



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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

August 18, 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 18, 2020.

Board members present:

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

Board members absent:

Paulette Nellems

EACS Administrators and Association Presidents also in attendance:

Mrs. Marilyn Hissong, Superintendent
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
Ms. Jennifer Mabee, Director of Title III
Mr. Keith Madsen, Director of Technology
Mrs. Michelle Wenglikowski, Director of Student Services
Mrs. Andra Kosmoski, President, East Allen Educator's Association
Mr. Charles Ward, President, EACS Transportation Association

PUBLIC HEARING

G.O. BOND ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS HEARING

- 1.0** G.O. Bond - Additional Appropriations
Mr. Kirby Stahly presented information regarding the G.O. Bond – Additional Appropriations.
- 2.0** Public Expressions* - None.
- 3.0** Adjournment - There being no other business, the hearing ended at 6:40 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

1.0 ROUTINE ITEMS

1.1 Call to Order

President Tim Hines called the regular meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

Board member Steve Screeton led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.3 Approval of Agenda

The agenda for August 18, 2020 was approved as presented with an addendum to Consent Item 3.1 - Human Resources Report, and the addition of Discussion/Action Item 20-0818-4.10 – Revised 2020-21 School Year Calendar (Due to Inservice).

Mrs. Lightfoot asked that Action Item 20-0818-4.5, as well as 20-0818-4.6 and 20-0818-4.7 (combined) be voted on separately.

Motion: That Action Items 20-0818-4.5, and (20-0818-4.6 and 20-0818-4.7) (combined) be voted on separately.

Motion: Lightfoot

Second: Nelson

Discussion: None.

There was unanimous consensus pull these items out and to vote on them separately.

1.4 Recognition

None.

2.0 PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS – AGENDA ITEMS

None.

PRESENTATION

2.1 Yearly Budget – Annual Review/Update

Mr. Stahly presented the proposed Budget to the Board and answered their 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

3.4 Minutes – Regular Board Meeting – August 4, 2020

Motion: That Consent Items 3.1 through 3.3 be approved as presented.

Motion: Buckmaster Second: Screeton

Discussion: None.

Vote:

3.1–3.3 - Aye: Buckmaster, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nelson, Screeton (Motion carried 6-0)

Motion: That Consent Item 3.4 be approved as presented.

Motion: Etzler Second: Nelson

Discussion: None.

Vote:

3.4 - Aye: Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nelson, Screeton; Abstained: Buckmaster (Motion carried 5-0-1)

4.0 ACTION ITEMS

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

20-0818-4.1 Application and Receipt of Funds for High Ability Grant for 2020-21SY

20-0818-4.2 Contract Renewal with Brandon Schweyer/Revolution Electronics

20-0818-4.3 Memorandum of Understanding with Super Shots

20-0818-4.4 Memorandum of Understanding with Brightpoint Head Start/Early Head Start

Motion: That Action Items 20-0818-4.1 through 20-0818-4.4 be approved as presented.

Motion: Buckmaster Second: Screeton

Discussion: Mrs. Lightfoot commented that she appreciates and hopes that we continue to work with Super Shots and like organizations on behalf of our students.

Vote:

4.1-4.4 - Aye: Buckmaster, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nelson, Screeton (Motion carried 6-0)

20-0818-4.5 GO Bond Resolutions: Additional Appropriations, Final Bond, and Post-Issuance Procedures

Motion: That Action Items 20-0818-4.5 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nelson Second: Etzler

Discussion: Mrs. Lightfoot stated that because there is no formal long-term plan outlined by the board she will be voting against this.

Vote:

4.5 - Aye: Buckmaster, Etzler, Hines, Nelson, Screeton; Against: Lightfoot (Motion carried 5-1)

20-0818-4.6 Agreement for Underwriter (Stifel)

20-0818-4.7 Agreement for Bond Counsel (Ice Miller)

Motion: That Action Items 20-0818-4.6 and 20-0818-4.7 be approved as presented.

Motion: Buckmaster Second: Screeton

Discussion: Mrs. Lightfoot stated that because there is no formal long-term plan outlined by the board she will be voting against these.

Vote:

4.6-4.7 - Aye: Buckmaster, Etzler, Hines, Nelson, Screeton; Against: Lightfoot (Motion carried 5-1)

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

20-0818-4.8 Group Health Insurance – Stop Loss/Aggregate Carrier and Administrative Services (PPO/TPA)

Mr. Kirby Stahly presented information to the Board.

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 20-0818-4.8 be approved as presented.

Motion: Lightfoot Second: Etzler

Discussion: None.

Vote:

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

20-0818-4.9 Authorize Advertisement of 2021 Budget, Capital Projects Plan, and Bus Replacement Plan

Mr. Kirby Stahly presented information to the Board.

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 20-0818-4.9 be approved as presented.

Motion: Buckmaster Second: Screeton

Discussion: None.

Vote:

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

20-0818-4.10 Revised 2020-21 School Year Calendar (Due to Inservice)

Superintendent Hissong presented information to the Board and answered Mr. Screeton's question.

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 20-0818-4.10 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nelson Second: Etzler

Discussion: None.

Vote:

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

5.0 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

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5.1 School Extracurricular Reports (Entire School Year)

5.2 Revised Administrative Guideline 4113 – Prohibition Against Discrimination and Harassment

5.3 New Administrative Guideline 4113.5 - Title IX Notice of Nondiscrimination and Sexual Harassment Procedure

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.4 Renewal of Memorandum of Understanding with Associated Builders and Contractors of Indiana/Kentucky

Mr. Tim Wiegand provided information to the Board.

5.5 Review and Adoption of Administrative Guideline 4122 – Teacher Appreciation Grant

Mrs. Tina Grady provided information to the Board.

6.0 SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

As of today, our enrollment is currently 9677, which is approximately 180 students less than last year. We are cleaning up our no shows.

Exciting news – EACS is once again a Red Wagon Corporation for Riley Hospital for the 2019-2020 school year! Our kids and staff had such a generous giving spirit to accomplish this! The total raised was \$20,824.18! This equates to \$2.12 per student and the goal is a \$1.00 per student. All of our schools achieved Red Wagon status with two schools – Cedarville Elementary and Prince Chapman Academy – further achieving Red Wagon Booster status with gifts exceeding \$2,500.00.

We've been in school for seven days now. Every day in person is a blessing! Superintendent Hissong has visited nearly every school twice.

Happy Birthday to Mr. Nelson, whose birthday is this Friday.

7.0 BOARD COMMENTS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Topic</u>
Mr. Todd Buckmaster	The former Hoagland Elementary School site (which was recently razed) is done and looks great. Has heard positive comments throughout the town.
Mr. Steve Screeton	A big thank you to teachers for hanging in with all that's going on along with COVID-19.
Mrs. Gayle Etzler	Thank you to Keith Madsen and the Technology Department, administrators, and teachers for getting everything done to begin this school year.
Mrs. Terry Jo Lightfoot	It's been an amazing start to the school year. It took a concerted effort of our kids, parents, teachers, and staff. The re-opening was very well planned. Appreciates all of the work done beforehand for a smooth opening.
Mr. Tim Hines	The next regular meeting is September 1 st and it will be a hybrid meeting; Wishes all of our sports teams the best of luck this season with this new normal.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Screeton moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting ended at 7:40 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, September 1, 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 September 1, 2020.

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President

Secretary