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

December 15, 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 December 15, 2020.

Board members present:

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

Board members absent:

None.

EACS Administrators and Association Presidents also in attendance:

Mrs. Marilyn Hissong, Superintendent
Mrs. Teresa Knoblauch, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education
Ms. Deborah Watson, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education
Mr. Kirby Stahly, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services
Mrs. Connie Brown, Director of Special Services
Mrs. Tina Grady, Director of Human Resources
Mrs. Wendy Hoering, Director of Development and Title I
Mrs. Tamyra Kelly, Public Information Officer
Mrs. Jennifer Mabee, Director of Title III
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. Andra Kosmoski, President, East Allen Educator's 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

In honor of this being their last meeting as board members, Mr. Bob Nelson and Mrs. Terry Jo Lightfoot, led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.3 Approval of Agenda

The agenda for December 1, 2020 was approved as presented with an addendum to Consent Item 3.1 - Human Resources Report.

1.4 Recognition

None.

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 – Regular Meeting - December 1, 2020

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

Motion: Buckmaster

Second: Screeeton

Discussion: None.

Vote:

3.1-3.4 - Aye: Buckmaster, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson, Screeeton (Motion carried 7-0)

4.0 ACTION ITEMS

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

20-1215-4.1 School Resource Officer Agreement with Allen County for 2020-21SY

20-1215-4.2 Resolution – Cash Transfer From Education Fund to Curricular Materials Fund

20-1215-4.3 Agreement with Underwriter (Stifel)

20-1215-4.4 Property Tax Revenue Modeling Agreement - Policy Analytics

Motion: That Action Items 20-1215-4.1 through 20-1215-4.4 be approved as presented.

Motion: Etzler

Second: Buckmaster

Discussion: None.

Vote:

4.1–4.4 - Aye: Buckmaster, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson, Screeton (Motion carried 7-0)

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

20-1201-4.5 Memorandum of Understanding Between EACS and Purdue Fort Wayne to Support Hearing Screenings

Mrs. Connie Brown presented information to the Board.

Questions: None.

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 20-1215-4.5 be approved as presented.

Motion: Screeton

Second: Etzler

Discussion: None.

Vote:

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

20-1215-4.6 Authorization to Publicize and Advertise EACS' eRate Form 470

Mr. Keith Madsen presented information to the Board.

Questions: Mr. Madsen answered Mr. Buckmaster's and Mr. Hines' questions.

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 20-1215-4.6 be approved as presented.

Motion: Nellems

Second: Etzler

Discussion: None.

Vote:

4.6 - Aye: Buckmaster, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson, Screeton (Motion carried 7-0)

20-1215-4.7 Sale of Used iPads

Mr. Kirby Stahly presented information to the Board.

Questions: Mr. Stahly answered Mr. Buckmaster's question.

Motion: That Discussion/Action Item 20-1215-4.7 be approved as presented.

Motion: Buckmaster

Second: Nellems

Discussion: None.

Vote:

4.7 - Aye: Buckmaster, Etzler, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson, Screeton (Motion carried 7-0)

5.0 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 Asset Protection Report

DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.2 Memorandum of Understanding with Drug and Alcohol Consortium of Allen County

Mrs. Wendy Hoering provided information to the Board.

5.3 Contract with Catapult Learning on Behalf of St. Rose of Lima Catholic School

Mrs. Wendy Hoering provided information to the Board.

5.4 New Haven Stadium Lighting Replacement Project - Musco Sports Lighting

Mr. Kirby Stahly provided information to the Board and answered Mr. Buckmaster's questions.

6.0 SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

East Allen University's National Honor Society held their annual Angel event today. They gave presents they had purchased to children they "adopted" for Christmas, many of whom were from Southwick Elementary School and Prince Chapman Academy.

New Haven High School senior Cameron Branning received word this morning that he is one of the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program award winners. This award pays for four years of full tuition, required fees and a book stipend at any Indiana accredited public or private four-year college or university.

Congratulations to our EACS Board for earning the highest distinction - the Exemplary Governance Award for 2019 – from the Indiana School Boards Association.

If a board member would like an EACS gaiter mask please see Superintendent Hissong.

Superintendent Hissong gave a huge thank you to both Mrs. Lightfoot for her 20 years, and to Mr. Nelson for his 8 years, of serving so faithfully on the board.

Merry Christmas to everyone!

7.0 **BOARD COMMENTS**

All board members, beginning with President Hines, shared well wishes with outgoing board members Mr. Bob Nelson and Mrs. Terry Jo Lightfoot. Mr. Nelson has served for 8 years, and Mrs. Lightfoot has served for 20 years and is one of the longest tenured board members in EACS history.

Mr. Nelson, followed by Mrs. Lightfoot, gave final words and thoughts about their time serving on the board.

9.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. Nellems moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting ended at 7:20 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 5, 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 5, 2021.

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President

Secretary