckmaster, Etzler, Hines, Nellems, Screeton, Turpin (Motion carried 7-0)

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

21-0202-4.3 Receipt of Funds from 80/20 Foundation Trust

Mr. Tim Wiegand presented information to the Board.

Motion: That Action Item 21-0202-4.3 be approved as presented.

Motion: Etzler

Second: Hines

Discussion: None.

Vote:

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

5.0 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 Revised Administrative Guideline 4121 – Substitute Personnel

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.2 2022 Budget Schedule

Mr. Kirby Stahly provided information to the Board. Mr. Turpin stated that strategic planning should be included.

6.0 SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Something new was tried today – only the Heritage attendance area schools were closed today as some roads had still not been plowed. Overall this was well received.

First Tuesday Communications will begin gathering input and surveying the district's constituents. Results of the survey will soon follow.

7.0 BOARD COMMENTS

Name

Topic

Mr. Steve Screeton

Good call in closing Heritage attendance area only.

Mr. Ron Turpin	Is appreciative to everyone for taking time to answer his questions.
Ms. Jenny Blackburn	Receiving the 80/20 Foundation Trust funds is wonderful for the growth of the program.
Mrs. Gayle Etzler	Echoed Jennifer. Is sorry she couldn't attend the check presentation.
Mr. Tim Hines	Explained the meaning of the 80/20 name and philosophy.
Mr. Todd Buckmaster	Thanked everyone for their texts and prayers while he was sick.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. Nellems moved to adjourn the meeting. and the meeting ended at 6:56 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, February 16, 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 February 16, 2021.

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President

Secretary