



EAST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS

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

**January 5, 2016 - 6:30 p.m.**

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

At a meeting held in the Board Room 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, 2016.

Board members present:

Christopher T. Baker, President  
Robert L. Nelson, Jr., Vice President  
Terry Jo Lightfoot, Secretary  
Timothy E. Hines  
Arden L. Hoffman  
Paulette Nellems

Board members absent:

Leland L. Etzler

EACS Administrators and Association Presidents also in attendance:

Dr. Kenneth H. Folks, Superintendent  
Mrs. Marilyn Hissong, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education  
Ms. Deborah Watson, Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education  
Mrs. Connie Brown, Director of Special Services  
Mrs. Rose Fritzinger, Director of Development and Title I  
Mrs. Tina Grady, Director of Human Resources  
Mrs. Teresa Knoblauch, Director of Title III  
Mr. Keith Madsen, Director of Technology  
Mrs. Michelle Wenglikowski, Director of Student Services  
Mrs. Terri Lortie, President, EACS Custodial Association  
Ms. Janet McEvoy, President, EACS Transportation Association

**1.0 ROUTINE ITEMS**

**1.1 Call to Order**

President Chris Baker called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**1.2 Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### 1.3 Election of Officers

#### President

Mrs. Paulette Nellems – Nominated by Mr. Hoffman

Mr. Chris Baker – Nominated by Mr. Hines

Mr. Hoffman asked for discussion on the nominations. Both he and Mrs. Nellems proceeded to state how they felt about the nominations. Mr. Nelson finally called for the question.

Vote by a Show of Hands:

Mrs. Paulette Nellems – Aye: Hoffman, Nellems; Against: Baker, Hines, Lightfoot, Nelson

✓ **Mr. Chris Baker** - Aye: Baker, Hines, Lightfoot, Nelson; Against: Hoffman, Nellems

#### Vice President

✓ **Mr. Bob Nelson** – Nominated by Mrs. Lightfoot

Mr. Tim Hines – Nominated by Mrs. Nellems; Mr. Hines asked that his name be removed; there were no other nominations, therefore the nomination for Mr. Nelson stands.

#### Secretary

✓ **Mrs. Terry Lightfoot** – Nominated by Mr. Nelson

Mrs. Paulette Nellems - Nominated by Mr. Hoffman;

Vote by a Show of Hands:

✓ **Mrs. Terry Lightfoot** - Aye: Baker, Hines, Lightfoot, Nelson; Against: Hoffman, Nellems

Mrs. Paulette Nellems – Aye: Hoffman, Nellems; Against: Baker, Hines, Lightfoot, Nelson

### 1.4 Approval of Agenda

The agenda for January 5, 2016 was approved as presented with addendums to Consent Items 3.1 Human Resources Report, and 3.2 Financial Reports (Donations and Cash Tuition Transfer), and 3.3 Meetings and Conferences.

### 1.5 Legislative Update

All Board members received an e-mail today from ISBA's Executive Director Brian Smith encouraging all board members across the state to contact their legislators in support of Senate Bill 200 (which provides that a school's or school corporation's category or designation of performance for the 2014-2015 school year may not be lower than the grade assigned to the school or school corporation by the state board of education for the 2013-2014 school year). Mrs. Lightfoot shared that she has already spoken to Senator Dennis Kruse and Representative Casey Cox. President Baker relayed that the Education Committee is meeting tomorrow to discuss this, with a decision to be made soon thereafter, so contacting legislators ASAP is critical.

Mr. Hoffman does not agree with SB 200. He pressed Superintendent Folks to share the district's ISTEP numbers, but Dr. Folks stated that the scores are still embargoed and therefore he could not share them.

## 1.6 Review Board Code of Conduct

The Board's Code of Conduct was reviewed. Several Board members commented on the document. By a show of hands there was a consensus to approve the Code of Conduct. (Aye: Baker, Hines, Lightfoot, Nelson; Against: Hoffman, Nellems)

## 1.7 Committee Assignments

East Allen Educational Foundation – Mr. Chris Baker will remain on this committee.

East Allen Wellness Advisory Committee – Mrs. Terry Lightfoot will remain on this committee.

Transportation Appeal Committee – Mr. Bob Nelson will remain on this committee, and Mr. Tim Hines will share the duties.

ISBA Legislative Liaison – Mrs. Paulette Nellems and Mrs. Terry Jo Lightfoot will remain as the Legislative Liaisons.

## 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. Lois Goeglein be reappointed as Treasurer and Mrs. Shelly Buuck be reappointed as Deputy Treasurer. Both Mrs. Goeglein and Mrs. Buuck hold these positions at this time. Board consensus was unanimous to continue as is.

## 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. Marilyn Hissong, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Education are delegated authority to act in his place.

There was unanimous Board consensus for this.

## 1.11 Schedule of Board Meetings for 2016-17SY

There was unanimous consensus to adopt the proposed schedule of board meetings for the 2016-17SY.

## 2.0 PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS – AGENDA ITEMS

### Name

Kerri Zurbuch

### Topic

Asked for contact information for legislators regarding SB 200. Mrs. Lightfoot e-mailed her the information.

### **3.0 CONSENT ITEMS**

Superintendent Folks requested the Board's approval for the Consent Items as presented as follows:

- 3.1 Human Resources Report**
- 3.2 Financial Reports**
- 3.3 Meetings and Conferences**
- 3.4 Minutes – Regular Meeting - December 8, 2015**

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

Motion: Nellems                      Second: Hines

**Discussion:** None.

**Vote:**

- 3.1 - Aye: Baker, Hines, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 6-0)
- 3.2 - Aye: Baker, Hines, Hoffman, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson (Motion carried 6-0)
- 3.3 - Aye: Baker, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson; Against: Hoffman (Motion carried 5-1)
- 3.4 - Aye: Baker, Hines, Lightfoot, Nellems, Nelson; Against: Hoffman (Motion carried 5-1)

### **4.0 ACTION ITEMS**

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

**16-0105-4.1 Collaboration with Partners to Seek Funds to Establish and Operate a Resource Connection System**

Mr. Hoffman stated that he would be voting no for this and explained his reasons why.

**Vote:**

- 4.1- Aye: Baker, Hines, Lightfoot, Nelson; Against: Hoffman, Nellems (Motion carried 4-2)

### **5.0 INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**INFORMATION ITEM**

**5.1 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Allocations/Grant Awards**

This information is given to the Board on a quarterly basis.

**PRESENTATION**

**5.2 EACS Wellness Advisory Council Update**

Mrs. Tina Grady, and Health Advocate and member of the EACS Wellness Advisory Council Mrs. Kerri Zurbuch, updated the Board on upcoming initiatives that the Wellness Council is pursuing beginning this Spring. Some of these initiatives have a fundraising aspect to them where a portion of the the money raised will go to either the district or an individual school.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **5.3 Application and Receipt of Funds from Schwab Foundation**

Ms. Watson and Mrs. Hissong provided information for the Board and answered their questions.

### **5.4 Contract with Speech Tree Corporation: IEP Therapy**

Mrs. Brown provided information for the Board and answered their questions.

## **6.0 PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

None

## **7.0 SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

Dr. Folks wished everyone a happy new year and that he looks forward to working with everyone this year.

The second semester began today. Dr. Folks visited a handful of schools today – students seemed to be back into the swing of things.

New tile was installed in Paul Harding’s cafeteria over the winter break. It looks nice.

## **8.0 BOARD COMMENTS**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Topic</u></b>
Chris Baker	Welcomed staff and students back from Winter Break; Reminder War Room Visit at SOEL on 1/11 at 1:30 p.m.; A response was received from the Compliance Department regarding the formal complaint which was filed against EACS - no Open Door violation was found.

## **9.0 ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Mrs. Nellems moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Nelson seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. The meeting ended at 7:49 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](http://www.eacs.k12.in.us).

The next regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees is scheduled for Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. This meeting will be held at the EACS Administration Building, 1240 State Road 930 East, New Haven, IN.

These minutes were approved and adopted by the East Allen County Schools Board of School Trustees on January 19, 2016.

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Secretary