



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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

August 4, 2020 - 6:30 p.m.

**Administration Building
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 August 4, 2020.

Board members present:

Timothy E. Hines, President
Terry Jo Lightfoot, Secretary
Gayle C. Etzler
Paulette Nellems (via Zoom – Arrived 6:53 p.m.)
Robert L. Nelson, Jr.
Steven M. Screeton

Board members absent:

Todd C. Buckmaster, Vice President

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. Wendy Hoering, Director of Development and Title I
Mrs. Tina Grady, Director of Human Resources
Mrs. Tamyra Kelly, Public Information Officer
Mr. Tim Wiegand, Executive Director of Alternative and Career and Technical Education
Mrs. Jennifer Mabee, Director of Title III
Mr. Keith Madsen, Director of Technology
Mrs. Michelle Wenglikowski, Director of Student Services
Mr. Dan Krleski, Director of Food Services
Mrs. Andra Kosmoski, President, East Allen Educator's Association
Mr. Charles Ward, President, EACS Transportation Association

1.0 ROUTINE ITEMS

1.1 Call to Order

President Tim Hines called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

Board Member Bob Nelson led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.3 Approval of Agenda

The agenda for August 4, 2020 was approved as presented with an addendum to Consent Item 3.1 - Human Resources Report, and the addition of Discussion/Action Item 20-0804-4.10 - 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant Participation and Memorandum of Understanding with Learn Resource Center

1.4 Recognition

None.

2.0 PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS – AGENDA ITEMS

None.

PRESENTATION

2.1 EACS Career & Technical Education Center Update

Mr. Wiegand updated the board on the status of programs being offered for the 2020-21 school year and answered the board members' questions.

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 – None.

3.4 Minutes – Regular Meeting – July 21, 2020

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

Motion: Screeon

Second: Etzler

Discussion: None.

Vote:

3.1–3.4 - Aye: Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson, Screeon (Motion carried 6-0)

4.0 ACTION ITEMS

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

20-0804-4.1 Authorization to Participate in Expansion of the 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant and Memorandum of Understanding

20-0804-4.2 Contract with Northeast Literacy Council (for St. Therese School)

20-0804-4.3 Contract with Bowen Center for Integrated Mental Health Services

20-0804-4.4 Purchase and Replacement of Blade Servers

20-0804-4.5 Memorandum of Understanding with Smekens

20-0804-4.6 Memorandum of Understanding with Between Vincennes University and East Allen Career Center

Motion: That Action Items 20-0804-4.1 through 20-0804-4.6 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nelson

Second: Screeon/Nellems

Discussion: None.

Vote:

4.1 – 4.6 - Aye: Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson, Screeon (Motion carried 6-0)

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

20-0804-4.7 Awarding of Fresh Produce Bid

Mr. Dan Krleski presented information to the Board.

Questions: Mrs. Lightfoot praised Mr. Krleski for the varied selection of fruits and vegetables that our schools offer.

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 20-0804-4.7 be approved as presented.

Motion: Etzler

Second: Lightfoot

Discussion: None.

Vote:

4.7 - Aye: Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson, Screeon (Motion carried 6-0)

20-0804-4.8 Re-Opening Plan for 2020-21SY

Superintendent Hissong brought the re-opening plan back to the Board for formal approval. The Board had given unanimous consensus for the plan at the July 21st Board meeting. Additional information was added to the plan giving more details on the virtual learning option.

Questions: Mrs. Hissong answered the board members' questions.

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 20-0804-4.8 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nelson

Second: Screeon/Etzler

Discussion: None.

Vote:

4.8 - Aye: Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson, Screeon (Motion carried 6-0)

20-0804-4.9 Contract with Northeast Literacy Council (for St. John the Baptist (FW) School)

Mrs. Wendy Hoering presented information to the Board.

Questions: None.

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 20-0804-4.9 be approved as presented.

Motion: Etzler Second: Lightfoot/Nellems

Discussion: None.

Vote:

4.9 - Aye: Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson, Screeton (Motion carried 6-0)

Addendum Item

20-0804-4.10 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant Participation and Memorandum of Understanding with Learn Resource Center

Mrs. Wendy Hoering presented information to the Board.

Questions: Mrs. Hoering answered Mrs. Etzler's and Mrs. Lightfoot's questions.

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 20-0804-4.10 be approved as presented.

Motion: Screeton Second: Nelson

Discussion: None.

Vote:

4.10 - Aye: Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson, Screeton (Motion carried 6-0)

5.0 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 Annual Review of School Bus Routes and Safety Procedures

5.2 Student Technology Handbook

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.3 Application and Receipt of Funds for High Ability Grant for 2020-21SY

Mrs. Wendy Hoering provided information to the Board.

5.4 East Allen Career Center Textbook and Course Fees for 2020-21SY

Ms. Deborah Watson presented information to the Board.

Questions: Mr. Nelson asked if this could be voted on tonight instead of waiting until the next board meeting.

Motion: That Discussion Item 5.4 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nelson

Second: Screeeton

Discussion: None.

Vote:

5.4 - Aye: Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson, Screeeton (Motion carried 6-0)

5.5 Contract Renewal with Brandon Schweyer/Revolution Electronics

Mr. Keith Madsen provided information to the Board.

5.6 Memorandum of Understanding with Super Shots

Mrs. Michelle Wenglikowski provided information to the Board and answered Mrs. Lightfoot's question.

5.7 Memorandum of Understanding with Brightpoint Head Start/Early Head Start

Mrs. Connie Brown provided information to the Board.

5.8 GO Bond Resolutions: Additional Appropriations, Final Bond, and Post-Issuance Procedures

Mr. Kirby Stahly provided information to the Board.

5.9 Agreement for Underwriter (Stifel)

Mr. Kirby Stahly provided information to the Board.

5.10 Agreement for Bond Counsel (Ice Miller)

Mr. Kirby Stahly provided information to the Board.

6.0 SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Superintendent Hissong acknowledged and welcomed Mr. Charles Ward, who is the newly elected president of the EACS Transportation Association.

The second half of the Administrative Academy was held on Monday.

Interviews with candidates for a new Administrative Intern were conducted. Thank you to Mrs. Teresa Knoblauch, Dr. Brad Bakle, and Mr. Trent Culbertson for being a part of the interview team along with Mrs. Hissong.

Reminder that all festivals and parades have been canceled for the rest of the year.

Congratulations to our Lead Bus Technician Mr. Mark Smith who was named a “Garage Star” in the School Transportation News publication.

The ISBA Journal recently featured EACS in a story highlighting our food distribution to family during the COVID-19 shutdown.

The EACS Dreamland News publication is out. Our new calendar was not on the back cover due to printing deadlines. However, the only difference in the calendars is that five days were added at the end of the year for COVID-19 if needed.

EACS was featured in Fort Wayne Business Weekly newspaper regarding our virtual commencement.

Mrs. Hissong read a thank you note from a Woodlan parent thanking the board for holding a virtual graduation and doing what’s best for kids. We have received many thank you’s from parents for holding a virtual graduation.

Because of COVID-19, Administrative Guideline 6400.4 practices regarding recess will be temporarily changed. Recess will now take place before and after lunch to aid in social distancing and keeping cohorts together at our schools.

The August 18th and September 1st board meetings will be hybrid meetings.

The evening of August 6th, Mrs. Hissong will be part of a “Reopening Schools Plan” panel speaking to Fort Wayne United.

Superintendent Hissong created a Welcome Back video to be shared with staff on Opening Day. This information was shared with Administrators at the Administrative Academy.

It has been proposed by the surrounding school districts, that due to the Indy 500 closing their event to fans, that the Allen County schools consider having no fans at events as well from August 15th through August 31. Then from September 1st this practice could be relaxed to allow some fans depending on what the Governor’s Executive Order is at that time. For away events, schools would follow the hosts school’s rules regarding fan participation. Superintendent Hissong is still researching what would be best for our district.

As of today, we have 8901 students enrolled (4333 – Elementary; 4568 – Secondary). Seventeen percent (17%) have chosen to do eLearning from home.

7.0 BOARD COMMENTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Mrs. Paulette Nellems	Had a question on where to direct a family who had questions about eLearning. Mrs. Hissong said to have them contact the school.
Mrs. Terry Jo Lightfoot	Is glad students are starting back to school; Is adamant that at least one person per student should be allowed to attend sporting events.

Mrs. Gayle Etzler

Has heard from so many parents that they are glad we held a virtual graduation for our seniors; Asked questions about Skyward.

Mr. Steve Screeton

The start of the school year is always an exciting time – best of luck to everyone.

Mr. Tim Hines

Sports teams – hang in there! Safety is always our first priority; Thank you to Supt. Hissong and staff for all they've done to get school started; As of right now the next two regular meetings (8/18 and 9/1) will be hybrid meetings.

9.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Screeton moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting ended at 8:06 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, August 18, 2020 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 August 18, 2020.

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Secretary